



GeraldinePrimary

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Newsletter

Week 1, Term 1

Monday 1 February 2016

From our Principal....

A big welcome back to our Geraldine Primary School families. We look forward to an exciting and busy term ahead of us. I trust that everyone has had a safe and enjoyable summer break.

A special welcome to our new students and their families:

Dan, R3; Ryan and Daniel, R4; Maddison, Kayne, Katie, Jacob, Chase, Maddilin, Cameron, Kathy, Olivia, Tom, Charlie, Regan, Dudley, Tayla, Harry and Mitchell, R6; Jazz, R10; Caleb, R11.

We also welcome three new staff members, Mrs Cathy Taiaroa who is teaching in Room 10, Miss Rosie Ulrich who is teaching in Room 2, and Miss Paige Chellew who is teaching in Room 12. We look forward to getting to know all the new members of our Geraldine Primary School community.

It was wonderful to welcome our new students, families and staff to GPS at our Powhiri and to see all the students back together at school again.

Our new school website is up and running and I would encourage families to have a look at it. In due course our newsletters will be published here.

We were visited by the Education Review Office in the middle of Term 4 last year and at the end of the year we had received our draft report. This has now been confirmed and can be viewed on the ERO

website: www.ero.govt.nz . Just search for Geraldine Primary and it will show up. We are particularly pleased with the review and concur with ERO about the future direction of our school. We feel that ERO affirmed our school in its report and we are now pleased to be able to share this with you.

Until next time,

Andrew Leverton
Principal / Tumuaki

School Notices

Family BBQ 5 – 6.30pm, Thursday 4 February

Families are welcome to join us for a welcome back BBQ. Bring a picnic, your takeaways or buy a sausage from the Home and School for \$2. This is a chance to catch up with people and meet up with teachers.

Sports gear will be available and the pool will be open.

Triathlon

The Senior School (Rooms 2,3,4 and 5) Triathlon will be held on Tuesday 16 February. Further notification will be sent out.

Syndicate Meetings

Class Meetings for Parents

These meetings will explain how each classroom operates and answer any questions you may have. Parents are encouraged to attend to learn more about their child's class.

Rooms 2,3,4, & 5 – Wednesday 10 February, 6pm in the Library

Rooms 6,7,8, & 9 – Tuesday 16 February, 6pm in the Library

Rooms 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, & 17 – Tuesday 16 February, 7pm in the Library

Swimming

The children will be swimming each day from tomorrow. Please make sure all togs, towels and clothing are named.

School Hours

Grounds open	8.20am
Classes Commence	8.50 am
Food and Drink Break	9.55am to 10 am
Interval	10.40am to 11.00 am
Lunch	12.15 pm to 1.10 pm
School Finishes	2.45 pm

Ground clearing bell	3.00 pm
Grounds open for usage	4.00 pm

The grounds are cleared after the last bus leaves. The playground and swimming pool (key holders – adult supervision is required) are open for primary school children, with parent's permission, from 4pm. Child supervision is required for all children and it is very important that you know where your child is and that they have appropriate supervision.

Food Break

We have a food and drink break at 9.55 am to 10 am. We would encourage parents to supply something simple and healthy. Some ideas are: fruit, vegetables (i.e. carrot sticks, celery etc), nuts, dried fruit, or small sandwich. It would be good if fruit is cut into manageable pieces.

Absences from School

If your child is absent, could you please call school by 9 am that morning and inform us of this and the reason. We are required to know why a child is absent, please don't be offended if we ask. Thank you.

Change of Address?

If you have changed your address, phone number, or emergency contact person within the past few months, could you please check to see if you have informed us of your new address etc. Thank you. It is always helpful if you also check who we have as back up contacts.

High Visibility Vests are compulsory for all bus pupils

These are available from the office for \$5.00 each.

Morning Road Crossing Duty Volunteers

If you are willing to do this, it takes about 20 minutes in the morning between 8.30 and 8.50am. Please leave your name at the office if you are able to help.

School Calendar – Term 1

Week 1

Tuesday 2 Feb	Swimming starts
Thursday 4 Feb	School BBQ, 5pm – all welcome

Week 2

Monday 8 Feb	School Closed – Waitangi Day observed
Wednesday 10 Feb	Senior Syndicate (R2, 3, 4, 5) Parent Evening, 6pm - Library

Week 3

Tuesday 16 Feb	Senior Syndicate Triathlon (morning) Junior Syndicate (R6, 7, 8, 9) Parent Evening , 6pm - Library Middle Syndicate (R1,10, 11, 12, 13,17) Parent Evening, 7pm – Library
Wednesday 17 Feb	BOT Meeting, Staffroom 5pm – all welcome
Thursday 18 Feb	Postponement Senior Triathlon

Week 4

Wednesday 24 Feb	Swimming Sports, (afternoon)
Friday 26 Feb	Postponement Swimming Sports

Term Dates, 2016

Term 1

Monday 1 February – Friday 15 April

Includes:

Waitangi Day – Mon 8 February

Good Friday – Fri 25 March

Easter Monday – Mon 28 March

Easter Tuesday – Tues 29 March

Term 2

Monday 2 May – Friday 8 July

Includes:

Teacher Development Day – Fri 3 June

Queen's Birthday – Mon 6 June

Term 3

Monday 25 July – Friday 23 September

Term 4

Monday 10 October – Thursday 15 December

Includes:

Labour Day – Mon 24 October

Teacher Staffing for 2016

Senior Syndicate

Teacher	Room	Year
Mr Murray Davidson (Deputy Principal/Syndicate Leader)	5	6
Mrs Ange Dudson – Moko (Release)	5	6
Mrs Bronwyn Waldron	4	6
Mrs Chelley Leov	3	5
Miss Rosie Ulrich	2	5

Middle Syndicate

Teacher	Room	Year
Mrs Jo Drake (Senior Teacher/Syndicate Leader)	1	4
Mrs Sarah Wilson (Release)	1	4
Mrs Cathy Taiaroa	10	4
Mrs Kirsty Smith	11	3
Miss Paige Chellew	12	2/3
Miss Sarah McCone	13	2
Miss Elizabeth Murray	17	3

Junior Syndicate

Teacher	Room	Year
Mrs Siobhan Haywood (Assistant Principal/Syndicate Leader)	8	1/2
Mrs Pauline Ramsay (Release)	8	1/2
Miss Erin Barclay	7	1
Mrs Rochelle Fisher	6	1
Mrs Carol Tait (Reading Rec Release)	6	
Miss Andrea Bathgate	9	0

Mrs Ingrid Hanrahan will start a New Entrant class during Term 2 in Room 15.

Learning Support Teachers – Debbie Scott (R14) & Mandy Norton

School Newsletters

There will be a regular school newsletter every second Thursday on the odd weeks of term. In due course this will also be posted on the school website: www.geraldineprimary.school.nz. If you would like this newsletter emailed to you, please contact our school office. Additional notices will be issued as and when required.