



GeraldinePrimary

Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve

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Newsletter

Week 5, Term 1

Thursday 2 March 2017

From our Principal....

Kia ora Whanau. Ka nui te mihi ki a koutou - greetings to you all.

We have had several events over the last few weeks that students have participated and competed in, showing wonderful commitment, effort and enjoyment. The **Year 5/6 triathlon, Year 4 – 6 swimming and Year 3/4 triathlon** brought out the best in all those who took part and it was good to see the students supporting each other in their endeavours. Thank you to staff who were involved in the planning and co-ordination of these events and for the many parents / whanau who supported as well.

An update on the **Cox Street crossing...** a School Patrol has been approved by the NZ Transit Agency, along with a variable 40km speed limit at either end of the school day. Both of these should make this busy area much safer for crossing users. The school patrol will be manned by Year 6 students, under the supervision of a rostered teacher or parent. Training will be provided by the Police. NZTA have advised that this project has been lodged with Downer, who will make the necessary adjustments to the road environment on Cox Street.

The issue of safety on Cox Street was brought to the attention of the NZTA and Timaru District Council just over a year ago and the process of design and consultation and redesign has lead us to where we are now. We are all looking forward to seeing progress on this matter. An alternative entrance / exit is by the pool and Room 14.

Each term the Board of Trustees reviews policies as part of a three-year cycle. This term we are asking parents / whanau to assist us in this process by reviewing the **Recognition of Cultural Diversity policy**. To access instructions for this and for any policy, please visit our school website, click on the [School Info](#) tab at the top of the page and then the [School Policies](#) tab in the side bar.

A reminder to families that school commences at 8.50am. Children should arrive at school before this, so that they have time to get ready for the day ahead. Being on time and punctual is an important life skill and I spoke at a recent assembly about this – getting to class on time at the start of the day and after a break.

We ask that children who are late to school for any reason report to the office before going to class. If your child is going to be away, please contact the school office and leave a message, along with the reason for absence. We are required to know the reason for absence, so the accurate Ministry of Education code can be used. If a reason isn't provided, the absence is classed as unjustified.

Finally, our school social worker, Donna Roger, along with myself will be hosting a **coffee morning on Wednesday 22 March** from 9 – 10am in the staffroom. This will be a chance to meet new and familiar faces, learn a bit about each other and our school. If you have pre-schoolers, they are welcome to come along as well.

Kia kaha, kia toa, kia manawanui – be strong, be bold, be steadfast

Ngā mihi nui,

Andrew Leverton

Principal / Tumuaki

School notices:

In last week's newsletter we mentioned that from Term 2 we are aiming to **share the newsletter with our school community via email**, as well as on the school website. In order to be able to have the fortnightly newsletter emailed, please provide your email address to the office: **office@geraldine.school.nz** . We would appreciate this contact being through email in order to get accurate email details.

New Student

A special welcome to our new student Aoife who started in Room 9 recently.

Agrikids teams

Best wishes to the following students who are competing in the Agrikids competition at the A & P Show

G Town Farmers	Charlotte Orange, Phoebe Wilson, Isla Fisher
The Best Farmers	Thomas Batty, Matt O Connor, Olly Adams
DAE	Deja Proudman, Amelia de Bonth, Ebony Pierson
Future Farmers	Oscar Talbot, Emily Geary, Taylah Stevenson

ANZCO Sponsor a School

Thank you to all farmers involved in this scheme. ANZCO recently gave our school a cheque for \$3,422.

Y5 & 6 GPS Triathlon Results

Congratulations to our individual GPS Triathlon place getters.

Y5 Girls -

1. Nicole Schoneveld
2. Poppy Slater
3. Kyra Marrett

Y5 Boys -

1. Clint Gordon
2. Royden Barnett
3. Thomas Batty

Y6 Girls -

1. Charlotte Orange
2. Phoebe Wilson
3. Josie D'Ath

Y6 Boys -

1. Jack Boorer-Lilley
2. Jonny Sowden
3. Will Morrison

Dental Clinic

To make an appointment at any time please phone 0800 846 983.

Bus Safety

A reminder to parents of Bus students that they **MUST** be waiting for them at the bus stop in the afternoons & wait on the same side of the road as the bus stop.

School Calendar -

2017 Term Dates

Term 1	30 January–13 April	Term 2	1 May–7 July
Term 3	24 July–29 September	Term 4	16 October–15 December

Term 1

Week 5

Friday 3 March

Last Day Y1-3 swimming

Week 7

Monday 13 March

Home & School AGM, 7pm - staffroom

Tuesday 14 March –

Friday 17 March

Y6 Camp at Lindisfarne

Week 7

Wednesday 22 March	BOT meeting, 5.30pm – Staffroom
Thursday 23 March	SC Triathlon
Friday 24 March	3 way conferences

Week 9

Friday 31 March	SC Swimming Sports
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Week 10

Friday 7 April	Breakfast BBQ
Wednesday 12 April	BOT Meeting, 5.30pm – staffroom
Thursday 13 April	Open Assembly, 1.30pm - all welcome Last day of Term 1

Home & School

Geraldine Primary Home & School Facebook Page: have you liked us yet?

Frocks & Flicks: Thank you to all the amazing women who supported our inaugural Frocks & Flicks evening. Trying to guess the movie was only half the fun! Congratulations to Margaret who won the lucky ticket prize. Check out the photos on our Facebook page.

Stock Scheme: On behalf of the Geraldine Primary Home and School, a huge thank you to the Wilson, Davies, Ellery, McRae, Coles, Fisher, Wyborn, Bolt, Johnston and O' Kane farming families for their very generous donation of weaner calves for the LIC calf sale in Temuka in December, raising a total of \$8937.18. A massive effort and their generosity is very much appreciated. Also thank you to Ben Southen who auctioned the calves, Kevin O'Kane, Phil Skinner and Woodleys transport who assisted in the transport and weighing of the stock.

Second Hand Uniform Sale: The Home & School committee will be holding a second hand uniform sale during the Breakfast BBQ on Friday 7 April. Any donations of clean approved uniform in tidy condition would be appreciated – please leave at Office.

Helpers: Thank you to all those GPS supporters who have volunteered to help with road crossing or sausage sizzling. Additional helpers always sought to share the load and/or act as a back-up. Please support these valuable services in whatever way you can. Please contact Fe Wilcox for road crossing (027 643 6719) or Michelle Howell for sausages (027 693 7367).

Sausage Sizzle: Sausages are available for our children every Friday lunchtime. Orders are taken on Friday mornings prior to school starting 0820 – 0850. Sausages cost \$1.50 each. Payment is by cash (correct amount please) or by purchasing a card for 10 sausages (\$15.00) from the Office. Gluten free sausages are available for purchase for \$1.50. Please assist your children to ask for a gluten free sausage when they place their order, **and** when they collect their cooked sausage. Gluten free sausages will be served in a serviette.

Next Meeting: AGM, 7pm, Mon 13 March, Staff Room



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Keeping up to date through social media and online information

As well as our regular fortnightly newsletter, parents and friends of the school are able to obtain online information about Geraldine Primary in several ways:

Our school website...

www.geraldineprimary.school.nz

This contains general information about the school, including enrolments, policies, key events and term dates. Our fortnightly newsletter is also posted on the website. On our website you will also find information posted on our Twitter site.

Twitter...

There will be times when it is important for us to be able to communicate with families as quickly as possible, for instance in the case of emergencies or school closures. Twitter is one way to do this. We can also post reminders, photos or news stories about school events.

Our Twitter page is: **twitter.com/geraldineps1** . To follow us on Twitter through your mobile phone text: **follow geraldineps1 to 8987** . You will now receive GPS Tweets. Please note that Vodafone does not support Twitter – if you are with this provider you won't be able to receive GPS Tweets.

Facebook...

This runs alongside our Twitter page as a way of communicating with our community about events that are occurring at school or if we need to get important information out to families as quickly as possible. Information posted on our Facebook site is similar to what is posted on Twitter.

To find our page, go to **www.facebook.com** and search for Geraldine Primary School.

Community Notices

Children's Day Sunday 5th March 10am to 2pm at Caroline Bay. Train Rides, Caroline Bay Association rides, Kite & Plane Making, bouncy castle and ball park, Pony Rides, Face Painting, Learn to cast with Fish and Game, Free sausages and bread, water or juice.

Activities for the under 5's, visits from Spot the Dog, Maru the Moa and more, Kite flying demo, Loads of activities inside and outside. Some commercial food vendors on site.

The Geraldine High School PTA is proud to be hosting our next **GRAM** as our major fundraiser for GHS. The GRAM is our Rogaine event that has become popular with a wide range of competitors from all over the South Island. This is being held on Sunday 2nd April 2017 at a top secret location. Please go to our new website www.gram.org.nz to find out all the information and how to enter our event. Our popular 1 hr event is perfect for primary school students and their families. It gives a taste of the sport of rogaining and is guaranteed fun for all. We had a number of GPS students have a go last year and all enjoyed the experience. Any

questions please contact Andrea Hornsby 6939319 or j.a.hornsby@xtra.co.nz

Geraldine Football(Soccer) Club

Anyone wanting to play Football this year , aged 6 plus , male or female,we have a team for your age group,any age ,any ability. Also for the 4-6's we run a First Kicks programme , learn the skills , after school Thursdays. Term 2 & 3.

Contact Paula Irvine geraldinefootballclub@gmail.com , 03 6938594 or 0276374775 to register

Morning grades 7th -18th grade close's March 20th

Registrations close for our Mens team closes on March 10th.

We need more players for our Men's teams , anyone aged 15 and over is eligible.Looking at Div 1(Competitive) & Div 3(Social)

Practices for anyone Males aged 15 and older have started in the Geraldine Domain at 6.45pm , Tuesdays & Thursdays

Coaches

If you are interested in coaching a team get in touch with Paula.

Temuka JAB Registrations - Registrations to be held at the Temuka Rugby Clubrooms on Wednesday 1st March 4:30 - 5:30pm and Sunday 5th March 11:00 - 12:00pm. All players MUST come to one of these two days to pay their registrations, to get their mouthguards and t shirts sizes, as no payment equals no playing. All new players to please bring a copy of your birth certificate. Subs are \$40 for 1 child, \$75 for 2 children, \$100 for 3 children. Any enquires please contact Brendon on 027 440 8192 or Kim on 027 348 5191.

GERALDINE COMBINED HOCKEY CLUB

Registrations are now open for the upcoming season 2017

A registration day is being held at the Geraldine Domain Pavilion Tuesday 14th February from 3-4pm.

Youth Representative (Primary year 1-8) contact is : Karen O'Kane 0211672782

geraldinehockeyclub@xtra.co.nz .

Geraldine Netball If you are interested in playing for Geraldine in the Saturday ladies competition in Timaru this year please contact Sonia Higgins 027 404 2284.