



Geraldine Primary

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Flyer

Thursday 27 July 2017

3 Way Conferences

Friday 11th August 8.30am – 5.15pm

Bookings can be made online now for 3 Way Conferences. The website address is www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. Use the event code **g4cty** to access our school portal. If you need assistance with this, please contact the school office and they will book an interview for you.

Please note that teachers will be involved in 3WCs all day and normal classes won't be taking place. Children will come to school for their 3WC only. There will be no school buses running on this day.

Mauri ora whānau,

Te kupu o te wiki, the word of the week

To encourage our children and their families to learn new Māori words, we will have a word of the week that appears in the newsletter and in their classrooms. Give it a go and drop it into conversation when you can! Your kids will love to hear you using Te Reo Māori and so will Whaea Ange!

Mauria te pono – Believe in yourself!

Our latest Māori words are:

Tane-Mahuta *Guardian of the Forest*

Tāwhirimatea *Guardian of the air*

New Syndicate Names!

Wow what a fantastic response to our competition where the children had to come up with new syndicate names using Maori words! We got so many beautiful entries and it was so hard to choose but in the end we decided on 2 winners. Well done to the Henry Whanau who were chosen for their fantastic artistic talents, they illustrated our new

names and to the Snow Whanau who came up with our brilliant new names. Ka ma ute wihi. You guys are awesome.

Tane-Mahuta (Guardian of the Forest) – Junior Syndicate

Tāwhirimatea (Guardian of the Air) – Middle Syndicate

Tangaroa (Guardian of the Sea) – Senior Syndicate

Staff Changes

We are pleased to announce that Lorraine Smith has been appointed to the position of School Family Support person. Lorraine will start at Geraldine Primary on Monday 21st August. This position is funded by the Geraldine Childrens Social Worker Trust and Geraldine Primary School. We are very fortunate to have this service available in our school.

In the meantime if you require assistance, please see your classroom teacher, Syndicate Leader, or Mr Leverton and we will be able to provide interim assistance.

We are sad to advise that our Principal's Secretary, Mrs Yahanna Spijkerbosch has tendered her resignation from 16 August. Yahanna has worked in our school office for the past 4 years and although we are sorry to see her go, we wish her well for her future.

Note your diary - School Photo Day Monday 21 August 2017

The Senior Syndicate Ski day to Mt Hutt is on Tuesday 29th August.

The cost will be around \$60. This will be confirmed closer to the time. More information will follow.

Senior Skate Trip Wednesday 23rd August

The cost will be around \$20. This will be confirmed closer to the time. More information will follow.

Dental Clinic -

To make an appointment please phone 0800 846 983.

School Calendar -

2017 Term Dates

Term 3 24 July–29 September **Term 4** 16 October–15 December

Term 3

Week 2

Tuesday 1 August	Life Education
Thursday 4 August	Girls Rugby

Week 3

Tuesday 8 August	Maori Myths & Tribal Legend show
Friday 11 August	3 Way Conferences – Classes will not run on this day but children are expected to attend the 3WC with their parents.

Week 4

Friday 18 August	FLAVA Festival
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Week 5

Monday 21 August School Photos
Wednesday 23 August Senior Skate trip

Week 6

Tuesday 29 August Senior Ski trip

Home & School

Geraldine Primary Community Stock Scheme 2017

While we are all trying to keep dry and warm this winter, spring is not far away and once again we are asking our local farming community to support our school by rearing calves and lambs for our annual stock scheme. This fundraiser is one of the main cash earners for our school where 100% of the earnings are donated back to our school.

For those families new to the scheme, a heifer or bull calf, either dairy or beef, is selected early in the calving season, tagged with a tag provided by the Home and School, reared on farm alongside other stock and then collected early December for auction at the Temuka Sale Yards. All calves are weighed individually before sale. Lambs can be similarly donated for sale at weaning with all proceeds going to GPS.

Thank you to the families who have donated in the past. Your generosity is very much appreciated. The funds raised have been used to further our teaching resources available to our children, eg: upgrading the playground; purchasing robotic kits and computers for class use; upgrading the library furniture and improving the junior block to mention just a few.

For all families, new and old, please look out for the flyer that will come home today for registrations. If you have any questions please contact Robyn Skinner on 02777 51290. Thank you.

Sausage Sizzle: Sausages are available for our children every Friday lunchtime. Orders are taken at the Hall veranda 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.

Second Hand Uniform: As stated in the previous newsletter, this is now available from Rosie's second hand clothing on Peel Street. This transition, which allows improved access to second hand uniform at low cost, has already proved popular with families/whanau. Rosie's is open Tuesday to Thursday 10.30am to 3.30pm. We request that donations of uniform continue to be dropped off at the School Office.

Next Meeting: Mon 7 Aug, 7pm, Staff Room