



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

**Week 2, Term 3
Thursday 3 August 2017**

From our Principal....

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

Welcome back to the start of Term 3 everyone. It is wonderful to be back at Geraldine Primary after my sabbatical last term and seeing lots of familiar faces and quite a few new ones also. I trust everyone has had a safe and restful holiday and is ready for the term ahead.

If you have not already booked your 3 Way Conference, please do so by next Wednesday. Further details are below. Room 15 students will not need to attend a 3WC as Mrs Sullivan and Mrs Gardiner will be reporting to parents separately based on their child's first month at school. This will also apply to some Room 9 students.

As part of our ongoing school development, we have been considering the future technology needs of our students, with particular reference to those in Years 4 – 6. The New Zealand Curriculum specifically references the value of e-learning with digital fluency being a current Ministry of Education priority. We recognise the benefits that access to technology brings to our students with their learning, both now and in the future.

In order to continue to provide our students with the best learning opportunities, in 2018 we will be inviting and encouraging all Year 4 students (current Year 3's) to bring their own Chromebook to school on a daily basis, with the view to widening this for all Year 4 – 6 students in 2019. This will allow us to phase in this Bring Your Own Chromebook (BYOC) initiative gradually. Chromebooks are affordable and easy to use devices that are used in many schools and have proven to be effective in supporting learning both in the classroom and at home. The Chromebooks will be able to be brought to school and taken home each day and will be stored safely when not in use; for example at lunchtimes, assemblies etc..

A separate letter to the parents of all current Year 3 students will be sent home shortly and will provide details of a BYOC information afternoon that will be held at school. This will provide the opportunity to learn more about Chromebooks, purchasing options and

have any questions answered. This is an exciting opportunity for our school and we look forward to keeping you all posted with developments. If any parents have any queries, please feel free to make contact with either myself or Jo Drake.

Finally, best wishes to the Home & School and all the dancing couples who are performing at Dancing with the Stars next Saturday. Tickets have sold very quickly and I know it will be a wonderful evening with lots of entertainment.

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

Ngā mihi nui,
Andrew Leverton
Principal / Tumuaiki

School notices:

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 for all rooms. Children will come to school for their 3WC only. There will be no school buses running on this day.

Office Payments

In line with our new accounting system, we have now installed a locked blue dropbox in the office entry. While our preferred method of payment is by direct banking, parents who wish to pay cash or cheque can use this box to deposit payments.

Payments must be in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name, room number and the purpose of the payment. Cash must be the correct amount as no change is able to be given. The dropbox will be cleared daily, and payments will be recorded in our online system. Receipts will be issued on request.

Reading folders and bus vests will still be sold from the school office and payment for this needs to be given direct to the office ladies. Please be aware that we do not have eftpos facilities and the correct payment amount would be much appreciated as the office does not carry change.

For those who wish to pay online, our account number is
ANZ 01-0841-0024832-010

Please use your child's name as a reference and what the payment is for e.g. Activity Fee, Camp etc.

Mauri ora whānau,

Te kupu o te wiki, the word of the week

We are excited to introduce to you 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:



Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following children who have won Gotcha draws recently: Rune, R4; Pepper-Mae, R15; Ben, R13; Jody, R2; Carlos J, R5 Nicole S, R2. PB4L Certificates.

Geraldine High School Open Day

This is Wednesday August 16th at 10.30am – 12.30pm in the GHS Hall. All our Year 6 children will walk down to this event. Parents are welcome to join us there.

Note your diary - School Photo Day Monday 21 August 2017

Dental Clinic

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

Westpac Young Leader Award

Riley Spijkerbosch was selected as our schools Westpac Young Leader and was presented with his award by Michelle Gordon from Westpac at our final assembly at the end of Term 2.

Riley was selected by the Senior Syndicate Teachers because he is a diligent student who quietly approaches all learning tasks with great enthusiasm. He is a member of our WAVE team who are responsible for a number of school wide initiatives to enhance the school experience, e.g. games afternoons and discos. Riley is part of our Green Team

who are beginning to develop the role of student leaders to support our involvement in the Enviroschools programme. Riley works with a younger student to monitor light usage in classrooms and the correct categorising of our waste, recycle and green bins. This year we have begun road patrols and Riley is a leader with this group of students. Riley can be relied upon to support others in the classroom and is a great team leader, in fact his team won our challenge at camp and Riley encouraged them to work together. Riley is a fantastic student and a diligent citizen of our school.



Geraldine Primary Family Ski Day

One benefit of this very cold weather is that the ski fields are LOVING IT! The ski season has started with a bang and you can be part of that by coming on the next Geraldine Primary School Family Ski Day at Roundhill. We have worked with Roundhill to make this an affordable day for your family to experience a day on the slopes.

When: Sunday 27th August (postponement date: Sunday 3rd September)

Where: Roundhill Ski Field in Tekapo (approx 90 mins from Geraldine)

Approximate cost: Considerably less than a standard day pass. Full details of cost are available on the letter available from Fe Wilcox or the School Office but full rental, lift pass and lesson is \$42 per child and \$95 per adult. Prices vary depending on what you want to do.

A letter with more detail will be available from Monday. Please come and get one if interested. Call Fe Wilcox on 0276436719 with any questions.

Logo Embroidery

The new contact phone number to get the school logo put onto uniform merino jerseys or sunhats is: The Little House Embroidery is 021 064 8717 and is based in Geraldine.

School Calendar -

2017 Term Dates

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

Term 3

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

Week 5

Monday 21 August School Photos
Wednesday 23 August Senior Skate trip

Week 6

Tuesday 29 August Senior Ski trip
Sunday 27 August GPS Family Ski Day at Round Hill

Week 8

Tuesday 12 September Festival of the Arts Matinee, 10.30am
Thursday 14 September Festival of the Arts Evening Performance, 7pm
Friday 15 September Festival of the Arts Evening Performance, 7pm

Week 10

Monday 25 September SC Anniversary Day – School closed
Wednesday 27 September BOT Meeting, Staffroom, 5.30pm
Friday 29 September Open Assembly, time to be confirmed
Last Day for Term 3

Home & School

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

Dancing with the Stars: Tickets are now sold out. Thank you to everyone who has helped and supported with this event so far, it is set to be a fantastic night.

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 which will accompany the first newsletter next term 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 on Friday mornings on the hall veranda 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 previously, this is now available from Rosie's second hand clothing on Peel Street. 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 21 Aug, 7pm, Staff Room

Community Notices

Warehouse Stationery offers a rebate scheme to Geraldine Primary, just mention our school whenever you shop at Warehouse Stationery and 5% of your purchases will come to our GPS.

Karate beginners class starts Thursday \$2 per student. Great to do as a family, builds confidence and fitness. Upstairs, Geraldine Bowling Club 5.30-6.30pm. Phone Liz 027 2321316