



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 8, Term 4

Thursday 7 December 2017

From our Principal....

Our recent **Athletics Sports** was another highlight of the school calendar for many. Well done to the students for the way they went about the various activities in such a positive manner. I was really impressed with how our children managed themselves and competed positively. Many thanks to all the staff who ensured that the events ran smoothly. As always we had a large contingent of parents and whanau attending the event and we certainly appreciate the levels of support that we receive for school events such as this one.

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, we will be **farewelling two staff members** this year – Bronwyn Waldron, who is moving to Waitaki Valley School in Kurow and Paige Chellew, who is moving to Auckland's Whenuapai School. On behalf of our school community, I thank them both for the contributions they have made to our school. I wish Bronwyn and Paige all the very best for their new schools and the next chapter in their teaching careers.

Bianca Sheed, who has taken hapa haka for the past five years, as well as Te Reo tuition in classes, has also signalled her intention to step back from her role as kapa haka tutor in 2018. I thank Bianca for the time and dedication she has shown over this time and for the energy she has brought to kapa haka and Te Reo. Ka nui te mihi ki a koe, Bianca.

Classes for 2018 will be posted on the hall (court side) and library windows on Friday 26 January from 4pm. Considerable time is spent drafting and finalising class lists and we consider a variety of factors when determining the make up of each class. Classes for the start of 2018 will be as follows:

Tāne Mahuta – Year 1 and 2

Room 6	Rochelle Fisher	Year 1
Room 7	Erin Barclay	Year 1
Room 9	Andrea Bathgate	Year 0/1
Room 8	Siobhan Hayward / Pauline Ramsay	Year 2
Room 12	Sarah McCone	Year 2

Tāwhirimātea – Year 3 and 4

Room 11	Kirsty Smith	Year 3
Room 17	Elizabeth Murray	Year 3
Room 1	Jo Drake / Sarah Wilson	Year 4
Room 10	Cathy Taiaroa	Year 4

Tangaroa – Year 5 and 6

Room 2	Ange Dudson-Moko	Year 5
Room 3	Chelley Leov	Year 5
Room 4	Fiona Wilcox	Year 6
Room 5	Murray Davidson / Ingrid Hanrahan	Year 6

Room 14 / Learning Support – Debbie Scott

Our **swimming pool** is up and running for the summer and it is wonderful to see and hear children getting so much enjoyment from it. All classes have been involved in water safety programmes. A reminder that pool keys can be hired from the school office for \$60.

We have had the first lot of **bilingual signage** made and they look great! Signs should start to appear around the school soon.

Tomorrow we will be having our **Principal's Assembly** whereby we will acknowledge students who have been involved in various leadership positions throughout the year. This Assembly will commence at 10am and all family members are welcome to attend.

Next Thursday, 14th December we will be singing **Christmas songs** on the Village Green from 11.15am. If it is wet, this will be held in the school hall from 11.30am. This will be followed by a **family picnic** at school, which will also be in the hall if it is wet. At 1pm we will be having our **Leavers' Assembly**. Again, all family members are welcome to attend these events. This day is the last full day for children for the year. **Buses** will run in the **morning only**.

Friday 15th December is a clean-up day and Y4-6 students are invited back to help with this. They will need to be collected by 12.15pm. No buses will be running on this day.

On behalf of the staff and Board of Trustees, I wish all members of the GPS community a safe and enjoyable summer break. For our leavers, we wish you all the best for 2018 and for our returning students we look forward to seeing you again in late January.

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

Ngā mihi nui,
Andrew Leverton
Principal / Tumuaki

School Disco

Thursday 7th December 2017

Years 0-3 6 - 7.15pm

Years 4-6 7.15 - 8.45 pm

The disco will be supervised by staff. Parents need to drop their children off and pick them up again at the end of the sessions. For safety and organisation reasons could all children please be picked up from the school playground side of the hall.

Please note this disco is for Geraldine Primary School children only.

Thanks to the Home and School for providing money to purchase food, drink, prizes and decorations. The children do not need to bring any money to the disco.

Old School Desks and Chairs for Sale

We have some old school desks and chairs to sell - \$3 for a student desk, \$2 for a chair. Please see Malcolm Campbell – Property Manager.

Online Payments

For those who wish to pay online, our account number is
ANZ 01-0841-0024832-10

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:



Puakena Pumpkin



Parāoa Bread

Dogs at School

We remind everyone that dogs are not permitted on school grounds and respectfully request that dogs be tied to the school fence on Cox Street beyond Room 13 or beyond the junior playground.

Dental Clinic

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

School Accounts

Accounts have recently been sent out. It would be great if these could be paid as soon as possible. If you have any queries, please contact the office.

Geraldine Schools Transport Network Bus Notice

As a result of the Ministry of Education conducting an audit under the Vulnerable Children's Act we have strict policies for all bus students. All drivers have clear instructions not to talk to parents whilst in service. All communication must come through the school office. If an emergency situation the office will contact Mrs Hawkins immediately.

Parents PLEASE do not take your child/ren off the bus either at Geraldine Primary School / Geraldine High School after rolls have been completed. Parents need to be at the Primary School before 2.45pm ready to collect their children from outside the classrooms when not travelling on the bus in the afternoons.

Please, if you are going to be late to collect your child when not travelling on the bus, contact the office so a message can be sent for them to wait at school until you arrive.

School Calendar -

Term 4

Week 8

Thursday 7 December

School Disco

Friday 8 December

Principal's Assembly, 10am

Week 9

Tuesday 12 December

Y6 Pool Party and BBQ – Community Pool

Board of Trustees, 5.30pm, Staffroom

Thursday 14 December

Buses in morning only

Carols on the Village Green 11.15

Family Picnic at school

Final Assembly 1pm

School year ends

No buses running in the afternoon

2018 Term Dates

Term 1 31 January – 13 April

Term 2 30 April – 6 July

Term 3 23 July – 28 September

Term 4 15 October – 18 December

Home & School

Sausage Sizzle: Our last sausage sizzle will be this Friday 8 Dec. Thank you to all our sausage sizzle volunteers for this valuable service, and a special thank you to Michelle Howell for the grand job she does coordinating this service. We look forward to seeing some new faces on the roster next year.

Road Patrol: As many of you have witnessed on Cox Street, our road patrol adult volunteers provide a valuable support to our Year 6 road patrol. We would like to make a special acknowledgement to the commitment these volunteers give to this important safety initiative and to Fe Wilcox for her leadership.

The Home & School have had another successful year with supporting the school and raising funds for those all-important educational extras. Thank you to the committee for all their endeavours. Thank you also for the ongoing support given by the school community. This support helps our children maximise their learning opportunities and gives us a school community to be proud of.

Have a happy and safe holiday break and we look forward to reconnecting in 2018.

Christmas Trees

The Christmas spirit is about to kick off at GPS!

You know... the fresh aroma of real pine?

Are you ready to have your fabulous , REAL, Christmas tree up to decorate your home?

Want to support an ethical, charitable and pupil driven cause this festive season?

Then the GPS Home and School can help you!



15.00 each

Pick up 2pm-3pm
11th December
(other time on these days by arrangement)

Support a fabulous school initiative that got started a few years ago by former students planting the trees for the future students to harvest and sell.

Varying sizes available approx. 6ft – 8ft.

We will have 50 available for each harvest date so get in quick!

Text your name and preferred pick up date to 021 114 9897 to secure your tree today!

Our current year 6 children will be helping to load, lug and love your tree until you can collect from them at school.

Community Notices

For Sale Second hand **GHS Uniform** Girls year 7/8 phone 0277751290

Geraldine Gun Club: Invites new members, young and old, to visit and find out all that we have to offer. We offer excellent facilities and equipment for the experienced as well as those completely new to target shooting. This is a great parent/child activity to do together and we provide training and support for all with a friendly and knowledgeable team in hand to help. Training is held on Wednesday evenings and there are plenty of competition events as well. For more information please contact Tim on 0274 923 296.

December/January Holiday Programme: The December holiday programme will run from Monday 18th Dec to Friday 22nd at Geraldine Primary School. The week will include water sports, elf hunt and on Friday 22nd a trip to CBay and Caroline Bay. Make sure you book on kidsalive.aimyplus.com. Numbers are limited for Friday so early bookings are essential. January Programme will run from the Geraldine Domain Pavilion from 8th January to Tuesday 30th January. For more information see our website www.kidsalive.co.nz or ring Lorraine on 0274038126.

TSC are holding another of our School Holiday Coaching Programmes for beginner players aged 7-12 yr olds.

The Coaching Programme will run from **9am - 12noon on Wednesday 20th December & Thursday 21st December** and participants can register for one or both mornings - with the cost being \$30 per child per day, or \$50 per child for both days.

Registrations will only be accepted & confirmed with payment and close on Wednesday 13th December 2017.

The Registration Form is also available for download from the Tennis South Canterbury website.

FLIPS & TUMBLES

**TUMBLING & PARKOUR
CLINIC**

Geraldine High School Gymnasium
Friday 15th December
10am-12pm

If you want to learn a cartwheel, an aerial,
 a flick flack or even just a handstand then this is
 something that you want to do!!

FROM BASICS TO ADVANCED, ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

Contact us on: Book on our website:
 C- 0278288760 www.flipsandtumblesnz.com
 E- flipsandtumbles@outlook.com

Coming soon to Timaru! Hip Hop Summer Jam. A family, friendly & fun 2day dance competition for all ages, all dance styles during the summer school holidays January 2018. A community event that expresses the Hip Hop culture with open floor freestyle dance sessions, All style battles (any style of dance), Bboy/Bgirl battles, live graffiti artists, live performances Prize money & Prizes also up for grabs. Dance Workshops taught by highly experienced and qualified dancers in Krumping/Animation/Ladies only workshop/ Bgirl & Bboying.

For more information contact Chantelle Litten on Facebook or 0273734544
 or chantellelitten@hotmail.com

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