



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 6, Term 2
Thursday 8 June 2017

From our Principal....

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

Last week saw the finish of our work with **ARA polytechnic** for the year, with Rooms 4 and 5 rock climbing and abseiling. We have been very fortunate to have the skills of the ARA students to organise and teach our Year 5 and 6 children over the last few weeks. Activities have also included kayaking, orienteering, bush walking, shelter building and other team building activities.

This Friday we are having a **Social Worker muffi day**. This day is important for us in order to help fund us having our own Social Worker at school. This is a unique and valuable service for our children and families and we appreciate your generosity.

We expect a high standard of behaviour from all our students both in the classroom and the playground. Our school is part of the PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) programme. Children are encouraged with praise and 'gotchas' for positive behaviour. Throughout our school we have a **Classroom procedure** to help manage classroom behaviour.

For undesirable behaviour the following steps will apply in the classrooms.

1. Verbal correction / redirection
2. Warning (write name in book)
3. Time out for 5 – 10 minutes
4. Pink Slip – transfer to alternative class (possibly teacher to contact home)
5. Refer to Deputy Principal or Principal, contact home.

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

Ngā mihi nui,

Murray Davidson

Acting Principal / Tumuaiki

School notices:

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 eg: Activity Fee, Camp etc.



The students in the **PMP Group** have had so much fun learning to ride bikes and scooters. Some needed trainer wheels at the beginning but are now confident cyclists.

If you would like to donate or lend an unused bike (with or without trainers and of any size) we would be grateful as it would mean more of these students spending more time enjoying the pleasure of riding a bike.

Please see Mrs Scott if you can help.



Fidget Spinners

We request that children do not bring Fidget Spinners to school. There have been instances where these toys have accidentally caused damage. There have also been problems on the school bus with Fidget Spinners flying around and entering the drivers cab. It is only a matter of time before someone is hurt, so to avoid this we are banning them from school.

Mauri ora whānau,

Mufti Day 9th June

Geraldine Childrens Social Worker Trust

Come to school on Friday in Mufti and donate to the GCSW trust who fund our social workers wages.

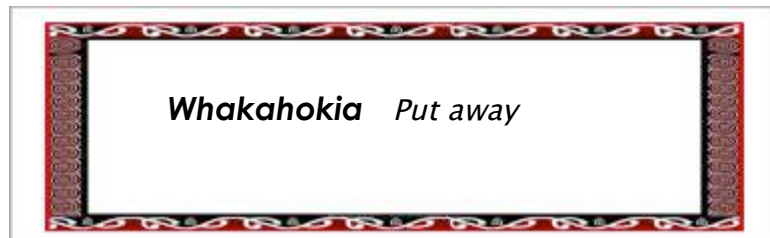
Te kupu o te wiki, the word of the week

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:

Week 12 – 16 June



Week 19 – 23 June



Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following children who have won Gotcha draws recently:
Zoe, R17; Josie, R6; Kori, R11; Poppy, R3; Alex, R4; Michael, R4.

PB4L Certificates

Congratulations to the following children who received a PB4L Certificate at Assembly recently:

R1	Zoe Keane	R2	Georgia Harris
R3	Tasman Pidgeon	R4	Rebeca Shrestha
R5	Klyde Baniqued	R6	Nathaniel Henry
R7	Ryan Higgins	R8	Regan Nicholls
R9	Kohei Wada	R10	Asher Harmon-Barnes
R11	Emily Coles	R12	Chloe Halsey
R13	Leo Boon	R14	Kasey Harris
R17	Siobhan Stack		

SUBWAY BRAND



SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMME 2017 UPDATE

After receiving feedback, we are making changes....

1. Don't like Crush Ups?.....SWAP THE FREE CRUSH UP, FOR A FREE COOKIE

CROSS OUT FREE CRUSH UP ON THE ENVELOPE AND WRITE **COOKIE** .

2. Subs can come with cheese, just tick the box.
3. Boxes for ticking lettuce, tomato , cucumber , Mayo , BBQ

\$5 Deal: 6inch sub: ham, roast beef, turkey \$5.00 With a free crush up (unless you write cookie)

\$8 Deal: Footlong Sub: \$8 Ham, roast beef, turkey With a free crush up (unless you write cookie)

Sides: BAG of sliced apples \$2
Mini Pump \$2
Cookie \$1

Dental Clinic

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

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 2

Week 6

Friday 9 June

Muffi Day for Social Workers Trust

Week 7

Wednesday 15 June

SC Cross Country

Friday 16 June

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Week 9

Wednesday 28 June

Jump Jam Competition

Home & School

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

Save the Date: The hugely popular biennial entertainment evening is back for 2017! Book Saturday 12 August into your diary. The rehearsals are underway. Who will rock the rhumba and champion the cha-cha, wow us with their waltz and foxtrot with finesse? Tickets will go on sale Friday 24th July - a hilarious night of entertainment guaranteed. If any businesses or individuals wish to contribute prizes for the auction, please contact Helen England 021 114 9897.

Trail Bike Ride: We would like to thank most wholeheartedly the following landowners who generously allowed the recent trail bike ride to take place on their land: Hamish & Sue Sheed, Kim & Tracy Christie, Kris & Cathie Orange & Blakely Pacific. We would also like to thank Dave France & Roger Horn for their assistance with the event. Each year we are grateful for the significant funds raised via this event, and are humbled by the fact that most of these families do not have any children at GPS, a testament to community spirit.

Sausage Sizzle: Sausages are available for our children every Friday lunchtime. Orders are taken on Friday mornings prior to school on the hall veranda 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 will now be available from Rosie's second hand clothing on Peel Street. We are delighted with this initiative that will allow improved access to second hand uniform at low cost. 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 12 June, 7pm, Staff Room

Community Notices

Phurint is a 12 year old Thai boy who will be attending Geraldine High School from Term 3. We are looking for a family with children of a similar age to him to help him integrate to life in Geraldine. He likes to draw and make models and is hoping to do more outdoor activities here in New Zealand.



There will be a real international feel to Geraldine from term 3 as three short term groups from China, Japan and Korea arrive. The students from China come from Weihai which is the sister city of Timaru and this will be their first visit to South Canterbury. The Japanese students come from Shotoku Gakuen which is a junior high school. The Korean students come from a range of rural backgrounds and have been selected to come to New Zealand on a scholarship.

We are looking for caring enthusiastic families that are happy to involve these visitors in their family life. There will be new challenges adapting to someone from a different culture but it also opens doors to new possibilities.

Kerri Doy
 Director of International Students
 Geraldine High School

Meeting Skills Workshop, Thursday 15th June, 7.30 pm at Geraldine Resource Centre. Want to volunteer for a committee but don't feel comfortable at meetings? Want to step up to a position in your organisation but unsure what a Chair/Secretary or Treasurer does? Then this relaxed and informal workshop, hosted by members of the Geraldine Community Board, will help you feel like a pro! Our community needs volunteers so use this workshop to be ready for your next opportunity to hep out.



Totally Locally GERALDINE WEARABLE LIGHTS COMPETITION

IT'S FREE TO ENTER CALL FOR ENTRIES

BE IN TO **WIN \$1500** IN CASH & PRIZES

The fabulous Geraldine Winter Lights Festival is back for 2017. To celebrate, Totally Locally Geraldine is proud to announce the inaugural **Wearable Lights Competition.**

Friday 14 July
 6.30pm Geraldine Cinema

TO ENTER: Call Michelle @ Tievoli Trading 027 431 3362
 Merran @ Joosh 03 693 9002
 or visit Totally Locally Geraldine on Facebook

SIX AWESOME WEARABLE LIGHTS CATEGORIES

1 COSTUME DESIGNER 12 YEARS & UNDER Frankie Did It	4 HAT OPEN Quality Tyres & Auto Services
2 COSTUME DESIGNER 13-17 YEARS Tievoli Trading	5 LANTERN OR BAG OPEN The Valley Brewery
3 COSTUME DESIGNER 18 YEARS & OVER Geraldine Orchard FarmShop & Cafe	6 THEMED PAIR/GROUP OPEN The Tin Shed

ENTRIES CLOSE 5PM FRIDAY 7 JULY 2017