



Geraldine Primary

Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve
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Newsletter

Week 2, Term 2

Thursday 10th May 2018

From our Principal

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

Welcome back everyone to the start of Term 2! I hope you've all had an enjoyable break and that our children are looking forward to the term ahead.

This term we welcome Cushla McKerchar, a teacher trainee from the University of Canterbury. Cushla will be in Room 17 for a seven-week placement. Lelia Mowat-Gainsford, a Year 12 student from Geraldine High School will be in various classes on Wednesdays this term, gaining an insight into what it is like to be a teacher.

Accompanying this newsletter is a draft of our recently developed Learner Profile. The Profile includes a series of statements that capture the knowledge, skills and attributes that students can aim to develop over their time at GPS. We have purposefully aimed to not create an exhaustive list of what children need to achieve, thus keeping it manageable. Instead we have taken a broader approach, which covers learning as well as social dispositions. Teachers will be able to use the Profile to assist with planning and students in the middle school may, within time, use it for self-assessment.

I would like to gain the thoughts of parents regarding the Learner Profile. Please email me – principal@geraldine.school.nz . You may like to comment about the strengths of the Profile or if anything has been omitted that could have been included. I look forward to hearing from you.

A reminder about two events in the next couple of weeks. On Thursday 24 May school will be closed for a day of staff development. Around a hundred teachers from Mid and South Canterbury will be converging on GPS to work on writing alongside Sheena Cameron and Louise Dempsey. The following day, on Friday 25th we will be having our annual cross country in the Geraldine Domain. This will start at 1.15 pm Parents and Whanau are most welcome to attend this event.

Finally, all pea straw bales have now been sold, with approximately \$9,270 being raised for the Home and School. Many thanks to Julie Copland-Batty, who co-ordinated the orders and deliveries, Murray and Margaret Turley for the donation of the pea straw, James Grant and Hamish Pirie for the bailing and Aaron Coles, Jarrod Marsden and Dave Keen among others who delivered the bales. This was a real team effort and a fantastic result was achieved. Thank you!

Ngā mihi nui,
Andrew Leverton
Principal / Tumuaiki

Geraldine Primary School Learner Profile **DRAFT**

Over their time at Geraldine Primary, our students will develop an ability to:

- Display a desire to learn and aspire to achieve across all areas of learning
- Act with integrity and be a positive role model for others by demonstrating the school values
- Demonstrate resilience and a positive mindset to overcome challenges
- Make appropriate decisions, think for themselves and use their time effectively
- Have an appreciation of a healthy, well-balanced lifestyle and be able to recognise and form positive relationships
- Be curious and inquiring
- Understand how they learn best
- Communicate and collaborate with others
- Confidently, safely and effectively use digital technologies
- Be future-focused and globally aware
- Be involved in a variety of leadership and extra-curricular opportunities
- Develop a strong and positive sense of who they are, feeling confident and proud of themselves, their heritage and identity
- Have a knowledge of their own and other cultures and feel comfortable in various cultural settings, e.g. marae, powhiri, legends
- Confidently recite their mihi, have a good grasp of basic Te Reo and have the enthusiasm to continue with this when they leave Geraldine Primary
- Understand and be involved in tikanga such as poi making, weaving, rakau, food gathering
- Recognise the place of Te Ao Maori in the school, e.g. bilingual signage, spoken language, tikanga, waiata

Geraldine Primary School Cross Country

Friday 25th May

The children have been practicing for our school cross country during school time. They will get to go around the course so they know where to run on the day. Please make sure your child has appropriate footwear during this time.

Our cross country will be held at the Domain, starting at 1.15pm. If postponed then Monday 28th May, this will be on twitter and facebook.

All children take part in this activity unless they have a medical reason for not participating, in which case a letter needs to be written to the Principal or Deputy Principal. We see this activity as being the same as Reading or Maths and that all children should try to do their best.

The race programme will start with the juniors and go through to the senior classes.

Junior Syndicate classes are run by age group. Middle and Senior Syndicates are run by year group.

Children may leave after their race if their parent is there to take them. Please let the teacher know.

Bible in Schools

This has commenced again for term 2 and will run through until the end of Term 3. Sessions take place at lunchtimes on Thursday in the library from 12.15 to 1.00. Participation is voluntary and if parents wish their children to take part they should discuss this with them and remind them each Thursday. BIS is run by volunteers who are associated with St. Andrew's Church in Geraldine.

Policy Review

Each term the Board of Trustees reviews policies as part of a 3 year cycle. This term we are asking parents/whanau to assist us in the process by reviewing the Home Learning Policy. To access instructions for this and for any policy, please visit our school website – www.geraldine.school.nz, click on the school info tab at the top of the page and then the school policies tab in the side bar. This will then provide you with further instructions.

KiwiSport

Next week we welcome Sam Robins to our staff as our new KiwiSport Co-ordinator.

We thank Lynda Brodie for her amazing work with this programme over the past 3 years.

New Students

A special welcome to the following students who have all started at our school this term: Mason and Damon, R8; Naomi, R12; Lani, R2; Elin, R17; Jules, R6; Georaeah, R3 and to Te Amo, Jackson, Pippa, Skylalayne and Isaiah, R9.

NZ Bullying-Free Week 14-18 May

This is a National event being promoted to draw attention to identifying and dealing with bullying within our schools. Each class at Geraldine Primary School will look at a different aspect each day in order to empower our children. This will culminate in Pink Shirt Day.

Mufti Day for Pink Shirt Day- 18th May 2018

On the 18th of May the school is going to take part in a nationwide 'Pink Shirt Day' to show that we are in support of schools stamping out bullying and making schools safe and enjoyable places to be. This day links closely to our school values of being respectful and caring to all. On 'Pink Shirt Day' your child is able to wear pink mufti clothing to show they are in support of this cause (they do not have to have every single item in pink). We will not ask for a gold coin donation on this day but if you wish to donate to this cause

run by the Mental Health Foundation you can visit the website below and make a \$3 donation. <http://www.pinkshirtday.org.nz>

If your child does not wish to take part they should wear normal school uniform on this day.

Middle Syndicate Lunchtime Soup

Next Wednesday 16 May Middle Syndicate children are invited to bring a cup to school so that they can sample some pumpkin and bacon soup (GF and DF) made from the pumpkins from our school garden.

SC Primary School Swimming Sports Results

Congratulations to the following children who received placings in the SC Primary School Swimming Sports:

50 m Freestyle 10yr Girls	2 nd Nicole Schoneveld;
50m Breaststroke 9 yr Boys	2 nd JJ Wada
4 x 25m freestyle relay 10 yrs	2 nd Geraldine Primary team of Nicole Schoneveld, Poppy Slater, Hunter Wilson and Josh Morton

Te Reo

Mauri ora whanau,

I am excited to continue our learning with Te Reo Maori. Following on from Te kupu o te wiki, the word of the week, we are going to put a phrase in the newsletter each term that you can use along with last years words. We want to encourage our tamariki and their families to learn new Maori words and phrases. Give it a go and drop it into conversation when you can! Your kids will love to hear you using Te Reo Maori and so will Whaea Ange!

Mauria te pono – Believe in yourself!

Our phrase for Term 2 is:

Homai te give me the



Gotchas

Congratulations to: Emily G, R4; Zoe K, R2; Sophie J, R9; Ethan, R11; Ruby, R6; Olive, R7 who all won a Gotcha Draw at assembly this afternoon.

Online Payments

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

Emergency Contact details

If you have had a change of address or phone number recently, please make sure that the office has up to date details.

We have had several instances recently where we have incorrect information and no back up emergency contact numbers. Please feel free to ask at the office to check the information we currently hold for you.

School Donations and Activity Fees

At the end of 2017 the Board of Trustees set the school donation for 2018 at \$60 per student, or \$15 per term. To break this down further - \$1.50 per week. These donations are tax deductible and voluntary and are set as the money we receive from the Ministry of Education generally isn't enough to run the school and meet all expenses. Money received from the donations goes towards the cost of curriculum resources.

There is also a base activity fee of \$20, which pays for visiting performers throughout the year. This is additional to the donation and is non-voluntary.

Automatic payments can be established. Our bank details are Geraldine Primary School Board of Trustees 01-0841-0024832-10. Please use your child's name as a reference.

Dental Clinic

Please phone 0800 846 983 to make an appointment to go to a clinic in Timaru or Ashburton

School Calendar

Term 2

Week 3

Monday 14 May –	
Friday 18 May	Bullying-free week
Wednesday 16 May	R4 & 5 Kayaking
Friday 18 May	Pink Shirt Day

Week 4

Wednesday 23 May	SC Rippa Rugby Tournament BOT Meeting, 5.30pm – all welcome
Thursday 24 May	Staff Development day – school closed
Friday 25 May	School Cross Country, 1.15pm Domain

Week 5

Monday 28 May	postponement Cross Country
Wednesday 30 May	EPRO8 Challenge, Ashburton

Week 6

Monday 4 June	Queens Birthday – School Closed
Thursday 7 June	Y1-4 Sneeze Safe programme

Week 7

Monday 11 June	Musical Asthma Show – whole school
Monday 11 June	Road Safety Programme Y0-3
Tuesday 12 June	Road Safety Programme Y0-3 SC Cross Country for those selected
Wednesday 13 June	Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme starts

Week 8

Monday 18 June –

Wednesday 20 June

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Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme continues

SC Jump Jam competition, Theatre Royal

BOT Meeting, 5.30pm

Week 9

Monday 25 June –

Wednesday 27 June

Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme continues

Week 10

Monday 2 July –

Wednesday 4 July

Friday 6 July

Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme continues

Open Assembly, 1.15pm

Last Day of Term 2

Advance Notice – Staff Development Day

As previously mentioned through newsletters, Facebook and our school app, on Thursday 24 May staff will be involved in a day of writing professional development with Sheena Cameron and Louise Dempsey – two leading teacher educators in writing. We look forward to hosting them to Geraldine Primary.

School will be closed on this day to allow all staff to attend.

2018 Term Dates

Term 2 30 April – 6 July

Term 3 23 July – 28 September

Term 4 15 October – 18 December

Home & School

Fundraising Opportunity: We have been fortunate to have been offered the chance to sell refreshments at the upcoming South Canterbury Car Club event on Sunday 3rd June (Queen's Birthday) at the Pleasant Valley Hall, with takings to go to GPS. We will have BBQ burgers, drinks, sweets, etc. We are seeking assistance from our school community to benefit from this opportunity:

- Donations of uncut baking which we can sell, to be dropped off at the School Hall Kitchen on the Friday prior (1st June)
- A couple of volunteers to assist on the day (approx. 10.30 am – 2.30 pm). Please contact Marissa Grant on 021 422 326 if you are able to help.

Upcoming Fundraiser: Keep an eye out for details of our Ladies Movie Night later this term.

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

Sausage Sizzle: Sausages are available for our children every Friday lunchtime. Orders are taken from 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: This will continue to be 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.

Lost

Stoney Creek green camo rainproof jacket. If found, please return to office or phone 027 659 2349. Named in vivid by internal zip.

Geraldine Athletics – 2017/2018 Prize Giving

Grade 7 Girls Runner Up - Millah Banks Champions - Katie Coles and Violet Adams

Grade 7 Boys Runner Up - Issac Borer-Lilly Champion - James Fitzsimons

Grade 8 Girls Runner Up - Sepia Allpress Champion - Zoe Slater

Grade 8 Boys Runner Up - Finn O'Brien Champion - Ryan O'Connor

Grade 9 Girls Runner Up - Emma Campbell Champion - Zoe Keane

Grade 10 Girls Runner Up - Poppy Slater Champion - Ella Waldron

Grade 11 Girls Runner Up - Tily Allpress Champion - Alana Berry

Grade 11 Boys Champion - Matthew O'Connor

Other Trophies

Most PBs 10 + Female - Caroline Blogg & Poppy Slater

Most PBs 9 Under Male - James Fitzsimons

Most PBs 9 Under Female - Emma Campbell

Most Improved 10+ - Lilly Grant

Most Improved 9 Under - Sam Ochsner
New Club Record Holders - Nora Quigley Discus and James Fitzsimons Shot Put.

Community Notices

GERALDINE KIDS SING!

The Geraldine Academy has a Kids Choir on Tuesday afternoons at 3:30pm.

We are looking for keen singers, rappers, beat-boxers and drummers!

We are supported by the community and this is a low-cost activity for kids all ages.

If you are interested, please contact Adele on 0210 236 9674 or Trisha on 0277367822.

Funsticks Hockey in Geraldine for 5-8 year olds.

Beginners hockey, skills training and games.

Friday afternoons in Term 2 at the Geraldine High School turf.

For more information please contact Hils McCullough nofrillshils@gmail.com

Digital Natives to Screenagers

Online Opportunities and Challenges

FREE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

for parents/whānau and community members

WHEN: Monday 2 July 2018 7.00pm – 9.00 pm

WHERE: Room 1, Education Centre, Timaru Hospital
Enter through Main Hospital Entrance

Facilitated by Netsafe, this free presentation will discuss ways to support and enable our children and young people to navigate online opportunities, challenges and complexities.

This presentation will cover:

- Awareness of the needs/activities of younger children, preteens, and teens online
- What research is telling us about how young people experience digital technologies and online spaces
- How parents/whānau can support their children and help them develop skills, knowledge and values to manage risks, challenges and opportunities online
- The Harmful Digital Communications Act (2015): what parents and young people need to know
- Helpful support options for young people and families in cases of online challenge, risk or harm.

Facilitator: Anjie Webster



Anjie Webster is an Educator Advisor at Netsafe and has worked in schools for over 25 years. She has taught across all education sectors from ECE to Secondary, and held a variety of leadership roles. She recently completed her M.Ed. with a focus on children, young people and privacy, and what's needed to navigate and manage challenges and opportunities in online spaces.



To register: email your contact details and name of the workshop to ally.pieromaldi@cdhb.health.nz or phone Ally on 687 2606

RSVP: By **FRIDAY 22nd JUNE**



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