



Geraldine Primary

Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve
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Newsletter

Week 8, Term 3
Thursday 13 September 2018

From our Deputy Principal

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

This week every child in our school has had basic first aid instruction from Sasha Frame from St John. This is the third year of this excellent programme for our children and it has been made possible by a bequest from the late Jo Nicholson.

We would like to acknowledge this generous support from the Nicholson Family.

We have been celebrating Maori language week with many different class activities. This has been a great week of fun with using Te Reo. We will finish the week with our Kapa Haka performing to the whole school.

Our Kiwisport for our Year 4, 5 and 6 children has begun fundamentals of cricket with instruction from development coaches from South Canterbury Cricket

We had eight children take part in the Dynastar MacKenzie Ski Race held at Mt Dobson: Hunter and Ethan Wilson, Asher Harmon-Barnes, JJ and Kohei Wada, Ethan Taylor, Jessica Skinner and Emma Campbell.

Congratulations to Hunter Wilson, Ethan Wilson and Kohei Wada for their excellent placings.

Recently 13 Y6 students travelled to Waihi to participate in a Chess Competition. Congratulations to JJ, Klyde, Liam and Kohl who came 4th. Also well done to our other teams who came 11, 12 and 14th.

Basketball starts next Monday night for the Y 3 & 4 and Tuesday night for the Y5 & 6 competition. Please try to help those parents that have stepped forward to coach or manage your child's team. It is a commitment and all forms of help and assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks to parents who were able to make it to your child's 3 Way Conference last Friday. We see this as a very important day for your child as it is focussed on their

individual progress. Your child accepts accountability and responsibility for their progress and achievement, and demonstrates a growing understanding of their development as independent learners.

From Wednesday - Friday next week the Leadership Team (Andrew Leverton, Murray Davidson, Jo Drake and Siobhan Hayward) will be attending the South Canterbury Principals' Conference. Debbie Scott will be Acting Principal during this time, with Ange Dudson-Moko (senior), Kirsty Smith (Middle) and Andrea Bathgate (Juniors), the acting syndicate leaders.

Finally, a message for parents whose children travel on buses at the end of the day. From time to time we are aware that there is a change to the usual travel routine and that over the course of the day, children can forget what they need to do. This in turns slows down the bus departure while we get to the bottom of what needs to occur. If there is a change in normal end of day travel, please write a note to the class teacher, as well as tell your child what the change is.

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

*Ngā mihi nui,
Murray Davidson
Deputy Principal*

School Notices

Mufti Day

A big Thank You everyone for their support of the mufti day last week. We raised a total of \$608 for the Childrens Social Worker Trust.

Staff Carpark

Please note that the carpark on Huffey Street on the school grounds is for staff only. Please respect this as it is a health and safety issue. There is a space that has been allocated within this carpark, to specific parents who have permission from The Board of Trustees to park here.

Reminder

If parents/caregivers need to pick up children during the day for an appointment, please let the Office know in advance, and when arriving to pick up your child, please check in with the Office staff as sometimes classes are working elsewhere in the school and we appreciate minimal interruptions during the school day.

New Students

A special welcome to the following students who have all started at our school this term: Aydin, R5, Malachi and Marko, R15.

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following students who received a prize in the Gotcha draw recently: Cruze, R8; Katie, R17; Terrilee, R10; Beau, R7; Jackson, R10; Maddi, R17.

Subway

There are no Fruit Crush ups anymore. Instead we do Watties Fruit Squirtz. So you will get an apple and strawberry Fruit Squirt instead of a Fruit Crush up.

PB4L Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who received a PB4L Certificate at Assembly on 23 August:

R1	Demian Pincol-Gonzales	R2	Rose Fletcher-Young
R3	Jorja Macale	R4	Luke Bennett
R5	Hunter Wilson	R6	Jules Beertsen
R7	Thomas Fitzsimons	R8	Damon Belsham
R9	Phoebe Buchanan	R10	Riley Nicholls
R11	James Baddeley	R12	Shantelle Parker
R14	Alexis Banks	R15	Deanna Tozer
R17	Eli Reardon		

Pet Day

Pet Day will be held next term on Friday 19th October at Woodbury. The aim of Pet Day is for children who are in Yer 3-6 to present a project and take along their own pet that they themselves have reared.

Pet Day can be stressful for animals in cages, so no cats please.

There has also been official notification that there are to be no calves this year.

Further information will follow before the end of term.

Bus Safety

Please make sure your children know if they are going home on the bus so they can get to the bus quickly when the bell rings. The buses run to a tight schedule and cannot wait while arrangements are being checked or children found.

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.

Rotary Vegetable Gardens

The Rotary Club of Temuka-Geraldine has decided to give Geraldine Primary pupils the opportunity to take part in this vegetable garden competition this year.

Students are given peas, carrots, radish, lettuce and potato seeds to grow in their own plot at home. Parents permission must be granted beforehand and it is expected that the parents will assist the children with the project.

The gardens are judged by Rotary Club members just prior to school break-up in December and prizes will be awarded to the best gardens. We ask that if you have dogs that they are tied up for the judging.

Entries must be in by Thursday 20 September so that seeds can be handed out before the end of this term. This could be an activity for the school holidays. If you wish to participate in this competition, please complete the attached form and hand it to the office by Thursday 20 September.

Rotary Vegetable Garden – Permission Slip

I give permission for

name of pupil:

to take part in the Rotary Gardens competition.

Year Room

Phone Number:

Address:

Parent's signature

Calendar

Week 9

Monday 17 September	Y3 & 4 Basketball starts
Tuesday 18 September	Y5 & 6 Basketball starts
Thursday 20 September	Y4 Girls Self Defence
Friday 21 September	Y3 Girls Self Defence

Week 10

Monday 24 September	SC Anniversary – School Closed
Wednesday 23 September	BOT meeting, 5.30pm
Thursday 27 September	Mōhio Group visit to Christchurch
Friday 28 September	1:30 Open Assembly, last day of term.

Term 4

Week 1

Monday 15 October	Term 4 starts
	Home & School meeting, 7pm
Thursday 18 October	National Shakeout Day – Earthquake awareness

Week 2

Monday 22 October	Labour Day – School Closed
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Week 3

Wednesday 31 October	SC Mountainbike Competition for Y5 & 6
	BOT Meeting, 5.30 pm

2018 Term Dates

Term 3 23 July – 28 September

Term 4 15 October – 18 December

Home & School

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

Lily Bulbs: The catalogue of available bulbs is now at the office with order forms. Get in quick before all the favourites are snapped up! Home & School receive a percentage of these sales so a win-win for keen gardeners and our children. Please note: in order to get your orders back before the holidays, get your order in asap. The cut-off for freesia bulb orders is this Friday 14 September, and the cut-off for all orders will be the last Friday of term (Fri 28 Sept).

Fun Run 2018: the Home & School Committee are looking at organising our own in-house version of the popular Fun Run, with funds raised targeted for our annual swimming lessons. If there are any keen helpers who would like to join the Fun Run Sub-committee, please contact Helen England, Lou Oschner or Marissa Grant, or leave your contact details at the Office.

Sausage Sizzle: Sausages are available for our children every Friday lunchtime. Orders are taken 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. Next Meeting: Mon 15 Oct 7pm, Staff Room. New members most welcome.

Community Notices

Justice of the Peace Services - Geraldine

Each Saturday a Justice of the Peace (JP) will be on duty at a desk in the Geraldine Library/Service Centre, 78 Talbot Street, Geraldine. Hours 10am – 12pm. The location of this JP signing desk is in the Plunket Rooms within the Library, so offers a private area for consultation.

Wanted: Children of all ages who love to sing for fun to join Kidzsing on Tuesdays from 3.30-4.30pm at the Academy, 79 Talbot Street. Family fee \$20 per term. Afternoon tea provided. Ph Trisha 027 736 7822

Geraldine Scout Group Open Day

16 September, 1.30-3.30, Geraldine Scout Den, 133 Talbot Street

Pro Med will be offering free **CPR and DeFib** sessions on Friday 14th September from 1-2pm. Any enquires or registrations to: geraldinecentre@xtra.co.nz



AORANGI HOLSTEIN FRIESIAN CLUB

Are Rescuing Calf Pet Day!

We are providing an *On Farm Calf Club* in your area.

Judged on your own farm! No need to travel!

Criteria:

Open to All Dairy Breds

Open to any Calf and Child combo

Calf is well presented /care of animal
(is not required to be clipped)

Child to be able to lead the calf
(preschool children parents can help lead)

Ability to answer simple knowledge questions about your calf

Photo class: Best Selfie with you and your calf

Judged in age classes

Place getters will agree to having a photo of you and your calf for publicity.

Entries Close 30 September 2018

Judging will be 10-11 October 2018

Prizes are provided by Farmsource and Farmlands.

Register your interest Now!

with Maxine at melrosefarms@farmside.co.nz

Please include Name and age of child/ren
and School/Pre-school they attend.

*"We love our cows, love our calves and are awesome at our jobs!"
'Proud to be a Dairy Farmer in NZ'*

Our club is running a **kids mountain bike** race on **Sunday, 23 September**, and it would be great if you could promote this to your students please.

Location: based around the main lake area in the Scenic Reserve, look for the MTB race signs.

Time: sign up from 11.30am, race starts at 12.00pm.

Suitable for: ages 2-12.

Details: kids ride as many laps as they want around the track in 30mins - \$2 entry fee and every child gets a chocolate fish at the end.

GERALDINE JUNIOR TENNIS REGISTRATION

Anyone interested in Junior (Hotshots) coaching or playing Interclub on Saturday mornings come along on Thursday 20th September to Domain Courts between 3.15 & 4pm or contact Michelle Howell 0276937367

Holidays at Kids Alive:

Monday 1st October to Friday 5th October A fun filled week with different activities each day, ranging from "Minute to Win It" Games, Where's Wally Day, Trip to Oamaru for Ten Pin Bowling (for ages 10-13), Indian food and "Kids Alive Got Talent" Make sure you register by going to either kidsalive.aimyplus.com or www.kidsalive.co.nz For more information phone Lorraine on 0274038126.

Temuka Softball Club registrations now open. Grades are U7 & U9 Tee ball, U11 & U14 Junior Softball, and secondary grade softball. Subs range from \$35 - \$55 with family discounts available. Games are held on a Friday night in Washdyke at Morrison Park (with the exception of secondary grade which is a Wednesday night).

Registration day to be held at soccer club rooms on Richard Pearce Drive Sunday 16th September 10.30am - 12pm, or you can register online at www.sporty.co.nz/tkasoftball.

If you have any questions please contact Elyse on 027 424 8746.

Seido Karate is holding its final beginners class for this year starting this THURSDAY (13th September) at 5 pm at the GERALDINE BOWLING CLUB ROOMS at the GERALDINE DOMAIN. Seido Karate is the only martial arts club in Geraldine and offers a great training opportunity to develop your fitness, your confidence and your skill level in a friendly atmosphere. Ideal for parents and children. Cost is just \$2 a session for the beginners classes. Come along and give it a try.



ATHLETICS 
A FUN AND INTERACTIVE SPORT
COME AND TAKE PART IN AN
INTRODUCTORY FUN DAY
WITH OUR
**SCHOOL HOLIDAY
PROGRAMME**


FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER 2018 on the
**ATHLETICS ALL WEATHER TRACK
FACILITY
AORANGI PARK**

Two Sessions will be run on the day
Morning Session 10am to noon
Afternoon Session 1pm to 3pm


\$5.00 entry fee per child to cover expenses
FIND OUT ABOUT THE FIVE ATHLETICS CLUBS IN OUR AREA!
Register by emailing midsouthsubcentre@extra.co.nz
For further information telephone Mike Hende
027 576 0744



Following on from the free sessions, **Tennis South Canterbury** are holding a Have a Go Fun Day for primary children on **Saturday September 29th from 12 midday - 3pm.**

This is another **FREE OF CHARGE** event and will give children the opportunity to come down and have a go at lots of different tennis skills and drills. There will be prizes and a BBQ - lots of fun to be had.

Pre-Registrations close on September 23rd and those who pre-register will go in the draw to win an awesome prize!

All registration details are on our website.

The Great Timaru District Bin Muster

Help us find and tag all 60,000
bins in the Timaru District.

**Please write
your address on
all your bins.**



More info at:
timaru.govt.nz/binmuster





1-5 October 2018

**The Southern Trust Events Centre,
Morgan's Road, Timaru**

Need care for your children whilst working or just want some stimulation for them in a safe, happy and active environment?

Active Kids is an affordable holiday option that combines a large variety of sports, fundamental skills & offsite visits for children aged 5-13 years

Full day (8.30-5) and **half day** (8.30-12) options available from as little as \$15 per session.

REGISTER TODAY



Full details and to register on line go to www.sportcanterbury.org.nz
or contact Sport Canterbury: phone 03 686 0751
Limited Spaces available.

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE
TUESDAY 25th September 2018