



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 3, Term 1

Thursday 15 February 2018

From our Principal....

The year has started well at Geraldine Primary. It was wonderful to welcome new students and their families to our school at our **powhiri** on the first day of term. Many thanks to Elizabeth Murray and Iri Pringle who lead a very moving karanga, Aaron Sheed for speaking on behalf of the manuhiri (visitors) and also to Bianca Sheed who supported the powhiri with waiata and by explaining the process to our new families.

Much of the term so far has been taken up with **swimming tuition**. We are very grateful to Sue Sheed, Tash Rankin, Jo Cummings and Adrienne Ross who are our tutors again this year. We are also extremely fortunate to have four weeks of swimming lessons (in summer!), all of which has been funded by the **Home and School** group. Most existing parents will know about the Home and School group and the wonderful fundraising work they do for the school, all of which is put back into school resources and activities. As students move through the school and onto High School, so to do members of the group and as such they are always on the lookout for new committee members, or others to help with fundraisers. Please let the office know if you are keen to be involved – many hands make for lighter work!

Last year the Home and School contributed an amazing amount to the school: \$30,885 – classroom furniture, \$25,000 – ICT equipment, \$5,000 – swimming lessons, \$3,000 – reading books, \$2,800 – robotics, \$2,500 – classroom games, \$1,000 – Year 6 camp, \$780 – pool hire for water safety, \$400 – Year 6 pool party, \$340 – sunblock. A big thumbs up and thank you for these magnificent efforts!

At the start of the year, it is timely to mention attendance. High levels of **student attendance** is one contributing factor to overall progress and success at school. An attendance rate of at least 90% will increase the chances of this success. Where attendance levels drop below 90%, gaps in learning will inevitably start to appear – missed group reading lessons, or key elements of topic work for example. Most of the students at GPS are supported to have high levels of attendance. The 90% rate allows for some sickness, or other justified reasons for absence. A rate of 80% represents one day off

a week, ten days a term or approximately 40 school days a year. If this level is sustained, the likelihood of underachievement or reduced progress increases.

Closely aligned to attendance is **punctuality**, which I will discuss in the next newsletter.

The start of the year also presents a good opportunity to mention our **Complaints and Concerns Procedures**. Generally if a concern has arisen, parents are best to speak to their child's classroom teacher if it is an in-class matter. This could involve their child's learning, homework or social relationships. For more of a schoolwide issue, please see a member of the management team (Murray Davidson, Jo Drake, Siobhan Hayward) or myself. Our Family Support Worker, Lorraine Smith is also available to meet with parents by appointment for concerns at a family level.

If matters are brought to the attention of the correct person sooner rather than later, a better outcome is easier to reach. Our school website has a link to our School Docs policy portal, where details of all policies and procedures are clearly stated. Click on the School Information tab on our website and go to the School Policies section.

Tangaroa Syndicate held their **triathlon** yesterday, managing to get the races finished before the heat came through. Well done to all students who took part – it was wonderful to see so much effort being put in. Place getters have been listed later in this newsletter.

Our **school swimming sports** take place next Thursday at the Community Pool, from 10am. Parents and Whanau are most welcome to attend this event.

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

Ngā mihi nui,
Andrew Leverton
Principal / Tumuaiki

School notices

New Students

A special welcome to our new students who started this term: Isaac, R17; Ryan, R2; Archer, Grace, R7; Phoebe, R9; Mason, Zana, Pera, R11; Matilda, Lillie-Rose, R10; Rubie-Rose, R8; Riley, R3; and Tamatea, Molly, Cooper, Thomas, Oliver and Bethany who all started in R6.

PB4L Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who received a PB4L Certificate at assembly last week:

R1	Daniel Bubbert	R2	Rachel Roberts
R3	Sepia Allpress	R4	Emily Goldsbury
R5	Jasmine Watson	R6	Charlotte Warner
R7	Kohei Wada	R8	Myra Martin
R10	Terrilee Guilford	R11	Ben Morton
R12	Ollie Christensen	R17	Kherra Wilton-Hubbard

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following children who were lucky enough to win a Gotcha Draw recently: Tamatea, R6; Ashlee, R6; James, R2; Tian, R8.

Senior Triathlon

Our Senior Triathlon was held on Tuesday in perfect conditions. A big thank you to all parents who stepped in to help on the day.

Results:

Y5 Girls 1st Keira Wynn, 2nd Tahlia Bradshaw, 3rd Alexis Banks, 4th Hannah Boorer-Lilley

Y5 Boys 1st Riley Dudson-Moko, 2nd Reuben Shaw, 3rd Thomas Anderson,
4th Alex Royce-Bainbridge

Y6 Girls 1st Nicole Schoneveld, 2nd Poppy Slater, 3rd Emily Goldsbury, 4th Kyra Marett

Y6 Boys 1st Hunter Wilson, 2nd Blake Booth, 3rd Thomas Batty, 4th Jonny Simpson

South Canterbury Relay for Life

As you will all be aware South Canterbury Relay for Life this year is being held at the Geraldine Rugby Club on the 10th March from 10am to 10pm.

Geraldine Primary School staff are very supportive of this event and are entering a team. We will have our school tent up for the day so please come and say hello if you are at the relay.

We are holding two fundraising events before the relay.

A Super Hero Muffi Day - As the theme for Relay for Life this year is Super Heroes on Friday February 16th we will be having a Gold Coin Super Hero Muffi Day. Children can come dressed as their favourite super hero or they can wear the Relay colour of purple, or just come dressed in muffi clothes.

Pub Quiz - GPS staff are also running the first Pub Quiz of the year on Wednesday March 7th at the Village Inn. Get your quiz team ready and come down for a fun night. Teams of 4, \$10 per person. We are looking for prizes for raffles for this event. If you or your business can help out in any way with a prize, e.g. bottle of wine, chocolates, vouchers, can you please drop these into the school office or contact Siobhan Hayward at school.

Produce Swap Wheelbarrow

Our Produce Swap Wheelbarrow is operating Monday – Thursday and is situated opposite the school pool.

You are welcome to take, donate or swap any fruit or vegetables that are in the wheelbarrow.

From the Green Team

Pea straw fundraiser

Small bales \$7 each.
Medium bales \$50 each.

Orders to Julie Copland-Batty 027 6262897 or 03 6159240

SUBWAY SCHOOL LUNCHES 2018

Every Wednesday

\$5- 6 inch & cookie or crushup \$8 footlong & crush up or cookie
Ham, Roast Beef, or Turkey.

Subway Envelopes in Office Foyer (the envelope explains ordering options)

Orders in by 8:50am Wednesday. Take your order to outside the hall to the WAVE team.

PLEASE NOTE: Subway has discontinued apples. Sides are only a cookie or fruit crush up

Reminder for Cyclists

The NZ Road Safety rule for cyclists is that they may only cycle on the footpath if their bike wheel diameter is less than 355mm. Otherwise they must bike on the road.

Please, if your children are cycling to school, it is a Police recommendation that they must be accompanied by an adult if they are under 10 years old. We ask parents for their assistance in this matter.

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.

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 Calendar -

Term 1

Week 3

Friday 16 February Relay for Life Muffi Day – gold coin donation

Week 4

Monday 19 February Road Patrol Training
Thursday 22 February GPS Swimming Sports at Community Pool, 10am start
Friday 23 February postponement GPS Swimming Sports
Trial Evacuation for bus students at Geraldine High School

Week 5

Tuesday 27 February Maori Whanau Hui, 5.30pm

Wednesday 28 February BOT Meeting, 5.30 pm, Staffroom
Thursday 1 March Whanau (house) Group launch
Friday 2 March Tawhirimatea (Y3-4) Syndicate Triathlon – pm

Week 6

Tuesday 6 March Y6 Camp at Lindisfarne for rest of week

Week 7

Friday 16 March SC Triathlon for selected students

Week 8

Monday 19 March Y5 Overnight Camp at Raincliff
Friday 23 March 3 way conferences – all day (no classes)

Week 9

Thursday 29 March SC Swimming for selected students
Friday 30 March Good Friday – school closed

Week 10

Monday 2 April Easter Monday – School closed
Tuesday 3 April Easter Tuesday – School closed
Friday 6 April Breakfast BBQ, 8am

Week 11

Tuesday 10 April R2 & 3 Bushcraft walk
Friday 13 April Celebration Assembly hosted by Tawhirimatea Syndicate (Y3-4)

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

Welcome to our new families for 2018. For children and families new to Geraldine Primary School, please take a look at the Home & School flyer in your enrolment pack to find out what we do and to indicate if you are willing to help us in any way. Basically we support the school with fundraising activities and supporting the school at some events. It is a great way to become involved with the school and to help the school provide the best possible environment for our children.

AGM: This is scheduled for Mon 12 March 2018. We welcome new members and will contact all of the parents who have indicated an interest in joining this committee or finding out more about it.

Christmas Trees: thank you to all our families who supported this initiative at the end of last year both by assisting with the collection of the Christmas trees, selling of the trees and of course purchasing the trees.

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 on the hall veranda 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.

Community Notices

Expressions of interest are invited for the next programme for **Mother Hubbard**. The focus will be ideas for abundant crops. Contact Susan at GPS office or Lorraine Smith, (Family Support Worker) for more information.

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.



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Geraldine Rugby Club JAB Registration Day

Friday 23rd Feb 3.30 – 7pm

Geraldine Rugby Club Rooms, George Street

Subs \$70, eftpos available.

All players will receive a club hoodie,

Samples will be available to try on for size at registration

Registrations also taken on

Monday 26th Feb 3.30 – 6.30pm.

Players must be registered by a parent/guardian to be eligible to play.

If new to club please bring a copy of birth certificate.

Coaches/Managers needed

Enquiries contact Mel - 027 749 3338

Geraldine Football(Soccer) Club

Anyone wanting to play Football this year , aged 6 plus , male or female,we have a team for your age group,any age ,any ability.

Also for the 4-6's we run a First Kicks programme , learn the skills , after school Thursdays. Term 2 & 3.

Contact Paula Irvine geraldinefootballclub@gmail.com , 0276374775 to register or if you have any questions

Morning grades 7th -18th grade, registration close's March 21st

Registrations close for our Mens team on March 1st.

We need more players for our Men's teams , anyone aged 15 and over is eligible.Looking at Div 1(Competitive) ,Div 2 (Semi competitive) & Div 3(Social,no practices) so call out for parents Practices for anyone Males aged 15 and older have started in the Geraldine Domain at 6.45pm , Tuesdays & Thursdays

Coaches

If you are interested in coaching a team get in touch with Paula.

NETBALL REGISTRATION

Friday 2nd March - 2.45pm – 3.45pm
Netball Courts, Geraldine Domain

Mother Earth Future Ferns
NNZ Year 3-8 Program
Friday Afternoons
(Starting Friday 6th April)

Marissa Grant

Home – 03 693 9724

Cell – 027 422 326

Registration forms also available by emailing geraldinenetball@gmail.com

**PLAYERS MUST BE REGISTERED BY A
PARENT/GUARDIAN TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY**

Any volunteers that are available to help at the courts on a
Friday Afternoon are most welcome

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Are you interested in playing U11 Girls Rugby?

New Competition, Girls Only!!



Join us on Wed 28th March for a "Have A Go Day" from 4pm – 5.30pm.

A fun afternoon of Rugby at Alpine Energy Stadium.

Bring: Mouth Guard Boots (if you have them) or Gym Shoes Water bottle

More information please contact Caro Rhodes 021 399 465 or caro@scrfu.co.nz.



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Geraldine High School

2018 Geraldine Rogaine Autumn Muster

Looking for a fun, team building activity that's a little bit "outside the box" and guaranteed to get everyone off the couch?

What? Rogaining is a cross-country map reading sport

Who? Everybody ranging from juniors up to super veterans with two time events to choose from; 3hr or 6hr events

When? Sunday 25th March 2018 (Entries close Sunday 18th March)

Where? In the foothills of South Canterbury near Woodbury

To register and to find out more information visit:

<http://gram.org.nz/>

GRAM is a Geraldine High School PTA Fundraiser