



# Geraldine Primary

*Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve*  
*Whaia e koe te iti Kahurangi*

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## Newsletter

**Week 4, Term 3**  
**Thursday 16 August 2018**

**From our Deputy Principal**

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

A big thank you to our community for the support you have shown us as teachers. The strike action day was a difficult one for us. There are big issues in education and we must have new teachers training to become the teachers of the future. The profession has had a hard time over the last 10 years and it is no longer seen as an attractive option for many looking for careers. This must be turned around.

Friday we have our Kapa Haka going into perform at the annual Flava festival in Timaru. They put on a dress rehearsal at school on Thursday. They were very good and we are really proud to have them represent us. Thank you to Whaea Ange, Miss Murray and Jordan for all the effort you have put into our Kapa Haka.

Our Year 6 children visit Geraldine High School on Friday. This is a great opportunity for them to become more familiar with the High School. Parents are welcome to meet us there at 10:30 for a look around. We will return to school just around 12:45.

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

*Ngā mihi nui,*

Murray Davidson  
Deputy Principal

## **School Notices**

### **3 Way Conferences – Friday 7 September 8.15am – 5.15pm**

Bookings can be made online now for 3 Way Conferences. The website address is [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) Use the event code cfr85 to access our school portal. If you need assistance with this, please contact the school office and they will book an interview for you. Please note that teachers will be involved in 3WC's all day and normal classes won't be taking place. Children will come to school for their 3WC only. There will be no school buses running on this day. Geraldine High School is shut on this day for their Workday.

### **Heritage Photos**

School photographs will be taken on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August. Please let the office know if you wish to have a family photo of all your children taken. We are anticipating that these will be taken from 11.15am, after the class photos have been completed.

### **Family Ski Day at Roundgill, Tekapo**

The beauty of cold winter days? Snow! We are delighted to give you all advance notice of the Annual Family Ski Day at Roundhill in Tekapo. This will be on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August with a postponement day on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. As with past years, Roundhill have offered us wonderful rates to have a fun day in the snow with your family. Forms can be collected from the school office and need to be completed and returned to the office no later than Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August.

### **Geraldine High School Open Day**

This is Friday August 17<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am – 12.30pm in the GHS Hall. All our Year 6 children will walk down to this event. The children will be bused to the High School if it is raining. Parents are welcome to join us there. Please be seated in the GHS hall by 10.30. For Y6 children who are involved in the FLAVA Festival, there will be another opportunity to visit the High School. The date for this is still to be advised. No lunch orders on this day please.

### **Enviroschool**

At Geraldine Primary School we are becoming an Enviroschool!

We have been working on this journey since 2016 and are continuing to work on our sustainable practices. We have brought in bins that help the children and staff classify waste, we have begun an orchard by the hall, added some new sensory gardens by Room 9, started our Enviro mural and vision map of our journey, discussed our Maori perspective, looked at the principles of an Enviroschool, continued our vegetable gardens and worm farm, removed mixed waste bins from around the school and started a 'Green Team' who help with these activities and practices.

One change being made as part of this is the children's school lunches. We are asking that the children take home any food scraps and litter that is leftover from their lunch, so that parents are aware of what their children are eating and the waste that is left. The aim is that we reduce our waste for the future and continue to make sustainable choices.

### **Daffodil Day Mufti Day - Friday 31 August**

Wear mufti or yellow if you wish and bring a coin donation to place on our daffodil. Proceeds will be donated to the Cancer Society. This is one of the causes we as a school support by helping with a fundraising activity.

This is one of the ways we show support for our Sun Smart Accreditation programme as that is about trying to prevent cancer in future years.

### **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: Sam Clews, R1 and Matilda and Jamie R15.

### **Gotcha Draw**

Congratulations to the following students who received a prize in the Gotcha draw recently: Madison, R11; Jessica, R2; Caylin, R3; Molly G, R6; Adele, R12, Kingsley, R3.

### **PB4L Certificates**

Congratulations to the following students who received a PB4L Certificate at Assembly on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018:

R1	Gian Ramos	R2	Maxine Rae	R3	Holly Malinson
R4	Cassidy Sherriff	R5	Emily Stack	R6	Ashley Bolt
R7	Pepper-Mae Ellis	R8	James Gorrie	R9	Pippa Geary
R10	Baxter Hopa-Prke	R11	Archie Gollan	R12	Annie Burnside
R14	Reuben Shaw	R15	Ollie Christensen	R17	Harry Sowden

### **Bus Safety**

Just a reminder that the speed limit for passing a school bus when dropping or picking up children is 20 kms per hour in either direction.

### **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.

### **Geraldine Children Social Work Mufti Day**

A huge thank you to everyone for their support of our recent mufti day. We raised a total of \$462.40.

## School Calendar

### Term 3

#### Week 4

Friday 17 August FLAVA Festival (Kapa Haka group)

#### Week 5

Monday 20 August School Photos  
Wednesday 22 August Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm  
Sunday 26 August Family Ski Day at Roundhill

#### Week 6

Thursday 30 August Senior Syndicate Ski Day at Mount Hutt  
Friday 31 August Mufti Day gold coin donation for Daffodil Day

### 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?

**Sausage Sizzle**: Sausages are available for our children every Friday lunchtime. Orders are taken on Friday mornings on the hall veranda 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 3 Sept 7pm, Staff Room. New members most welcome.

### Community Notices

**Food Bank** Winter is the busiest time for the food bank. Any donations of non perishable items would be appreciated. Donations can be made to the Geraldine Primary School office and will be delivered to the Food Bank by the Family Support Worker.

### 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

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Fri, 17th August  
7:30pm

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