



Geraldine Primary

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Flyer

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Welcome back to the start of Term 4 everyone! I hope you have all had a good break over the past two weeks. Many thanks to everyone who was able to attend our Celebration Assembly at the end of last term. Congratulations to Tangaroa Syndicate for their wonderful efforts in hosting and putting on some fine performances.

Coming home early next week with each child will be some information about an **exciting building project** that we are embarking on in 2019. Rooms 10 and 13 will be receiving a much-needed upgrade. Room 10 will be funded by the Ministry of Education. Room 13, being owned by the Board of Trustees (BOT), will need to be funded by the BOT, along with community grants and donations from businesses and if they wish, school families. Such a project is a major undertaking and it will provide us with the opportunity to continue our classroom modernisation that commenced with the junior block in 2016.

Room 13, which is now past its best before date, will be removed to make way for a new classroom. The new 'Room 13' will be linked to Room 10 via sliding doors to a breakout area, which will be able to be used by groups of students or staff. There will also be a wet area between the two rooms with a sink and cupboards. An initial drawing of this development has been put on the notice board on the end of Room 13. Like the junior block classes, each room will be future-proofed to retain its individual identity with one teacher for the class of students. The sliding doors between each room will enable this, but will also serve as a larger space should the need require.

More details will be made available in the flyer that will come home next week. Rooms 1 and 2 will also receive an upgrade early next year, albeit on a smaller scale. I will keep you updated through the process of both projects.

We are beginning the process of **forming classes for 2019**. If you have a 5 year old New Entrant child who will start with us next year, or know of someone who this applies to, it is important that the office is informed as soon as possible and an enrolment form completed, if this hasn't been done already. This also applies to children in other year

groups who will be attending GPS from 2019. Having an accurate understanding about new enrolments is important as it assists with the composition of classes.

As part of the class formation process, if parents have any factors that they would like senior staff to consider regarding their child(ren), please put these in writing to Andrew Leverton, by way of a letter or email – principal@geraldine.school.nz as soon as possible or by Friday 17 November at the latest. Whilst we will take these factors into consideration, we are unable to guarantee each request. Please note that this is not an opportunity to request a particular teacher or being placed with particular friends. If you know that your child is not going to be attending GPS in 2019 (other than Year 6's), please let me know in writing as soon as possible.

Mr Leverton is currently on leave and will return to school on the week of the 29 October. While Mr Leverton is away, Mr Davidson is Acting Principal.

Today we took part in the National Shake Out day where we practised our Earthquake Drill. Please take the time to talk to your children about what you would do at home as a family if we were to have an earthquake.

Reminder to Bus Families

In the afternoon caregivers / parents need to be at the bus stop to receive their children 5 minutes early. If there is not an adult at the bus stop, the children will be returned to school and the supervisor advised. It is the caregiver / parents responsibility to collect the children from school.

As some of the bus rolls are full, and for Health and Safety Reasons, children who are not registered for a particular bus run will not be able to travel home with friends. There will only be exceptions made in emergency situations, in which case contact either Bronwyn Hawkins or the School Office.

Save the Date – 8th November **Coffee Hour** 9-10am, all welcome. More information later on.

Congratulations to Mikaela Lyttle, Clint Gordon and Cassidy Sherriff for their short story writing having been published in the Geraldine News this week.

Scarlet's flashlight led a trail into the darkness. The gravel was crunching beneath her feet as she walked into the darkness. The only thing she could see was the path in front of her. She slowly crept up the steps and reached for the door. Locked. A few seconds later she heard fast crunching getting louder. Closer. She spun around

Cassidy Sherriff, age 10, winner Very Short Story Competition.

Tickets for Michael Van De Elzen are available from the Geraldine Primary School Office. The cost per ticket is \$10.



MICHAEL VAN DE ELZEN'S GOOD FROM SCRATCH KIDS COOKBOOK TOUR

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Date: SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER 2018, 10.30AM

Venue: GPS HALL - 73 WILSON STREET

Michael is super excited to be visiting us! He will talk about the importance of eating well, and how to make sure healthy dishes are also tasty and easy to make!

Join us for a cooking demonstration, Q+A session and book signing with New Zealand's much loved healthy chef.

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