



# Geraldine Primary

*Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve*  
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## Newsletter

**Week 2, Term 3**  
**Thursday 2 August 2018**

### **From our Principal**

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

Welcome back to the start of Term 3. It has been a busy start for many people with Middle Syndicate trips to the Canterbury Museum in Christchurch and the Senior Syndicate at Tekapo today.

Through last term we had two teams competing in the EPro8 Challenge with one team, the GPS Magic progressing through the competition to reach the Canterbury finals. A big well done to Poppy S, Riley D-M, Hunter W, and Zoe K for their 3<sup>rd</sup> placing overall! This is a fantastic achievement in only our second year of competing. Throughout the competition the group worked particularly well together in an event where teamwork is key.

As posted on our school Facebook page earlier in the week, Primary Teachers and Principals have voted to strike for a full day on Wednesday 15 August. This is a result of the Union and the Ministry of Education not being able to reach an consensus over their Collective Agreements. The main issues nationwide are the recruitment and retention of staff to address the teacher shortage and better support for children with additional learning needs.

On the above date school will be closed. This means that children will be required to stay at home. While there have been two stop work meetings in recent times during the school day, this is the first time since 1994 that Primary Teachers and Principals have elected to take industrial action with regards to their collective agreement.

Tomorrow we will be having a Muffi Day in support of the Geraldine Children Social Work Trust. We encourage every child to bring a gold coin for this very worthy cause. There is no dress up theme for this day. The Social Work Trust supports local children and youth along with their families when it is required. We have a Family Support Worker based at Geraldine Primary who also works in other schools and early childhood centres. The Trust is funded through donations and grants. It is important to note that it does not receive

any funding from the Ministry of Education. We are fortunate that we have the Trust operating in our community.

We are delighted to announce that Deana Averill, who many of you will know, will be returning as our Family Support Worker in the very near future. Deana has previously worked at Geraldine Primary in the same role.

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

*Ngā mihi nui,*  
Andrew Leverton  
Principal / Tumuaiki

## **School Notices**

### **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.

## **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.

## **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: Mikaela, R4; Anthony, R10; Amalie, R12; and Deanna, Madison, Ruby, Oliver, Charlotte, Riley and Nastassia who all started in R15 this term.

## **Gotcha Draw**

Congratulations to the following students who received a prize in the Gotcha draw recently: Rhys, R17; Addison, R17; Bryn, R2; Ryan, R12; Asher, R2; Alex, R7; Sophie, R1; Mason, R11; Matilda, R10; Cassidy, R4; Chania, R6; And Wilbur, R17.

## **PB4L Certificates**

Congratulations to the following students who received a PB4L Certificate at Assembly on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018:

R1	Aria DeBonth	R2	Ryan Mockford	R3	Kingsley Wells
R4	Ebony Pierson	R5	Lyndsay McKay	R6	Molly Wriggley
R7	Olive McCullough	R8	Justina Courage	R9	Penny Marsden
R10	Zoe Slater	R11	Mason Jordan	R12	Sophia Cisneros
R14	Chloe Farmer	R17	Addison Campbell		

The following students received a PB4L Certificate at Assembly on 26/7/18

R1	Demian Pincol-Gonzalez	R2	Reuben Shaw	R3	Riley Moko
R4	Clyde Molina	R5	Nicole Schoneveld	R6	Jonnadien Corn
R7	Grace Jordan	R8	Zac Grant	R9	Caitlin Nugent
R10	Caleb Clarke	R11	Pera Miller	R12	Naomi Barlow
R14	Jessica Farmer	R17	Sam O'Connor	R15	Maddi Cowan-Kitto

## **Family Ski day at Roundhill, 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 26th August with a postponement day on Sunday 2nd September. As with past years, Roundhill have offered us wonderful rates to have a fun day in the snow with your family. Pop this date in your diary and we will have all details ready for you early next term.

## **Road Patrol supervision**

I am hoping there are some wonderful people in our school community that could help us with Road Patrol for the next two terms. I totally understand that many of you already have numerous commitments. However, I would be ETERNALLY grateful if a few people could volunteer to even do a couple of days a term? I am currently looking for someone to cover every other Thursday but this could easily be covered by 2 or 3 people over the term to do just one or two mornings each. Could this be you or someone you know? If so, please contact Fe Wilcox on [fionaw@geraldine.school.nz](mailto:fionaw@geraldine.school.nz)

## **Subway**

We now have a gluten free wrap available for an extra \$1.50. NOTE, we make the wraps on a clean bench and do our best to ensure no contact. Gluten Free sauce is Mayo. Meat is Ham or Roast Beef. We can offer that in the school lunch. So a six inch GF school lunch would be \$6.50 (wrap and crush up or cookie). Footlong GF would be two wraps \$9.50 for (two wraps and crush up or cookie)

## **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.

## School Calendar

### Term 3

#### Week 2

Friday 3 August                      Muffi Day gold coin donation to Social Work Trust

#### Week 3

Wednesday 8 August              Life Education ends

#### Week 4

Monday 13 August                  Dog Safety Y0-3

Wednesday 15 August              School Closed – Nationwide teacher strike

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                    Muffi Day gold coin donation for Daffodil Day

### 2018 Term Dates

**Term 3**              23 July – 28 September

**Term 4**              15 October – 18 December

## Home & School

**Movie Night Fundraiser:** Thank you to those who put in wine orders for CharRees wines. We will be in touch regarding wine orders in due course.

We would also like to thank the individuals who donated prizes for the raffles or nibbles for the event: Kate Addis; Kitchen Cupboard; members of the Home & School committee; and members of Friends of Home & School. This support certainly added to the success of the evening.

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.

# FOXTROTS

WITH SARAH ANDERSON



The Lodge Theatre

Fri, 17th August

7:30pm

Cash bar available

Tickets available from Louk Clothing

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