



# Geraldine Primary

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

**Week 8, Term 2**  
**Thursday 21 June 2018**

### **From our Principal**

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

The last couple of weeks have seen some fairly grey days weather-wise, with limited sunshine and our school fields closed on most days to preserve the grass and prevent mud on clothes and in classrooms. We are fortunate that we have wonderful students who are able to make suitable adjustments to the limits on playground space and continue to interact and play appropriately.

We have recently had two groups of students representing GPS at events in the region. Our 20 cross country runners competed in the South Canterbury Primary Schools' event and we achieved some amazing results. The following children represented us in the South Canterbury Primary Schools Cross Country at Waihi. Congratulations to them all for a great effort.

Y6 Nicole Schoneveld, Poppy Slater, Emily Geary, Kyra Marrett, Cassidy Sherriff  
Blake Booth, Royden Barnett, Matteo Kimura, Jack Eason, Henry Oliver

Y5 Tahlea Bradshaw, Keira Wynn, Rose Fletcher-Young, Matilda Mallinson,  
Emma Campbell  
Joe O'Kane, Max Roger, Asher Harmon-Barnes, Lewis Pace, Alex Royce-Bainbridge

Our Year 6 girls team got 2nd overall and our Year 5 girls team got 1st.

Nicole placed 3rd as an individual.

Tahlea, Rose, Keira, Nicole, Poppy and Royden have been invited to take part in the Regionals to be held in Nelson.

Well done to you all!

For our students to be involved in events like the two above, this requires time and input from both staff and parents – training, organising, filling in the required safety forms, transporting and cheering the students on. Thank you and well done to everyone involved!

Most students in Years 1 – 6 will be bringing home a mid year report on Thursday 5 July. These reports will provide parents with an indication of their child's progress towards the achievement expectations of the NZ Curriculum. For some students in Years 1 – 3 this will mean a different reporting timeframe to what was in place during the National Standards era (2010 – 2017). Reporting information for Year 1 -3 students will still be based on their time at school. For Years 4 – 6 there is no change to the reporting cycle. You may be aware that schools are no longer reporting against National Standards, with these being removed by the current government. This transition has been a relatively smooth one, as we still have the NZ Curriculum to use as a measure against student achievement and progress.

Each year in early March schools are required to send the previous year's student achievement data to the Ministry of Education. For 2017, this was National Standards (NS) data. This information will soon be available on the MOE's Education Counts website – [www.educationcounts.govt.nz](http://www.educationcounts.govt.nz) . In short our achievement for 2017 was: Reading - 73% at or above the NS, Writing – 77% and Mathematics 76%. From this we set targets for the following year for gender, year cohorts and key ethnicities as well as individual groups of students that have been identified.

A final **reminder** to all of our parents is that there is a teachers meeting **tomorrow Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**. All of our teaching staff will be away attending this meeting on the future of the teaching profession. This means that **classes will finish on that day at 12.15pm**, with buses departing shortly after. Parents of bus children will need to be at the bus stop to collect their children, or the bus will return them back to school. The buses will depart Geraldine High School at 12.35 pm.

For children who do not get the bus, we encourage parents to collect them at 12.15pm or the children walk home at this time.

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

*Ngā mihi nui,  
Andrew Leverton  
Principal / Tumuaki*

### **School Notices**

#### **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.

### **Keeping Ourselves Safe 2018- covered in Weeks 7-10 of Term 2**

Each class will be taking part in the Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme this term. Keeping Ourselves Safe helps children develop safety skills when interacting with others. Your child may bring home some follow up homework for this programme. A Police educator will visit the classroom as part of this topic.

Students in Year 1-3 will cover the following modules:

1. I am unique- Students will learn their name, address, feelings and who they live with.
2. My body is my own- Students will learn body parts and touch that they like, that hurts and that is confusing.
3. Dealing with unwanted behaviour and touch- Students will learn about good and bad secrets and saying no to unwanted touch.
4. Adults who help- Students will learn about adults they can trust and who can help them.

Students in Year 4-6 will cover the following modules:

1. Confident me- Students will develop confidence in their decision-making and feelings.
2. Safe or unsafe- Students will learn to identify safe and unsafe situations.
3. No excuse for abuse- Students will learn about what abuse is and that it is wrong.
4. Why should I tell- Students will learn to stop inappropriate touch and say no.

The following New Zealand Police website has further information for parents if you are interesting in finding out more.

<http://www.police.govt.nz/advice/personal-and-community-advice/school-portal/resources/successful-relationships/keeping-1>

If you have any queries about the Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme, please feel free to see either myself or your child's teacher.

Sarah Strowger  
Teacher in charge of Health Education

## Jump Jam

Congratulations to the three Jump Jam teams who performed at the South Canterbury Jump Jam Extravaganza in Timaru yesterday. They were competing with 60 other schools from across our region. The teams were amazing and performed to a very high standard and we were very proud of all of them. The teams have put in hours of work and were a credit to our school. Thanks to the teachers who have also worked very hard and dedicated many lunchtimes to practices. Thank you also to the Home & School for providing funds to help our trolls, cheer leaders and army recruits look as amazing as they did. Well done teams!

**Y0-4 Novice Team** - coaches: Andrea Bathgate & Rochelle Fisher

Zoe Slater, Olivia Marsden, Terrilee Gilford, Evie Grant, Jade Dudson Moko, Katie Coles, Toia Sheed, Eve Upton, Manaia Sheed, Tayla Shadlow, Milly Chapman, Gemma Price

**Year 4-6 Open Team** – coaches: Sarah Strowger & Erin Barclay

Poppy Slater, Lilly Grant, Nicole Schoneveld, Isabelle England, Leilani Short, Poppy Wheeler, Rose Fletcher-Young, Summer Snow, Jody Quaimbo, Ebony Pierson, Emily Stack, Sepia Allpress, Matilda Mallinson, Emily Geary.

**Year 4-6 Open Team** – coaches: Fi Wilcox & Cathy Tairoa

Hunter Wilson, Maxine Rae, Emily Coles, Hannah Boorer-Lilley, Jessica Skinner, Emma Campbell, Keira Wynn, Rachel Roberts, Mia Pierson, Jasmine Watson, Ethan Taylor, Zoe Keane, Ella Chapman, Emily Goldsbury.









### **Bible in Schools**

This has commenced again for term 2 and will run through until the end of Term 3. Sessions take place at lunchtimes on Thursday in the library from 12.15 to 1.00. Participation is voluntary and if parents wish their children to take part they should discuss this with them and remind them each Thursday. BIS is run by volunteers who are associated with St. Andrew's Church in Geraldine.

### **Policy Review**

Each term the Board of Trustees reviews policies as part of a 3 year cycle. This term we are asking parents/whanau to assist us in the process by reviewing the Reporting to Parents Policy. To access instructions for this and for any policy, please visit our school website – [www.geraldine.school.nz](http://www.geraldine.school.nz), click on the school info tab at the top of the page and then the school policies tab in the side bar. This will then provide you with further instructions.

### **New Students**

A special welcome to the following students who have all started at our school this term: Harry, R12, Molly, Salomon R1 and Maddisyn, R9.

### **Gotcha Draw**

Congratulations to the following students who received a prize in the Gotcha draw recently: Sofie H, R9; Luke, R10; Lewis, R2; Reuben, R2; Molly, R7; Sophie, R11.

## **PB4L Certificates**

Congratulations to the following students who received a PB4L Certificate at Assembly on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018:

R1	Cormack Auld	R2	Asher Harman'Barnes
R3	Miley Frahm	R4	MacKenzie Waldron
R5	Jonny Simpson	R6	Molly Wrigley
R7	Aliza Ozols	R8	Leo Savory
R9	Rua Robertson	R10	Sophia Rushbridge
R11	Tayla Shadlow	R12	Ryan Higgins
R14	Jacob Cunningha	R17	Regan Nichols

## **Te Reo**

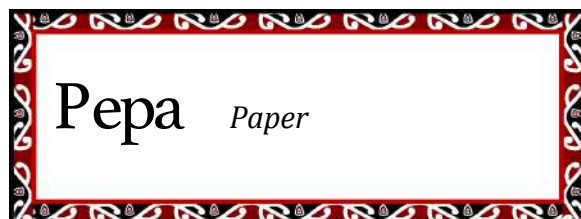
### **Mauri ora whanau,**

I am excited to continue our learning with Te Reo Maori. Following on from Te kupu o te wiki, the word of the week, we are going to put a phrase in the newsletter each term that you can use along with last years words. We want to encourage our tamariki and their families to learn new Maori words and phrases. Give it a go and drop it into conversation when you can! Your kids will love to hear you using Te Reo Maori and so will Whaea Ange!

*Mauria te pono* – Believe in yourself!

Our phrase for Term 2 is:

*Homai te*      *give me the*



## **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.

## **Bus Students**

If bus students need to go another students house on the same route, they **MUST** have a note to the office for a **YELLOW** Bus Pass to be issued.

Reminder - Please make sure Parents/Caregivers are at the bus putting on their children in the morning and and again in the afternoon to receive them.

Reminder - Hy Vz Vests are compulsory for all bus students, it is especially important to wear them at this time of year with the dark mornings and Winter conditions.

## **Dental Clinic**

The Geraldine Primary School Dental Clinic is Open from Tuesday 5 June, four days a week. Please phone 0800 846 983 to make an appointment.

## **School Calendar**

### **Term 2**

#### **Week 9**

Monday 25 June –

Wednesday 27 June      Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme continues

#### **Week 10**

Monday 2 July –

Wednesday 4 July      Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme continues

Friday 6 July            Open Assembly, 1.15pm

Last Day of Term 2

## **2018 Term Dates**

**Term 2**      30 April – 6 July

**Term 3**      23 July – 28 September

**Term 4**      15 October – 18 December

## **Home & School**

**Fundraising:** A big thank you to Tash Rankin from Dahm Good Coffee who generously supported Home & School by bringing her coffee cart to the South Canterbury Car Club event on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, and making a donation to Home and School from the proceeds. This support is greatly appreciated.

**Movie Night Fundraiser:** Final details are being finalised for this event at the end of this term. We will put the details out later this week....

**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 30 July, 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.

**Holidays @ Kids Alive – 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> July:** Come and join us for a week of fun from Wacky Hair Days, Wearable Arts, Master Chef and of course the Bouncy Castle and other activities. We have two activities for just the Years 7 & 8 (ice skating and geocaching). If number allow it we will include Years 6 as well so if you are keen contact us to put your child on a waiting list. To register go to either [www.kidsalive.co.nz](http://www.kidsalive.co.nz) or [kidsalive.aimyplus.com](http://kidsalive.aimyplus.com). For more information please phone 0274038126 or email [lorraine@kidsalive.co.nz](mailto:lorraine@kidsalive.co.nz)

# *It's a School Holiday*

## **Sportacular**

**Held at Geraldine High School Gym**

**16<sup>th</sup> July – 20<sup>th</sup> July**

**Time 9am – 3pm Age – 7 -13yrs**

**Cost - \$20 per child per day for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Child**

**\$15 per child per day for 3<sup>rd</sup> or more**

**Monday –Volleyball, Tball and Badminton**

**Tuesday – Dodgeball, Ultimate Frisbee and Basketball**

**Wednesday – Bench ball, Cricket and Gymnastics**

**Thursday –Athletics, Football and Netball**

**Friday –Ki O Rahi, Hockey and Dodgeball**

**Bookings Essential – Contact us NOW**

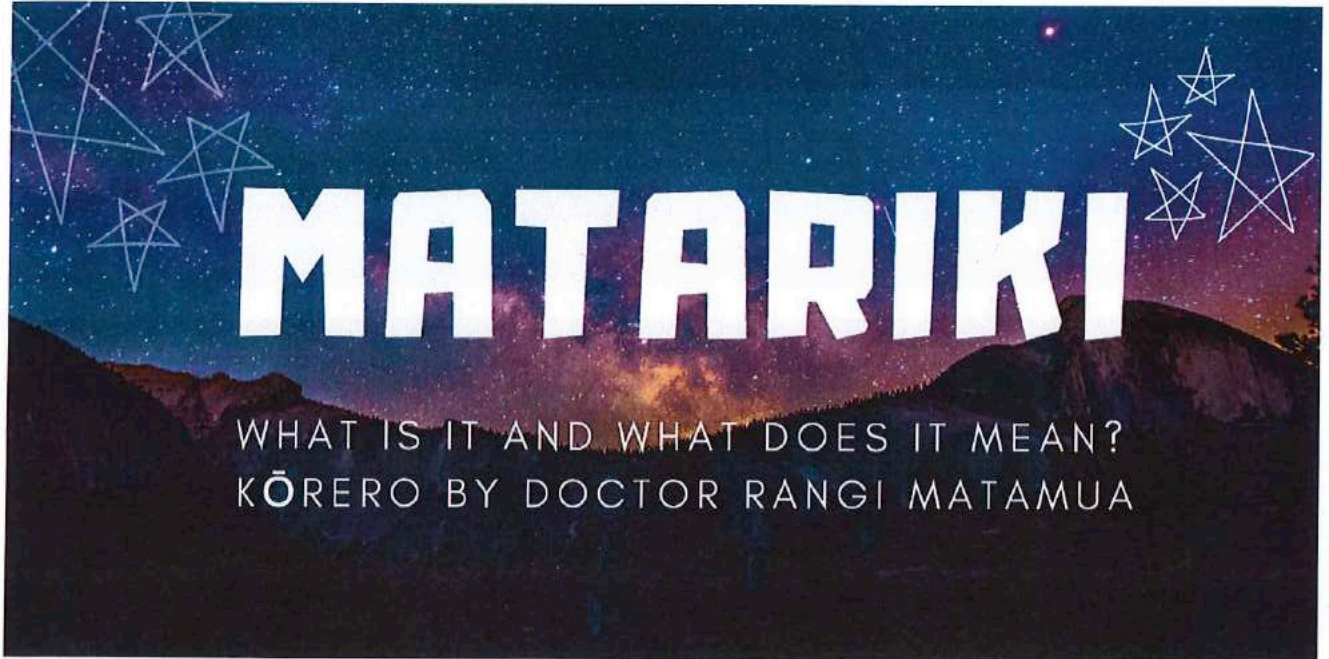
**Payment is required before bookings can be confirmed.**

**[k.andrews@geraldinehs.school.nz](mailto:k.andrews@geraldinehs.school.nz)**

**03 693 0017 Ext 7215**

**Run By Geraldine High Schools Sports Coordinator**





**7-8PM WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE**  
**GERALDINE PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL**

Geraldine Primary School invites the community to a presentation on Matariki by Dr Rangi Matamua, Professor and Māori Astronomer from Waikato University and author of 'Star of the Year'.

Suitable for adults and high school students only.

Donations gratefully received for the Geraldine Schools Social Workers Trust.



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