



# Geraldine Primary

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

**Week 6, Term 4**  
**Thursday 22 November 2018**

**From our Principal**

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

We are about three and a half weeks out from the end of the school year. Teachers are busy writing reports at present. This is the first year that we haven't had to report against National Standards, which were removed by the Government at the start of the year. Student progress and achievement will be reported in relation to the New Zealand Curriculum and the levels within it. The NZC is the base document that teachers have used since 2007 for their planning and assessment. Reports will come home with your child on Thursday 13 December.

I would like to announce the appointment of Dominique Grant to the staff for 2019. Dominique joins us as a beginning teacher and will teach in the junior area of the school. We look forward to welcoming her to GPS as a staff member next year.

It was great to see a number of our ex GPS students (now Year 7) back at school earlier in the week, doing coaching with our Year 2 classes. While the weather didn't lend itself to outdoor activities, Plan B was instigated and the students enjoyed the interaction and opportunities in the classroom and hall. Well done to everyone involved.

Our Property Manager, Malcolm Campbell is preparing the school pool for summer usage. Pool keys can be hired by school families for \$60 for the summer. We will let you all know when the pool is ready and keys become available. Typically, classes will have access to the pool from early December and families can use the pool after 4pm weekdays and between 9am and 9pm in the weekends and holidays.

A gentle reminder about payment of school donations and activity fees for the year, if you have not done so already. An issue that schools face is the difference between the running costs of the school and what we receive in funding from the Ministry of Education. We ask for a donation of \$15 per term / \$60 for the year per child. Part of this amount can be claimed back through tax returns. Alongside the donation we charge a \$5 Activity Fee per child per term / \$20 per year. This will pay for visiting performers that have been booked throughout the year.

**Our school bank details are: 01-0841-0024832-10.**

There will be a number of activities on at school between now and the end of term. Please refer to the Calendar section of this newsletter or on our website.

Our Athletic Sports scheduled for tomorrow have been postponed. The postponement day is for Monday. We will advise on Facebook and our Skool Loop app tomorrow (Friday) if this will go ahead. If this day is cancelled we will not be able to hold our athletics day this year.

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

*Ngā mihi nui,*

Andrew Leverton  
Principal / Tumuaki

## **School Notices**

### **Library Stocktake**

The school library closes in one week on Friday November 30th. No more issues will be made and could all library books please be returned by December 5th please so that we can undertake our annual stocktake. If books are lost or irreparably damaged then a notice requesting \$15 will be sent home with your child. But first have a really good look under beds and couches and sometimes smaller library books might be inside bigger books. I have found that they do often turn up after a bedroom tidy. Your help with getting these books is gratefully received.

### **Staff Carpark**

Please note that the carpark on Huffey Street on the school grounds is for staff only. Please respect this as it is a health and safety issue. There is a space that has been allocated within this carpark, to specific parents who have permission from The Board of Trustees to park here.

**School Disco** – Save the date: December 14<sup>th</sup> – more details to follow.

### **New Students**

A special welcome to Liam, R15 and Kyle, R6 who have both started at our school recently.

### **Gotcha Draw**

Congratulations to the following students who received a prize in the Gotcha draw recently: Caitlyn, R12; Max, R2; Charlie, R11; Camilo, R9; Adele, R12; Jackson, R10.

### **PB4L Certificates 25 October**

Congratulations to the following students who received PB4L certificates at assembly recently:

R1	Harvey	R2	Jessica	R3	Georaeah	R4	Poppy
R5	Kohl	R6	Ruby	R7	Kaydynce	R8	Ruby-Rose
R9	Jackson	R10	Alex	R11	Sophie	R12	Myka
R14	Sophia	R15	Jessica	R17	Elin		

## **Classes for 2019**

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](mailto:principal@geraldine.school.nz) as soon as possible or by Friday 23 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.

## **Online Payments**

For those who wish to pay school donations and activity fees 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.

## **Book Amnesty**

It would be appreciated if families could have a quick check at home for any school journals, readers or library books and return them to either their classroom teacher or the box under the desk in the office. The loss of books each year is becoming an expensive item we now have to budget for.

## **Bus Students**

If any bus students are shifting before school starts next year, or will no longer be travelling to school on the bus in 2019, could you please let Bronwyn Hawkins know so that she can prepare the bus rolls. Bronwyn can be contacted at the Geraldine High School 693 0017 ext 7230. If she is not available you are able to leave a message.

## **Mufti Day for Social Worker Trust**

A big thank you to everyone who supported the recent mufti day. We raised a total of \$367 for the Geraldine Children Social Worker Trust.

## **Calendar**

### **Term 4**

### **Week 7**

Monday 26 November

pp District Athletics

Friday 30 November

Home & School Fun Run, 1pm

### **Week 8**

Tuesday 4 December SC Athletics for those selected  
Thursday 6 December Coffee Morning

### **Week 9**

Monday 10 December Principal's Assembly, 1.15 pm  
Wednesday 12 December Helpers Morning Tea  
Thursday 13 December Reports home  
Y6 BBQ and Pool Party  
Friday 14 December GPS Disco

### **Week 10**

Monday 17 December Last school bus (am only)  
Christmas Songs on the Village Green, 11am  
Final Assembly, 1.15pm  
Tuesday 17 December Y5 & 6 children invited to help clean up

### **2018 Term Dates**

**Term 4** 15 October – 18 December

### **2019 Term Dates**

<b>Term 1</b>	31 January – 12 April	<b>Term 2</b>	29 April – 5 July
<b>Term 3</b>	22 July – 27 September	<b>Term 4</b>	14 October – 18 December

Queen's Birthday	Monday 3 June
Teacher Only Day	Tuesday 4 June
South Canterbury Anniversary	Monday 23 September
Labour Day	Monday 28 October

### **Home & School**

**Fun Run 2018:** Now Postponed to Friday 7 December, 1pm

If you follow our Facebook page, you will have noted the decision to postpone the Fun Run next week until the following Friday 7 December (note it on the calendar - Children will need their whanau colour clothing). The wet weather and forecast for more to come means we cannot use the heavy machinery required to get the much anticipated obstacles in place on the school field. The good news is that there is now a weeks extension for getting your sponsorship forms back to school - now due back Mon 3 December.

**Car Boot Sale:** Thanks to everyone who supported this - a welcome break in the rain! Huge thanks to Debbie Oliver and her team for organising this popular event and raising over \$1,000 for the valuable Social Workers Trust. Our community is so fortunate to have this service available and to have community volunteers happy to support this service with fundraising initiatives. Well done Debbie.

**Armbands:** Thanks to FarmSource Temuka for donating 150 coloured armbands to the school to be used for identification purposes when the children are out of school and not in School uniform e.g. ski trips. Thanks also to Tina Pirie for organising this. We are sure other uses will also be found for these armbands.

**Sausage Sizzle:** Sausages are available for our children every Friday lunchtime. Orders are taken on 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.

**Next Meeting:** 2019, TBC

### **Community Notices**

#### **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.

**Geraldine Amateur Swimming Club** invite children to take part in our fun Jellybean Race night on Wednesday December 12th.

Race in a fun atmosphere with your time recorded, then return in February to see how you have improved. Jellybeans for all swimmers.

Meet at 4.45pm for a 5.00pm start. Gold coin entry/donation to cover associated costs.

Suitable for those able to swim a length of freestyle or above. Squad swimmers will assist those who are concerned about swimming a full 25m event.

Enquiries to Meg Catherwood, 0212015227, [secretarygasc@gmail.com](mailto:secretarygasc@gmail.com).

Bike For Sale \$200.00 o.n.o. please contact Malcolm Campbell at the Geraldine Primary School





**Go Geraldine Christmas Parade, Friday 7th December:** The parade starts at **6.30 pm** from the corner of Hislop and Talbot Street and will travel along Talbot St to Peel St. Spend local this season for a chance to win in the **Santa Sak** competition - drawn on Monday 10th December. No need to be present in the Domain this year! Santa's lolly scramble and popsicle give-away will take place in the Domain after the Parade. **Float entries open until Friday 30th November.** For float entries and more information see [www.gogeraldine.co.nz/events](http://www.gogeraldine.co.nz/events) or contact Janene 027 555 6524