



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 10, Term 3
Thursday 27 September 2018

From our Principal

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

We are at the end of another busy term, one that seems to have gone more quickly than usual. I congratulate all staff and children on their achievements over the past ten weeks and thank parents and caregivers for their ongoing support and involvement in GPS over the term.

Tomorrow we have our end of term Celebration / Open Assembly, which will be hosted by Tangaroa (senior) Syndicate. All parents and members of our school family are welcome to attend this.

In mid August teachers and principals throughout the country took strike action for one day to raise awareness about concerns around the Ministry of Education's offer for the next collective agreement and the wider issue of teacher supply, recruitment and retention. There has been no further movement from the MOE on these matters and teachers and principals have since voted on what they believe the next course of action should be. After the term break we will be able to share the outcome of this vote.

I wish all members of the GPS community a safe and enjoyable term break. I know that the change of pace over the next two weeks will be appreciated by many. The staff and I look forward to seeing you all in the new term.

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

Ngā mihi nui,

Andrew Leverton
Principal Tumuaki

Week 3

Wednesday 31 October

SC Mountainbike Competition for Y5 & 6
BOT Meeting, 5.30 pm

2018 Term Dates

Term 3 23 July – 28 September

Term 4 15 October – 18 December

2019 Term Dates

Term 1 31 January – 12 April

Term 2 29 April – 5 July

Term 3 22 July – 27 September

Term 4 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

Geraldine Primary Home & School **Facebook Page**: have you liked us yet?

Fun Run 2018 - Friday 30th November

The Home and School Committee are organising our own in house Fun Run with funds raised going towards our annual swimming lessons. More information will go home with children at the beginning of Term 4.

Good from Scratch Book Tour – Chef Michael Van De Elzen

We have been fortunate to be selected as a destination for Michael's upcoming book tour. This cookbook is aimed at Kiwi kids eating healthier. There will be cooking demonstrations and the Good from Scratch Kids cookbook will also be available for sale and personally autographed. This will take place on Saturday October 27. More details to follow.

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: Mon 15 Oct 7pm, Staff Room. New members most welcome.

Community Notices

Sandwich Artist position

Day, night, weekend position available.

We are looking for a positively minded person with great customer service skills. Must be available to work weekends/nights/days/holidays.

Job duties include making sandwiches, prepping veggies, general cleaning, closing the store at night, working well with others a must.

Please call Ange on 021 113 2965 for enquiries and have references available. Email cv to subwaygeraldine@outlook.com

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.

September Sports Drive – If you have some sports gear, clothing, shoes etc, Ash and Court are rallying up gear to donate to an organization that they have teamed up with to give anything that will benefit to another person's physical activity. For more information contact Ash 027 355 1236.

SOFTBALL : Looking for a few more junior players age 9-13 to play in competition in Timaru (Washdyke) on Friday afternoons. All gear including gloves provided, can possibly assist with transport , subs very reasonable with discount for families. Please email rainbowseven70@gmail.com, text 02040724604 or PM IanBakerBridgetMcNamee for more info. Also If there are a lot of younger players and someone wanted to take a team from Geraldine area, either U 7 or U 9, we could provide information, support and help with gear etc.. we just can't coach that age as already (over) committed !

This year we are not having a registration day for **cricket**. All current cricket players will be contacted re playing again this season. If there are any new children interested in playing please contact Jolenne Sowden on 03 6922899 by Friday 28th September

Hilton-Geraldine Tennis Club

Opening Day, Saturday 29th September 1.00pm at the Geraldine Domain Courts.

Hilton Geraldine Tennis club, Social club night Starting Wednesday 3rd October 2018. All Welcome



Our club's swimming season commences in the Geraldine Pool in mid-November. We invite new members to join our friendly group of swimmers. We have two levels of registration - competitive swimmer and club swimmer. Swimmers must have reached an acceptable standard to enter our programme (mastered strokes over 25-50m). For more information about joining and prerequisite skills please get in touch. Pre-season training starts after the school holidays so earlier enquiries are welcome. For more information and to register please contact the Secretary, Meg Catherwood, secretarygasc@gmail.com, or phone 021 2015227.



SQUASH School Holiday Programme



**Come along, 'Have a Go' and
increase your squash skills.**

When:

Tuesday 2nd & Tuesday 9th October

Where:

Timaru Squash Club, 22 Brunswick Street, Timaru

Times for each day:

'Have a Go' – (under 12 yrs; new to squash)	10.00am to 11.00am
J-Graders – (under 12 yrs)	11.00am to 12.00pm
Youth - (13yrs and over; all levels)	12.00pm to 1.00pm

Cost: \$10 for one day or
\$15 for two days

Register online at:

www.sporty.co.nz/squashmidlands

Contact: Andrina Stoddart
Email: sjdomidands@hotmail.com
Cell: 027 376 6881



TRY IT. PLAY IT. LOVE IT.

Holidays at Kids Alive:

Monday 1st October to Friday 5th October A fun filled week with different activities each day, ranging from "Minute to Win It" Games, Where's Wally Day, Trip to Oamaru for Ten Pin Bowling (for ages 10-13), Indian food and "Kids Alive Got Talent" Make sure you register by going to either kidsalive.aimyplus.com or www.kidsalive.co.nz For more information phone Lorraine on 0274038126.