



Geraldine Primary

Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve
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Newsletter

Week 9, Term 1

Thursday 29th March 2018

From our Principal

Over the past couple of weeks we have had two groups of students representing our school in the **Kids Lit and triathlon** events. On 13 March we entered the Kids Lit quiz for the first time, with two teams taking part. The following super readers took part: Team 1 Zac A, Leilani, Isabelle and Jonny; Team 2 Kohl, Poppy S, Nicole, Sophia H.

Team 1 came a very creditable 2nd in the primary section, with Team 2 coming 6th. Well done to both teams!

Later that week we sent a boys and girls team to the South Canterbury Schools' Triathlon. The girls team of Nicole, Poppy S and Keira came a very impressive first, with Nicole also winning the individual girls section. Our boys team comprised of Riley D-M, Hunter W and Blake did very well.

Well done to both teams, and many thanks to the staff that prepared them and parents that assisted with transport and supervision on the day.

Many thanks to everyone who attended the **3 Way Conferences** last Friday. The 3WCs are an opportunity for the teacher, student and parent(s) to meet twice a year to discuss learning goals, achievement and progress. It is important that students have a voice in their learning and, at an age-appropriate level, have some input into what they wish to achieve and discuss this with significant adults in their lives. Being part of this process gives the student a degree of ownership in their learning, as well as hearing first-hand about how they are progressing.

If parents wish to have a meeting with their child's teacher without their child, this can be done outside of the 3WC. Please contact your child's teacher to arrange a suitable time.

In recent times the staff and I have noticed an increasing number of **students arriving at school early**, often before 8am. Our website states that children are allowed in the grounds from 8.20am. The key concern is students who are arriving around or before 8am. We respectfully ask that if you are currently sending your child to school early, i.e. around 8am, you make alternative arrangements for them to arrive at school at or after 8.20am.

Finally, I wish all GPS families a safe and enjoyable **Easter break**. If you are travelling, please take care. We look forward to seeing you all again when school reopens on Wednesday 4 April.

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

Ngā mihi nui,
Andrew Leverton
Principal / Tumuaki

School notices

Breakfast BBQ

The **Breakfast BBQ** will be held before school on Friday 6 April from 8 – 9 am. This is being run by our Year 5 and 6 students and helps to raise money for our sponsored child Htet Wai Yan Oo who lives in Myanmar. There will be a variety of stalls and games for the children to participate in. Most games are 50c or \$1 so please bring plenty of change to make it easier for the students to handle.

The Lions club will be cooking free sausages and there will also be tea and coffee provided by the Home and School.

We would appreciate offers of baking (please bring to Room 14 either on Thursday or early Friday morning(, and any unwanted books or toys (also bring to Room 14) Parents are most welcome to attend this event.

Please Note that there will be **no lunchtime sausage** orders on Friday 6 April as it is the Breakfast BBQ day.

PB4L Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who received PB4L Certificates at assembly today:

Room 1	Portia McRae	Room 2	Aiden Harris
Room 3	Caylin Brook	Room 4	Ella Toshach
Room 5	Emily Geary	Room 6	Tom Avery
Room 7	Alex Coleman	Room 8	Aoife Brennan
Room 9	Camilo Cisneros	Room 10	Milly Chapman
Room 11	Samuel Welford	Room 12	Finn Wilcox
Room 14	Luke Bennett	Room 17	Isaac Mockford

New Students

A special welcome to Miley who started in R3 recently.

Pool Keys

The school pool is now closed. If you purchased a pool key, please return it to the office as soon as possible. Key holders must return their key if they wish to purchase a key in subsequent years.

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 Home Learning

Policy. To access instructions for this and for any policy, please visit our school website – 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.

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.

Dental Clinic

The Geraldine Primary School Dental Clinic is now closed until Term 2.

Please phone 0800 846 983 to make an appointment to go to a clinic in Timaru or Ashburton

School Calendar

Week 9

Friday 30 March Good Friday – School Closed

Week 10

Monday 2 April Easter Monday – School closed
Tuesday 3 April Easter Tuesday – School closed
Wednesday 4 April Cybersafety with NZ Police – R1, 2 & 10
Friday 6 April Breakfast BBQ, 8am

Week 11

Tuesday 10 April R2 & 3 Bushcraft walk
Wednesday 11 April Cybersafety with NZ Police – R3, 4 & 5
Friday 13 April Celebration Assembly hosted by Tawhirimatea Syndicate (Y3-4)
Term 1 ends

Term 2

Week 1

Monday 30 April Term 2 commences
Home & School meeting, 7pm – all welcome

Week 3

Wednesday 16 May R4 & 5 Kayaking
Friday 18 May Pink Shirt Day

Week 4

Wednesday 23 May BOT Meeting, 5.30pm – all welcome
Thursday 24 May Staff Development day – school closed
Friday 25 May School Cross Country

Advance Notice – Staff Development Day

As previously mentioned through newsletters, facebook and school app, on Thursday 24 May staff will be involved in a day of writing professional development with Sheena Cameron and Louise Dempsey – two leading teacher educators in writing. We look forward to hosting them to Geraldine Primary.

School will be closed on this day to allow all staff to attend.

2018 Term Dates

Term 1	31 January – 13 April	Term 2	30 April – 6 July
Term 3	23 July – 28 September	Term 4	15 October – 18 December

Home & School

Breakfast BBQ Friday 6 April 8.00-9.00 am: Sausages will be available at no cost and cooked by volunteers from The Lions. Tea and coffee will be provided by Home and School. **Please note that Friday lunchtime sausages will not be available on this day.**

Geraldine Primary Community Stock Scheme 2018: Due to the current uncertainty around the mycoplasma bovis outbreak, it is unclear whether we will proceed with the scheme this year. We will await developments and review closer to the time.

Trail Bike Ride 2018: This will be our first major fundraiser for 2018 and will be held on Sunday 15 April which is in the first weekend of the school holidays. We are reliant on the generosity of local farmers for this event to proceed. Visit www.myrides.co.nz if you are interested in participating.

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 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.

Community Notices

Bridge Lessons - starting 30 April, 7- 9pm. 10 week course. Two venues, two choices. Geraldine - Mondays (Ph Helen, 0274659763), Temuka - Tuesdays (Ph Robyn, 03 615 9081). Stimulating & challenging card game for 10yrs+.

KEEN FOR AN ADVENTURE THESE HOLIDAYS!!

Peel Forest Outdoors Pursuits Centre are running specials between the 18th-22nd April for local school children/and or their parents. Activities range from tramping up Mt Peel, an Orari river adventure day, rock/abseiling, funyak kayaking and rafting on the Rakaia.

Contact us here at: 03 6963832, 027 2626049 (Julie Grant – Operations) or email us at info@peelforestoutdoors.org.nz if you are keen to join us for a registration for

2018 we are introducing JAB U11 grade for girls only.

On the 28th of March we are hosting a

Have A Go Afternoon At Alpine Energy Stadium

From 4 – 5.30pm

We have trained coaches from Rugby Clubs joining us to help with coaching, ensuring a safe controlled environment.

Please spread the word and encourage your girls who have either played ripper and enjoyed it or want to have a go a playing Rugby to come along.

Funsticks Hockey in Geraldine for 5-8 year olds.

Beginners hockey, skills training and games.

Friday afternoons in Term 2 at the Geraldine High School turf.

For more information please contact Hils McCullough nofrillshils@gmail.com

The Todd Mudie Group are holding a school holiday rugby programme for boys and girls.

Alpine Energy Stadium

8 - 10yrs Thursday 26th April 9:30-12:30pm

11-13yrs Friday 27th April 9:30-12:30pm

\$15/day



Mother Earth FutureFerns

NNZ Year 1-2 Program

Starting Wednesday 2nd May

3.15pm – 3.45pm

(Every Wednesday for the duration of Term 2)

Registration on the same day

PLAYERS MUST BE REGISTERED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY

Registration forms also available by emailing geraldinenetball@gmail.com

\$25 per child

Netball Courts, Geraldine Domain

Leander Patterson Home – 03 693 9625

Cell – 027 465 6240

GERALDINE NETBALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



DATE: 20 APRIL 2018

TIME: 10am-1pm

YEARS: 3-8



**LOCATION: Geraldine Reserve,
Netball Centre**

Registration <http://www.sporty.co.nz/netballmainland>

For more info: (303) 236 5687 | Visit us: www.yoursitename.com

PosterMyWall.com

THE
**AMAZING
RACE**
GERALDINE

12pm Saturday 28 April 2018

Grab your family, friends and neighbours
and join in this awesome community event

Entry fee: \$20 per car*

ROAD LEGAL VEHICLE/DRIVER

12pm: Sausage Sizzle

ST ANDREW'S CARPARK, 10 COX STREET

4.30pm-ish: Prizegiving

HOSTED BY ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

*REGISTRATION IS NON-REFUNDABLE AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY 24 APRIL

PRE-REGISTER YOUR TEAM NOW

AMAZINGRACEGERALDINE@GMAIL.COM OR FACEBOOK: AMAZING RACE GERALDINE