



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 6, Term 3
Thursday 30 August 2018

From our Deputy Principal

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

As this newsletter is circulated, I will be up at Mt Hutt, enjoying a day of fine weather (hopefully!) and great **skiing with Tangaroa syndicate** (Year 5 and 6). I know the senior classes have been looking forward to this day for some time. Thank you to all the parents who have assisted with this day, in terms of transport and supervision and to our team of teachers who have done all the organising. The time involved in such an activity and for it to be successful is significant.

Tomorrow we will be taking our **chess team** to the South Canterbury Primary Schools Tournament. They have been practising alongside other members from the Chess Club throughout the term. We wish them all the very best and again, recognise parents who are transporting and supervising.

Two Fridays ago our **Kapa Haka** group performed at the Flava Festival. It was wonderful to see them on stage, performing with confidence and giving it their all. To prepare for such an event takes a lot of time and I acknowledge the efforts from the group alongside their tutors and whanau – congratulations.

Each term we review different **policies** as part of our three-year cycle and encourage parents to be involved in the review process. The policies due for review this term are complaints and behaviour management. If you go to our school website – www.geraldine.school.nz, click on the School Info tab at the top, then the School Policies tab to the left, you will be taken to a page that will provide access information to our school policy portal – SchoolDocs.

Our Family Support Worker, Deana Averill and I will be hosting a **Coffee Morning** on **Thursday 13 September** in the school staff room from 9 – 10am. This is a chance for parents to come together, meet and talk with others. All parents are welcome to come along and we particularly encourage parents who are new to GPS this year.

Finally, a further reminder about our **muffi day tomorrow** to raise money for the Cancer Society. Please bring a gold coin.

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

*Ngā mihi nui,
Andrew Leverton
Principal / Tumuaki*

School Notices

3 Way Conferences – Friday 7 September 8.15am – 5.15pm

3 Way Conferences are on Friday 7th September. Please go

to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and use the code cfr85 to make your bookings.

Mrs Chelley Leov in Room 3 is not available for late afternoon interviews on this day, but will be available for the following Wednesday 12th. Please scroll further down the booking page to access the times.

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.

Daffodil Day Mufti Day - Friday 31 August

Wear mufti or yellow if you wish and bring a coin donation to place on our daffodil. Proceeds will be donated to the Cancer Society. This is one of the causes we as a school support by helping with a fundraising activity.

This is one of the ways we show support for our Sun Smart Accreditation programme as that is about trying to prevent cancer in future years.

2018 GPS Basketball teams

We have had a great number of children return their permission forms and we currently have 6 teams registered for the South Canterbury Competition. These team lists can be found on the inside hall and the library windows.

20 year 5 and 5 Boys have not been allocated a team as we are short of coaches. Please if you are interested in coaching a team, or know of anybody, contact Sam, our Kiwisport Co-ordinator gcs.kiwisport@gmail.com

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.

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: Barnaby, R15 and Isabella, R8

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following students who received a prize in the Gotcha draw recently: Keira, R2; Deanna, R15; Jess F, R2; Elin, R17; Liam, R8; Daniel, R1

PB4L Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who received a PB4L Certificate at Assembly on 23 August:

R1	Saloman Shrestha	R2	Harry Fitzsimons	R3	Danny Batty
R4	Kitty Bell	R5	Violet Weir	R6	Poppy Shannon
R7	Aliza Ozols	R8	Josie Herbert	R9	Sophie Johnson
R10	Jock Fishher	R11	Charlie Nichol	R12	AdeleStack
R14	Emily Coles	R15	Molly Edge	R17	Gemma Price

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.

2018 Term Dates

Term 3 23 July – 28 September **Term 4** 15 October – 18 December

Home & School

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

Lily Bulbs: The catalogue of available bulbs is now at the office with order forms. Get in quick before all the favourites are snapped up! Home & School receive a percentage of these sales so a win-win for keen gardeners and our children.

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.
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Community Notices



AORANGI HOLSTEIN FRIESIAN CLUB

Are Rescuing Calf Pet Day!

We are providing an *On Farm Calf Club* in your area.

Judged on your own farm! No need to travel!

Criteria:

Open to All Dairy Breds

Open to any Calf and Child combo

Calf is well presented /care of animal
(is not required to be clipped)

Child to be able to lead the calf
(preschool children parents can help lead)

Ability to answer simple knowledge questions about your calf

Photo class: Best Selfie with you and your calf

Judged in age classes

Place getters will agree to having a photo of you and your calf for publicity.

Entries Close 30 September 2018

Judging will be 10-11 October 2018

Prizes are provided by Farmsource and Farmlands.

Register your interest Now!

with Maxine at melrosefarms@farmside.co.nz

Please include Name and age of child/ren
and School/Pre-school they attend.

*"We love our cows, love our calves and are awesome at our jobs!"
'Proud to be a Dairy Farmer in NZ'*

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.

Wanted: Children of all ages who love to sing for fun to join Kidzsing on Tuesdays from 3.30-4.30pm at the Academy, 79 Talbot Street. Family fee \$20 per term. Afternoon tea provided. Ph Trisha 027 736 7822

Geraldine Scout Group Open Day

16 September, 1.30-3.30, Geraldine Scout Den, 133 Talbot Street

FREE beginner tennis coaching sessions starting on 2nd September.

These sessions are aimed at beginner tennis players up to approx 10 years who might like to start playing tennis.

This is **FREE** to participants - but we do require pre-registrations to determine numbers - the registration form is available via our website. Tennissouthcanterbury.co.nz

www.fairlie.school.nz', and 'Entries close Monday 3rd September at 5.00 pm'. On the left side of the poster, there are two vertical orange bars of varying heights."/>

MT. DOBSON
TEKAPU * NEW ZEALAND

Dynastar Mackenzie District Ski Race 2018

Monday 10 September 2018

DYNASTAR 

Monday 10 September 2018 (postponement Tuesday 11 September)
Age Divisions (Girls and Boys) - Years 1-2; Years 3-4; Years 5-6

For Entry Form and Details via www.fairlie.school.nz
Entries close Monday 3rd September at 5.00 pm



Friday 7th September

7pm until 10pm

Woodbury Hall \$10 per ticket

Geraldine Ladies Spring Fling

Tickets available from The Running Duck,
Debbie Oliver 0272153698 or our Facebook Page.

2018 Profits to Geraldine Toy Library

Complimentary Supper * Spot Prizes * Auctions

Raffle * Entertainment * 30+ Stalls

Red Lunchbox Mexican Food

DAHM Good Coffee

