



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 8, Term 4
Thursday 6 December 2018

From our Principal

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

This week we had our EnviroSchools Bronze accreditation. This involved a morning of discussion and a school tour with EnviroSchools facilitators, leaders of the Green Team and Enviro team staff. It was rewarding to reflect on our journey over the past three years and share our progress. We are now a Bronze EnviroSchool!

On Monday, 17 December we will be singing Christmas songs on the Village Green from 11.15am. If it is wet, this will be held in the school hall from 11.30am. This will be followed by a family picnic at school, which will also be in the hall if it is wet. At 1pm we will be having our Leavers Assembly. Again, all family members are welcome to attend these events. This day is the last full day for children for the year. Buses will run in the morning only.

Your child's report comes home next Thursday. Included with it will be your child's class for 2019 and a stationery list.

A heads up regarding a couple of events early in term 1.

On Wednesday 30 January there will be a Chromebook Set up session in the hall from 10.30am to 2.30pm. This will be particularly relevant for students with new Chromebooks. Students who had their own Chromebook in Year 4 this year won't need to come.

We will be having a powhiri for our new staff, students and families on Thursday 31st January 2019 at 9am in the school hall. All new and existing families are welcome to attend the powhiri. New staff, students and parents will be led into the hall and seated at the front.

Our start of Year Family BBQ is set for Thursday 7 February. The school pool will be open, as will the PE shed for games equipment. Put this date in your diaries for next year!

On behalf of the staff and Board of Trustees, I wish all members of the GPS community a safe and enjoyable summer break. For our leavers, we wish you all the best for 2019 and for our returning students we look forward to seeing you again in late January.

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

Ngā mihi nui,

Andrew Leverton
Principal / Tumuaki

School Notices

School Disco

Friday 14 December 2018

Years 0-3 6 – 7/15 pm

Years 4-6 7.15 – 8.45 pm

The disco will be supervised by staff. Parents need to drop their children off and pick them up again at the end of the sessions. For safety and organization reasons could all children please be picked up from the school playground side of the hall. Please note this disco is for Geraldine Primary School children only.

Thanks to the Home and School for providing money to purchase food, drink, prizes and decorations. The children do not need to bring any money to the disco.

New Students

A special welcome to Sandro who started in Room 7 recently.

Classes – 2019.

This year we will be trialling an alternative way to inform you which class your child will be in for 2019. In past years this has been announced towards the end of the summer holidays. This year, a note will come home with your child's report and 2019 stationery list on Thursday 13 December. This will outline what room they are in, along with the class information listed below. Considerable time is spent drafting and finalising class lists and we consider a variety of factors when determining the composition of each class.

Class and syndicate structure for the start of 2019 is as follows:

Tāne Mahuta syndicate - Years 1 and 2

Andrea Bathgate	Room 9	NE / Year 1
Dominique Grant	Room 6	Year 1
Erin Couper	Room 7	Year 1 / 2
Rochelle Fisher	Room 2	Year 1 / 2
	(start in Room 15 until Room 2 upgraded)	
Siobhan Hayward / Pauline Ramsay	Room 8	Year 2

Tāwhirimātea syndicate - Years 3 and 4

Kirsty Smith	Room 11	Year 3
Elizabeth Murray	Room 12	Year 3
Cathy Taiaroa	Room 10	Year 4
Jo Drake / Sarah Wilson	Room 17	Year 4
	(Claire Lovelock to cover Sarah Wilson for approximately first 5 weeks)	

Tangaroa syndicate - Years 5 and 6

Fiona Wilcox	Room 1	Year 5
	(start in library until Room 1 upgraded)	
Chelley Leov / Sarah Wilson	Room 3	Year 5
	(Sarah Wilson to cover Mrs Leov's leave for approximately first 5 weeks)	
Sarah Strowger	Room 4	Year 6
Ingrid Hanrahan / Murray Davidson	Room 5	Year 6

Learning Support

Debbie Scott Room 14

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following students who received a prize in the Gotcha draw recently: Jordan, R12; Bryn, R2; Maddie, R11; Tasman, R4; Macaulay, R12; Kayne, R17.

PB4L Certificates 25 October

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

R1	Manaia Sheed	R2	Aiden Harris	R3	Joe O'Kane
R4	Chloe Farmer	R5	Lilly Grant	R6	Jonnadien Corn
R7	Lachie Hyde	R8	Kip Lester	R9	Cooper York
R10	Milly Chapman	R11	Grace Worner	R12	Eve Upton
R14	Chloe Farmer	R17	Katie Coles		

Swimming Pool Keys

Our swimming pool is up and running for the summer and it is wonderful to see and hear children getting so much enjoyment from it. A reminder that pool keys can be hired from the school office for \$60.

Helpers Morning Tea

Wednesday 12 December, from 10.30am in our school hall.

If you have helped our school in any way this year and would like to come along to our Helpers Morning Tea, you are most welcome.

Online Payments

For those who wish to pay school donations and activity fees online, our account number is: ANZ 01-0841-0024832-10

Room 13

Thank you to the families that have already donated to our room 13 fundraising. We need the school families help to fund this classroom. We're happy for families to set up automatic payments if that makes budgeting easier.

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, have changed contact phone numbers, 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.

Calendar

Term 4

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

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

Waitangi Day	Wednesday 6 February
Queen's Birthday	Monday 3 June
Teacher Only Day	Tuesday 4 June
South Canterbury Anniversary	Monday 23 September
Labour Day	Monday 28 October

Term 1

Week 1

Thursday 31 January	Powhiri 9am, School Hall
Friday 1 February	Swimming starts

Week 2

Wednesday 6 February	Waitangi Day – school closed
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Week 3

Thursday 14 February	Senior Triathlon
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Week 4

Thursday 21 February

GPS Swimming Sports

Week 5

Thursday 28 February &
Friday 1 March

Year 5 Camp at Raincliff

Week 6

Tuesday 5 March to
Friday 8 March

Year 6 Camp at Lindisfarne

Home & School

Fun Run 2018: We are all go for this Friday 7 December at 1pm. Children to come to school dressed in their school colours for the day, and please bring a spare set of (dry) clothes for afterwards! The Fun Run has a great atmosphere, so school community and extended family, please feel free to join in the fun. Each student participating in the Fun Run will receive a free ice-cream, but ice-creams will also be available for other family members for \$2. Thanks in advance to all those who have sourced sponsorship and returned your forms/money to the Office, but it is not too late to return your sponsorship before the end of the school year. We will give an update of funds raised for our Term 1 swimming lessons via the GPS Home & School Facebook page next week. Thanks to the Fun Run Subcommittee for all their organisation and implementation for this event.

Christmas Trees: We are once again offering pine Christmas trees from the GPS tree plantation for sale next week. Pre-orders are required to secure your tree. Trees will cost \$20 and orders can be made via text to Helen England 021 114 9897 or via the GPS Home & School Committee Facebook page. Trees will be cut to order and available after school next week on a day/s to be confirmed via the Home & School Facebook page. Payment will be due on pick-up. Proceeds from this fundraising venture will go to the Home & School.

Sausage Sizzle 2019: Just a heads up that sausages will cost \$2 next year, the first price increase for many years. Any outstanding sausage cards will still be accepted.

Second Hand Uniform: If you are looking for uniform for next year, second hand uniform is available at Rosie's second hand clothing in Peel Street. Rosie's is open Tuesday to Thursday 10.30am to 3.30pm. We request that donations of uniform for Rosie's 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.

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 or contact Janene 027 555 6524

SCMTB Club is running a kids mountain bike race on **Sunday, 16 December**. This will be the last for the year and will be dependent on weather between now and then – follow our Facebook page for updates.

Location: based around the main lake area in the Scenic Reserve, Timaru - look for the MTB race signs.

Time: sign up from 11.30am, race starts at 12.00pm.

Suitable for: ages 2-12.

Details: kids ride as many laps as they want around the track in 30mins - \$2 entry fee and every child gets a chocolate fish at the end.

Temuka Geraldine Rotary

The Temuka Geraldine Rotary Club wish to invite Primary School children and their families to a **Magic Show** with Magician Jonathan Usher. There is no charge for this event, but donations will be accepted.

We are having two shows on Sunday 9th December

2.00pm Geraldine Primary School Hall 73 Wilson St Geraldine

4.00pm St Joseph's Church Hall corner of Denmark and Hornbrook Streets Temuka

There are maximum numbers allowed in each of the venues, so first in first served.