



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 4, Term 4
Thursday 8 November 2018

From our Principal

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

A week ago on the school Facebook page I posted information about the pending **primary school teacher and principal strike action**. This is set to take place next Thursday, 15 November. The Board of Trustees has decided to close the school on this day to allow members of the Union to attend meetings. There will be no buses running on this day and we ask that all parents make alternative arrangements for their children while school is closed. We recognize that this will be an inconvenience to many families however the situation that teachers and principals find themselves in does require further action.

At the time of writing there has been no further notified progress to negotiations between the Ministry of Education and the NZ Educational Institute (NZEI). To go to a second strike day shows the gap that is currently existing in these negotiations around key areas of concern namely;

The current teacher shortage with many schools reporting that they are unable to attract and retain staff,

A desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs, and
Adjustment to pay scales to address the shortage to ensure that teaching remains a desirable profession to enter and remain in.

Last week a flyer came home outlining **property developments for Rooms 10 and 13**. The Board of Trustees is looking to remove Room 13 to enable a new classroom to be built adjacent to Room 10. As Room 13 is owned by the school, we are responsible for the development and funding of this new classroom. The flyer was sent home in a bid to attract donations from school families. We will also be approaching the business community for their support with this exciting project. If you are able to support this project in any way, please complete the flyer or contact either myself or the school office more details.

We will also be looking to upgrade Rooms 1 and 2 with work commencing on these classrooms hopefully over the summer holidays.

A reminder that tomorrow we are having a **muffi day** in support of the Geraldine Children Social Work Trust. Children will be able to wear muffi and we ask that they bring a gold coin donation to support this worthy cause in our local community.

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

Ngā mihi nui,

Andrew Leverton
Principal / Tumuaki

School Notices

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 14th – more details to follow.

New Students

A special welcome to Taylah, R15; Benjamin, R17; and Shelby, R6.

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following students who received a prize in the Gotcha draw recently: Maddi, R17; Phoebe, R3; Kendra, R3; Tom, R6; Ruby, R6; and Barnaby, R15.

PB4L Certificates 25 October

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

R1	Murphey	R2	Alex	R3	Kendra	R4	Poppy
R5	Ethan	R6	Nikau	R7	Alex	R8	Paris
R9	Sofie	R10	Troy	R11	Maddie	R12	Shanae
R14	Elizabeth	R15	Jamie	R17	Addy		

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.

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 as soon as possible or by Friday 17 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.

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.

Calendar

Term 4

Week 4

Friday 9 November	Muffi Day for Geraldine Children Social Worker Trust
Saturday 10 November	Car Boot Sale, 8.30am – 1pm

Week 5

Tuesday 13 November	WAVE Challenge afternoon
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Week 6

Friday 23 November	District Athletics
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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

Thursday 13 December	Reports home
Friday 14 December	GPS Disco

Week 10

Monday 17 December	Last school bus (am only) Carols 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

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

Car Boot Sale: This **Saturday 10 November**, 08.30 - 1.30, Geraldine Primary School
Thank you to Debbie Oliver and her team of helpers for putting in the effort and time to organise this popular event for 2018. Funds raised will go to the valuable services provided by the Social Workers' Trust. The work of the school Social Worker helps all our students, School teachers/staff and community so your support for this event is really appreciated. Check out the flyer and Facebook posts for all of the great attractions on the day. You can help to raise funds by dropping off a donation of baking to the School Hall on Friday 9 Nov by 9.00am. We also really need some more offers for volunteers to help out on the day for an hour or two, if you are able to assist, please contact Helen England on 021 1149 897.

Fun Run 2018: Friday 30 November, 1pm

Have you seen the flyer? We are organising our own in-house Fun Run for 2018 to raise funds for our annual swimming lessons for all students in Term 1. Whilst this time we will not have the sponsored prizes from Adidas, we will get to keep 100% of funds raised. All participants will receive an ice cream however, and the best part for the students is doing the Fun Run/obstacle course itself. There will be some spot prizes and whanau points on the day and students will dress in their whanau colours. It was a really great atmosphere last time, so please feel welcome for family and friends to attend and support our children and enjoy their enthusiasm. A sponsorship form is on the back of the flyer that went home with the students, so please help us to raise the funds for these valuable swimming lessons.

Michael van den Elzen cookbook tour: thanks to those who attended this event. It was an informative session and there are sure to be some motivated children who will be creating quick and healthy dishes for their families - the beef noodle salad was a hit for our family. We are still calculating the funds raised, but looks to be in the region of \$350.

Sausage Sizzle: Sausages are available for our children every Friday lunchtime. Orders are taken on the hall veranda 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 12 Nov, 7pm, Staff Room. New members most welcome.

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 PRIMARY SCHOOL SATURDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

8.30AM TILL 1.30PM

**LOADS OF STALLS WITH LOTS OF BARGINS
MR WHIPPY & LIL' ORBIT DONUTS ATTENDING
(weather permitting)**

**CAKE STALL, SAUSAGE SIZZLE, RAFFLES, FOODBANK
COLLECTION POINT, THE UKELELE PEOPLE
PERFORMING (HUGH & FI)**

**PROCEEDS TO THE GERALDINE CHILDREN'S SOCIAL
WORK TRUST**

**BOOK AND PAY YOUR SITE FEE \$20 IN AT GERALDINE
PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICE**

Geraldine Pavilion Drop In Open Day Saturday 17th November 10 - 2 pm: Find out what is being recommended for Geraldine facilities (sporting and recreational - including hobbies and interests) for the future. Tour the Pavilion to see what it is like now and how it could look in the future. Be part of it and have your say. For more information phone Janene Adams 027 555 6524.

Winchester Rural School Twilight Market Friday 9 November 5-8pm

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children & families

Coffee 'n a Chat

For Single Parents in Geraldine

With the support of The Community Trust of Mid and South Canterbury, Birthright Canterbury are happy to provide this service for Geraldine.

When: Friday, 9th November at 3:30 pm–4:30 pm

**Where: Geraldine Academy of Performance & Arts
79 Talbot Street Geraldine**

Birthright Canterbury Trust specialises in working with families led by one person. Their vision is to build nurtured, resilient and inspired children and families.

- A safe and welcoming place for single parents
- Have a cuppa with the company of other single parents
- Have a chat with a Social Worker
- Children welcome to come along

If you are keen to attend, please phone **021 158 0031** or

0800 457 146, or email office@birthrightcanterbury.org.nz.