



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 11, Term 1
Thursday 11 April 2019

From our Principal

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

The first term is almost over and children and staff will no doubt be looking forward to the break ahead. We have had a number of events taking place over the term – many thanks to parents and staff who have planned, assisted and attended these activities.

There are many people within our school community who work together to ensure that our children have variety and interest in their learning. A big thank you and well done.

Our Breakfast BBQ last Friday was again very successful and we managed to raise \$1,235.00 – another fantastic effort. This was combined with the Gumboot Day appeal to promote and support wellbeing for our young people. This raised \$455.00.

The Board of Trustees triennial elections will be taking place next term. All parents of Geraldine Primary School will be eligible to vote in this election and this is a good time for parents to consider if they wish to stand for election as a School Trustee. We will be calling for nominations in the first two weeks of next term and nominations close on Friday 24 May. We will keep you informed regarding this process. If you have any queries about being a Board member, please contact me by phoning the school, or emailing – principal@geraldine.school.nz , or by contacting our Board Chair, Justin O'Brien through the school office.

The last round of Teacher and Principal Union meetings were postponed in light of the tragic events in Christchurch. These meetings have now been rescheduled for early next term. In South Canterbury these will occur on Thursday 9th May to discuss the most recent offer from the Ministry of Education. Most of the teachers at Geraldine Primary School will be attending an early afternoon meeting, thus enabling the school to remain open for the day.

The organisation for this day will be the same as what it would have been last time and is as follows:

Normal classes will operate until 12.15pm. There will be 3-4 teachers remaining at school in the afternoon until the end of the school day, along with some teacher aides. Normal classroom programmes will stop at 12.15pm, with an alternative programme in place after the lunch break. At 12.15pm, parents are welcome to collect their children from school if they don't want them to remain for the afternoon's alternative programme. This programme will occur with the above reduced staffing. Buses will still depart at the normal time of 2.45pm.

Earlier this week the upgrade of Rooms 1 and 2 was completed. This has seen new carpet, wall coverings and paint in the classes which gives them a much needed freshen up ready for the start of term 2. Planning for the upgrade of Room 10 and a new build for Room 13 is well underway and we anticipate that this will commence next term.

Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable break. I look forward to seeing you all again next term.

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

Ngā mihi nui,

Andrew Leverton
Principal / Tumuaki

School Notices

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following students who received a prize in the Gotcha draw at assembly: Jorja, R4; Lance, R12; Daniel, R1; Adele, R11; Gaby, R8; Gruze, R11.

PB4L Certificates

The following students received PB4L Certificates at assembly recently:

R1	Milly Chapman	R2	Jorja Patrick	R3	Chloe Halsey
R5	Kendra Patmore	R6	Deanna Tozer	R7	Ruby Oliver
R8	Molly Patrick	R9	Levi Tubb	R10	Olivia McLaren
R11	Charlotte Taylor	R12	Ollie Christensen	R14	Jacob Cunningham
R17	Eli Reardon				

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.

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.

Please feel free to ask at the office to check the information we currently hold for you.

Leaving after School from Wilson Street

We would ask that after school parents leaving the school grounds with their children on the Wilson Street side, please use the Pool gate entrance by Room 14. This is a request for safety to avoid confusion for children getting on the buses and also to ensure that no one crosses the road between the buses.

Bus Students

A reminder that all bus students must wear a bus vest.

Parents/caregivers should not remove their Primary School children at Geraldine High School. There are systems in place to ensure the safety of all bus students. Once our Primary School children are on the bus they go over to the High School where some of them move one bus forwards or backwards to their "home" bus before the High School students arrive. Parents/caregivers removing children at this time can cause confusion and delays.

Calendar

Term 1

Week 11

Friday 12 April Open Assembly – 1.30pm, hosted by the Junior Syndicate

Term 2

Week 1

Monday 29 April Term 2 commences 8.50am

Week 2

Thursday 9 May Teacher and Principal Union meeting (school still open)

Week 3

Wednesday 15 May R5 Kayaking
Kids Lit Quiz at Waihi

Week 4

Wednesday 22 May R4 Kayaking
BOT Meeting, 5.30pm
School Cross Country time tbc

Week 5

Monday 27 May Postponement School Cross Country
Wednesday 29 May(tbc) Oral Language evening for parents/whanau from
Local schools and early childhood centres 7-8pm

Week 6

Monday 3 June Queens Birthday – school closed
Tuesday 4 June Teacher Development day – school closed

2019 Term Dates

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

We are fortunate to have a supportive community to assist GPS in many different ways. If you would like to become involved with the school support network, there are many different ways and levels of involvement.

Trail Bike Ride Fundraiser:

- 1 Person needed to assist with the sausage sizzle at the Trail Bike Ride on Sunday 14 April (this Sunday!).
- 1 Person needed with their own trail bike to be a marshal. This person will have free entry to the event.
- The Dahm Good Coffee cart will also be in attendance.

This is a very lucrative fundraiser for us (fingers crossed for favourable weather) in exchange for selling sausages and burgers. Please contact Jane Harmon on 027 637-6313 if you are able to help.

Entertainment Book: A first for GPS Home & School. We have been fortunate to secure the sale of the very popular Entertainment Books for 2019/2020. Bargains and discounts galore await the lucky purchaser. Each book costs \$70 and it will not take long to make this saving and more. It covers the Canterbury and Nelson region and a display book is available in the School Office. An order form will be sent home soon to each family. Home & School will receive \$14 from each book sold so it really is a win-win situation. Order forms will need to be back to the School Office by the 9th May. Or you can order direct from the website at: <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/95u9713>
Thank you for your support.

Dancing with the Stars: This awesome community event is happening again. Further info will be announced in the coming weeks. **Save the date: 22nd June!**

Sausage Sizzle: We are currently seeking a couple more volunteers to assist with our sausage sizzle on a Friday, as we have lost several helpers as their children have left GPS at the end of 2018. If we have sufficient volunteers, this only involves helping once per term, so if you are able to spare a little time on a Friday every few months, please contact our Sausage Sizzle Coordinator, Emma Burnside on 027 635-7012.

A reminder to our existing families that sausages now cost \$2 per sausage, our first price increase for many years. Existing sausage cards will be honoured. Sausages are available for our children every Friday lunchtime. Orders are taken on Friday mornings prior to school starting 0820 – 0850. Sausages cost \$2.00 each. Payment is by cash (correct amount please) or by purchasing a card for 10 sausages (\$20.00) from the Office. Gluten free sausages are available for purchase for \$2.00. 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: A reminder that donations of second hand GPS uniform are to be handed in to the School Office.

Next Meeting: Mon 13th May, 7pm, School Staffroom, New members 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.



Beautiful Valley Trailride

SUNDAY 14th APRIL 2019

VENUE: The Spurs, Beautiful Valley, Geraldine
(signposted from Geraldine/Fairlie Hwy, 15 minutes from Geraldine)

SIGN ON & SCRUTINEERING: Sunday from 9.30am

COST \$60.00 Rider
\$90.00 Family
(parents & children 16 years & under)
Mini / Peewee Riders Free - Parents Supervision

REQUIREMENTS: Bikes & Riding Gears Must Be Clean
Boots, Helmet & Spark Arrestor Muffler (Compulsory)
No Dogs Please.



“ Proudly Supports The Safety Of This Event”

- 5 HILL COUNTRY FARMS AND FORESTRY
- SUITABLE FOR TRAILBIKES & QUADBIKES
- CHILDRENS & BEGINNERS SHORTCUTS
- BBQ/REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
- KNOBBLY TYRES ESSENTIAL
- FUNDRAISING FROM GERALDINE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Enquires to Email

EMAIL: trailrides@xtra.co.nz for event posters & cancellation notices
www.facebook.com/adventuretrailridesevents



Guitar lessons starting at the Geraldine Academy on Wed afternoons for beginners and intermediate levels. Phone Dylan 0273446630

Want to learn a martial art in a friendly and supportive environment ? This is a great way to get fit and build confidence. Learn new skills and meet new people. Ideal for all ages. Students and their parents are invited to come and try out the Seido Karate beginners class on Thursday's at the Geraldine Bowling club rooms on the Domain at 5 pm-6 pm. The cost is just \$2 per person. You can contact Lizzy on 020 4176 4403 for any other information.

Petition Against Proposed Geraldine High School Enrolment Zone: Please sign this petition to ensure as many rural families as possible still have the option of sending their children to Geraldine High School, should they choose to. We need to send a clear message to the Ministry of Education that our community recognises the adverse affects imposing a zone will have on our whole town, and we do not support the proposal as it stands. The petition is online at https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/petitions/document/PET_86604/petition-of-frances-coles-enlarge-the-proposed-geraldine so all you need to do is click!

Geraldine Kindergarten Home based Education and Care is available in the Woodbury area. We recently welcomed Anna Morgan as our new caregiver. Anna has had extensive experience working with young children and is currently completing her Early Childhood training. Anna is available to care for up to 4 children under 5 years of age every day in her home . Anna is supported by the Kindergarten and regular visits from a trained teacher. Her home meets the strict regulations set by the Ministry of Education to ensure the best learning opportunities for young children.

If interested please contact Tracey Nelson (text 0275974867) or contact the Kindergarten



Mother Earth FutureFerns NNZ Year 1-2 Program

Starting Wednesday 1st May 2019
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

\$30 per child

Netball Courts, Geraldine Domain

Leander Patterson
Home – 03 693 9625 Cell – 027 465 6240

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Geraldine Netball Centre



Registration Social Netball

Social Netball in Geraldine starts Wednesday 1st May 2019 at
the Geraldine Netball Centre Courts, Geraldine Domain

New Players Welcome

Team or Individual Entries

Registration forms available by:

Emailing: geraldinenetball@gmail.com

or by contacting Justine Hancox

Home – 03 693 9368 Cell - 027 631 9338

Due in by 24th April 2019

WE WILL SUPPLY UMPIRES FOR ALL GAMES

Are you interested in umpiring on Wednesday Evenings?

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Geraldine Netball Centre

South Canterbury Rural Support to host Lance Burdett - resilience coach and crisis negotiator

During his 22 years as a police officer, Lance Burdett was heavily involved as a crisis negotiator for over 13 years and was the National Advisor for the NZ Police Negotiation Teams. Qualifying as a crisis negotiator in three international jurisdictions including the FBI, he ran numerous high-risk negotiations including the Napier Siege and the highly-publicised Paremoremo prison hostage situation. Lance was recently interviewed by TV 1 and the “Sunday” programme during the aftermath of the recent Christchurch shootings because he has the expertise in responding to emergencies and communicating in challenging situations.

In 1999, Lance had depression caused by burnout. After studying the causes, **he now provides presentations and workshops on how to overcome the pressure and stress that a modern world brings to our slow-developing brain.** In his presentations, Lance provides practical, simple, and intuitive techniques on how to get to sleep quickly and stay asleep, how to significantly reduce worry, how to bring balance to your life with a small change, and ways to overcome the numerous challenges we face on a daily basis. He uses humorous anecdotes to describe how our brains tend to see only negative things and then exaggerate them to leave us feeling overwhelmed. More importantly, he brings a solution to ‘retrain’ our brain.

Lance’s speciality was, and still is, suicide intervention and prevention and in predicting violent behaviour. Along with the skills he learned through this first-hand experience, Lance has a Master of Arts Degree, majoring in Terrorism, Safety and Security. He has a Graduate Diploma in Business Studies, a Diploma in Policing and a Graduate Certificate in Applied Management.

He has a track record of leading successful teams through recruitment, training, professional development, motivation and welfare support. His clients include government departments and businesses and **he has started working with the Rural Support Trust to help rural people deal with stress.**

Lance is a fascinating and entertaining presenter with a wealth of knowledge and expertise in the field of personal resilience who will leave you inspired and motivated.

For more about Lance visit the **Farmers Weekly March 18th page 30** or go to:

<https://farmersweekly.co.nz/section/other-sectors/view/a-good-man-to-have-in-a-crisis>



**ENJOY A FREE MEAL &
LEARN HOW TO REDUCE
STRESS**

**Hear from former police
crisis negotiator turned
resilience coach**

**LANCE
BURDETT**

**MONDAY MAY 6TH
6.30PM TO 9PM**

**Mackenzie Rugby Football
Clubrooms Fairlie**

**Tickets at PGG Wrightson
Geraldine and Farmlands &
Heartlands Fairlie**