



Geraldine Primary

Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve
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Newsletter

Week 2, Term 3
Friday 2 August 2019

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

Welcome back to the start of Term 3 everyone. I trust that your children are ready and excited for the term ahead them.

You will have seen the Room 10 and 13 building work that has commenced over the holidays. Some good progress has been made on this project, with much still to occur. I would like to acknowledge the families and local businesses who have sponsored this project. We are still taking donations of any denomination; if you would like to make a donation, please contact the school office. We are currently making applications to Charitable Trusts to help us reach our goal.

We currently have the Life Education caravan onsite which will remain with us until the middle of next week. Students will be visiting the caravan and learning about resilience.

At the start of last week we welcomed 17 new students to our school, which included 7 new entrants and 10 students throughout the rest of the school. I hope that they are all settling into GPS and have enjoyed the first two weeks here.

Towards the end of last term we started a Newcomers Club for new students in Years 1-6. They will meet fortnightly with Debbie Scott and Deana Averill. This will hopefully be one way to make them feel welcome in our school and get to know other new students who have joined during the year.

If parents need to collect their child/ren during the school day, we ask that you let the school office know an approximate time that you will collect them so that they can wait in the school office for you. For last minute pick-ups, we ask that parents report to the school office and a staff member will collect your child from the classroom or we will phone through.

Our Year 5 and 6 trip to Tekapo was postponed today due to the weather forecast. This will now occur next Friday, 9 August.

With the possibility of snow we have various procedures in place to deal with school closure before the start of the day or during the school day. Our primary concern is always around safety and decisions are based on this. Our school Facebook and Skool Loop App will provide necessary updates. Local radio stations will also provide information if we close before the start of the school day. As staff have to phone parents of bus students if the buses are required to leave early, it is important to understand that all phone lines will be in use. Our initial priority will be to ensure that bus students are away safely. Non bus students will be looked after by staff in designated classes.

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

Until next time,

Andrew Leverton
Principal | Tumanaki

School Notices

New Students

A special welcome to: Esmée Jamieson and Charlii Maxwell, R15; Jesse Walker, R3; Esmae Walker, R2; Darwin Kruize, R1; Ginny Kruize and Shayden O’Keeffe, R12; Sam Harvey, R11; Noah Harvey, R6; Ben Cotton-Stickings, R4; and Eva Pridham, Zac Wilson, Millicent Newton, Lottie Smyth, Maisie Wrigley, Henry Marsden and Jonathan Peckley who all started in R9 this term.

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following students who received a prize in the Gotcha draw at assembly last week: Jackson, R7; Justin, R4; Myra, R11; Lachlan, R9; Sophia, R12; SKylah, R2.

Well done to Jorja McCale who was presented with a certificate for earning 80 Gotchas.

Enviro Awards – Juniors
R9 – bins and R2 – power saving

PB4L Certificates

Well done to the children who received PB4L Certificates at Assembly:

R1	Siobhan Stack	R2	Haries Parmintuan	R3	Mya Henry
R4	Justin Higgins	R5	Briar Cunningham	R6	Ruby Brook
R7	Tom Avery	R8	Alex Coleman	R9	Mia Patterson
R10	Kathy Kwang	R11	Jane Harris	R12	William Pirie
R14	Ben Phillips	R15	Meila Pawson	R17	Sam O’Connor

Online Payments

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

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.**

Uniform Logo Embroidery

Lynn River, Talbot Street, Geraldine, have purchased The Little House Embroidery business and now embroider our GPS logo onto Merino Jerseys and Hats if you require this service, please phone 693 0000.

Calendar

Term 3

Week 3

Friday 9 August Y5 & 6 ice skating (postponement)– Tekapo

Week 4

Tuesday 13 August Y5 bushcraft
Wednesday 14 August Y5 bushcraft postponement
Thursday 15 August EPro8 challenge semi final

Week 5

Monday 19 August GHS Open Day
25 August Family Ski Day, Roundhill

Week 6

Wednesday 28 August School Photos
BOT meeting, 6pm staffroom
Thursday 29 August Y5 & 6 ski trip
Sunday 1 September Fathers' Day

2019 Term Dates

Term 2 29 April – 5 July

Term 3 22 July – 27 September

Term 4 14 October – 18 December

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.

Dancing with the Stars: The GPS Home and School would like to thank Addmore Foods for their sponsorship of Dancing with the Stars and apologise for omitting them from previous advertising. Thanks again to all our amazing sponsors!

Second Hand Uniform: Any donations of second hand GPS uniform can be handed in to the School Office.

Sausage Sizzle Info: 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 on the hall veranda, 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.

Next Meeting: Mon 2 September, 7pm, School Staffroom, new members welcome.

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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.

2019/20 Entertainment books \$70.00 from the Geraldine Primary School office.

Kids DISCO: Friday 9th August held at the Geraldine Scout Den on Talbot St. \$2 entry plus chips, drink and glowsticks on sale. 5.30 - 6.30 pm for 5-7 yrs and 6.45 - 7.45 pm for 8-12 years. Fundraiser for Geraldine Scouts.



A colorful poster for tennis coaching sessions. At the top left is the 'TENNIS South Canterbury' logo. To the right, it says 'Sponsored by ACTION SPORTS (NZ) Wilson'. The main title is 'FREE! Beginners Tennis Coaching Sessions' with 'HOT SHOTS' in large, colorful letters. Below the title are three circular images of children playing tennis. The text continues: '1st - 22nd September Starting Sunday 1st September from 9:30am (45 Minute sessions) BRING A RACQUET'. It also mentions '4 weeks of fully subsidised coaching sessions for beginner players. At the Trust Aoraki Tennis Centre'. A large pink box says 'REGISTER ONLINE NOW!'. At the bottom, it says 'www.tennissouthcanterbury.co.nz'.



A poster for an auction. At the top, it says 'FUNDRAISER FOR ANGLICAN PARISH OF GERALDINE'. The main title is 'AUCTION OF TALENTS' in large red letters. Below the title is an illustration of a white figure holding a gavel over a red oval containing '\$25'. The text below the illustration says 'FRIDAY 2 AUGUST 7PM WOODBURY HALL'. At the bottom, it says 'Complimentary mulled wine and supper · Cash bar' and 'Tickets from the ANGLICAN PARISH OFFICE 03 693 8380 or JANE GIBSON on 027 224 5022'.

Funsticks Hockey in Geraldine - Term 3

Funsticks will be run at the Geraldine High School turf on Friday afternoons in term 3. Sessions are 45 mins long and include basic skills and game time. Loansticks available.

Enquires to Hils McCullough at nofrillshils@gmail.com