



Geraldine Primary

Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve
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Newsletter

Week 5, Term 3

Wednesday 21 August 2019

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

Last week our **EPro8** (technology challenge) team of Summer, JJ, Zoe and Jessica competed in the area semi finals, having previously qualified by coming first in the heats, which took place in June. In the semi final the team came a very respectable second place. They have now qualified for the Canterbury finals, which are to be held at the University of Canterbury next Friday. Well done on this achievement!

Last Tuesday I had the pleasure of joining **Year 5 classes at Peel Forest** for their bushcraft experience. The day was led by trainee outdoor education instructors from Ara Institute. It was great to see the engagement that our students had in this enjoyable experience and also the energy, skills and passion that the instructors shared with our students. Many thanks to our parents who provided transport and supervision to make this day possible.

Over two days last week teachers from ten local early childhood centres, primary and secondary schools join together for a series of workshops on the teaching of **oral language**, which is a focus area for our Community of Learning (COL). These workshops were delivered by our oral language facilitator Del Costello, who has worked with us through this year. The two days culminated yesterday with a combined staff meeting, which saw teachers sharing what they had learnt from the workshops with each other. It is encouraging to see the teachers across the three educational sectors in our area coming together with a shared purpose and gaining many ideas for teaching oral language to our students.

I would like to mention **exiting the school at the end of the day**. For some time now we have tried to improve safety at the main exit beside the office onto Wilson Street, by setting this aside for the egress of bus students only. This is to avoid congestion and eliminate road crossing in between buses; there have unfortunately been some near misses in the past. The alternative exit onto Wilson Street for non bus students and their parents is beside the swimming pool and road crossing can be more safely done behind the buses at this point. Many thanks to all the parents who support us in this safety measure. Your co-operation is appreciated. You may have seen the widened footpath on Cox Street, which will hopefully make movement to and from the school easier.

Next Wednesday we have **school photos**. Please contact the office if you'd like a combined photo of your children.

Until next time,

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

Andrew Leverton
Principal | Tumanaki

School notices:

3WC - 3 Way Conferences

Bookings can now be made online for 3 Way Conferences, which will take place on Tuesday 10 September from 1 - 6.00 pm and Thursday 12 September from 3.10 – 5 pm.

The website to book your child's 3WC is www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. Use the event code sq9n7 to access our school portal. If you need assistance with this, please contact the school office and we will book an interview for you. Please note that bookings will close on Friday 6 September and it is important that bookings are made by this day. Teachers will be involved in 3WCs all afternoon on Tuesday 10 September and normal classes won't be taking place.

Classes will stop at 12.15 on Tuesday 10th September and non bus students will be sent home at this time. Please ensure you either collect your child from school or are at home to receive them. Buses will leave GPS at 12.20 and the High School at 12.30. Please make sure someone is at the bus stop to meet children as the buses will arrive early because there will be no High School students on board.

Daffodil Day - Friday 30 August

Wear muffi 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 ways we show support for our Sun Smart Accreditation programme as that is about trying to prevent cancer in future years.

Basketball tops

We are getting ready for the coming season and note some missing tops from last season. If your child played basketball last year, please have a look at home for any tops that may not have been returned to school.

Property developments

Work on **Rooms 10 & 13** is progressing well, with the structure of Room 13 starting to take shape. Internal colours have been selected and the main contractor Hendersons are progressing well with the external work. Fundraising towards the Room 13 replacement continues and we would like to acknowledge the wonderful generosity of the following sponsors, who have supported us so far. If other families or businesses would like to make a donation of any amount, please refer to the form at the end of this newsletter.

Platinum sponsors

Grant Pastoral

Thomas Hobson Trust

Gold sponsors

Downlands Deer

GPS Middle Syndicate students

Geraldine Auto Restorations

Silver sponsors

Lioness Club of Geraldine

Barkers Fruit Processors

Fresh Choice Geraldine

Anonymous

Bronze sponsors

Wilcox Family

Angela & Andrew Milne

Geraldine Spraying - Haden Batty and Julie Copland Batty

Shimmer and Shine Windows - Emma and Jonny Burnside

O'Brien / Catherwood Family

Johnson Gluyas Tractors

J.L. Clews

Many thanks also to other individuals and families who have donated to the Room 13 rebuild up to a value of \$250.

Skool Loop app

We are very fortunate to have the following sponsors who support our **Skool Loop app**. The app enables our parents & families to receive information about our school & can be downloaded to your cell phone easily.

* Ripper Paint Finishers

* Lynn River

* Patterson Plumbing and Drainlaying

* Laser Electrical – Geraldine

* Aorangi Veterinary Services

* LJ Hooker - Geraldine

* Earthworks Aoraki

* Dowell's Office Products

* Woodleys

* The Kitchen Cupboard

* Central Café & Grill

* Geraldine Landscapes and Hire

* Memories Connection

New Students

A special welcome to Lucah-Jayne Christey who started in Room 11 and Tumanako Stempa-Christie who started in Room 5. We hope you enjoy your time at Geraldine Primary School.

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following students who received a prize in the Gotcha draw at assembly last term: Danny, R4; Shantelle, R12; Harry, R4; Angelo, R1; Mya, R3; Mason, R11

Principal's Certificates

Well done to the children who received Principal's Certificates at Assembly on 5 July:

R1 Manaia Sheed

R2 Caitlin Nugent

R3 Harry Cradock

R4 Smilla Burns

R5 Cullen Bolt

R6 Malachi Clark

R7 Jules Beertsen

R8 Aliza Ozols

R9 Hazel Brennan

R10 Regan Nichols

R11 Justina Courage

R14 Paris McRae

R15 Taig Milne

R17 Sophie Wells

Online Payments

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

Bus Students

Once the transfer buses have left GPS at the end of the day, students can not be removed from the bus at GHS. We ask for parental co-operation in this matter. A roll is done when children get on the transfer buses at the Primary School and once they have been checked off, need to remain on the bus.

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 5

Sunday 25 August Family Ski Day, Roundhill

Week 6

Wednesday 28 August School Photos
BOT meeting, 6pm staffroom
Thursday 29 August Year 5 & 6 ski trip
Friday 30 August EPro8 Challenge final - Chch
Sunday 1 September Fathers' Day

Week 7

Monday 2 September Home and School meeting - 7pm, staffroom

Week 8

Tuesday 10 September 3 Way Conferences, 1 - 6pm. Classes stop 12.15pm
Thursday 12 September 3 Way Conferences, 3.10 - 5pm

Week 9

Monday 16 September ICS Reading exam
Tuesday 17 September ICS Maths exam
Friday 20 September Flava Festival - kapa haka

Week 10

Monday 23 September South Canterbury Anniversary Day - school closed
Wednesday 25 September Board of Trustees meeting 6pm
Friday 27 September Open Assembly - 1.30pm, hosted by the senior syndicate

2019 Term Dates

Term 2 29 April – 5 July
Term 3 22 July – 27 September
Term 4 14 October – 18 December
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. You can find out about Home and School events on our Facebook page, just search for: Geraldine Primary Home & School Committee

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

Sausage Sizzle Info: 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 \$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.

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

Community Notices



A promotional poster for 'HOT SHOTS' tennis coaching sessions. The poster features a blue and green color scheme with a large white circle containing the text 'FREE! Beginners Tennis Coaching Sessions'. Below this, it says '1st - 22nd September Starting Sunday 1st September from 9:30am (45 Minute sessions)'. It also includes the slogan 'BRING A RACQUET' and '4 weeks of fully subsidised coaching sessions for beginner players. At the Trust Aoraki Tennis Centre'. The poster is sponsored by Wilson and Action Sports. Logos for 'TENNIS South Canterbury' and 'NZ' are also present. At the bottom, it says 'REGISTER ONLINE NOW!' and provides the website 'www.tennissouthcanterbury.co.nz'.



A poster for the 'Dynastar Ski Race 2019'. The background is a photograph of a skier in a blue and green outfit skiing down a snowy mountain slope. In the top left corner, there is a logo for 'MT. DOBSON TEKAPO • NEW ZEALAND'. In the top right, a white box contains the text 'Dynastar Ski Race 2019'. In the bottom right, there is a 'DYNASTAR' logo. At the bottom, a white box contains the following text: 'Monday 2 September 2019 (postponement Tuesday 3 September)', 'Age Divisions (Girls and Boys) – Years 1-2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6', 'Fairlie Primary School event in conjunction with Mt Dobson - For Entry Form and Details via www.fairlie.school.nz', and 'Entries close Monday 26 August at 5.00pm'. There is also a small inset image of two orange skis in the bottom left corner.

The Geraldine Primary School Board of Trustees is raising funds to build a new Board-owned classroom at Geraldine Primary, replacing the existing Room 13. Because the classroom will be owned by the Board, Ministry of Education funding cannot be used for this project, and we need to raise approximately \$150,000 to supplement the funding we have put aside from our own reserves for the project.

Having an extra classroom allows the Board to keep class sizes smaller than the Ministry provision, ensuring Geraldine Primary School is able to provide students with quality educational opportunities in a fit for purpose environment. A high standard of schooling in Geraldine is vital to the town's potential to attract young families to the district, ensuring its continued growth and development for the benefit of all.

This new classroom would enable the school to suspend the use of the room at the rear of the school hall as a classroom, freeing up the space for additional opportunities such as music lessons from itinerant teachers, or targeted sessions for groups of students. It would also make it easier for a wider range of groups to access and use the school hall at all times of the day, without concerns around disturbing children's learning or the security of property.

The new classroom will be built in conjunction with a Ministry-funded upgrade to Room 10 in 2019. We are seeking donations now from the school whanau, local businesses and wider community, and hope your business will consider being part of this important new chapter in Geraldine Primary School's history.

Should they wish, donors will be recognized for the following levels:

Bronze: \$250 - \$499 Silver: \$500 - \$1,999 Gold: \$2,000 - \$4,999 Platinum: \$5,000+



Current Room 13



Concept drawing of new Room 13 connected to upgraded Room 10

Many thanks for considering a gift to our School,
 Geraldine Primary School Board of Trustees

Donations for a new classroom at Geraldine Primary School

Donation amount:

- \$100
- \$250
- \$500
- \$1000
- \$ _____

Internet Banking:

Bank: ANZ
 Account name: Geraldine Primary School Board of Trustees
 Account number: 01-0841-0024832-46
 Please use surname and Room 13 as a reference

*Any donation is gratefully received. Remember donations over \$5 are tax deductible.
 Donations of \$250 and over will be publically recognized, should you wish.*

Name of donor : _____

- I wish my donation to be anonymous I require a receipt

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