



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 6, Term 4

Thursday 21 November 2019

From the Principal...

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

Last Friday saw the completion of our Room 10 / 13 rebuild. Construction started on this project in June and the planning stages date back to 2018. To have it finish on time was a major achievement and it is testament to the positive working relationship between the school, Board of Trustees, School Support (Project Managers), Henderson Construction and Rushton Architects that has been apparent throughout the project. There were some very excited Year 4 students on Friday afternoon as they moved into their new rooms. Room 10 moved back into their remodelled classroom, while Room 17 have now vacated the classroom at the back to the hall to fill the adjacent new room. Year 3 classes in Rooms 11 and 12 will no doubt be looking forward to a less interrupted (noisy!) learning environment as well. In 2020 there will be some room number realignment, which we will let you know about before the end of the term.

There has been more sponsorship coming in of late for this development and we are most appreciative for this. The Board of Trustees continues to seek business, family or individual sponsorship of any value for this project, as part of it is owned by the Board. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter or contact the office if you would like to become either a named or anonymous sponsor this development. Any donation over \$250 will be noted on a sponsors' board, which will be fixed to a wall of the building.

On the first school day of 2020 (Monday 3 February) we will be holding an official opening of the new block, to which our school community and our sponsors will be invited. In the meantime, please feel free to pop in and have a look at the new rooms!

On recent GPS Facebook posts we have made mention of some exciting happenings and achievements, one of which was the WAVE Challenge Day, which was led by our WAVE and Whanau Group leaders. This is always an event that students look forward to in our annual calendar. Senior students Elizabeth G, Aria, Jackson and Ollie represented GPS at a memorial service for Mr Prosser, who used to read to senior classes. Mr Prosser was a wonderful gentleman who inspired our students with his reading and expression. Our students read extracts from some of Mr Prosser's stories. Year 6 students Jess and Tahlea have really achieved in tennis at a regional level recently. Tahlea represented GPS at a lower South Island primary schools tournament, coming first. She and Jess also

combined in the South Canterbury team to come second. Our Green Team has been active around the school with the upcycling of old tyres into a colourful feature of flower gardens. Their creativity really came through on this project - well done!

We have recently received the resignation of Ange Dudson-Moko, who has been teaching at GPS in the senior school for the past five years. This year she has been furthering her qualifications in Te Reo through the University of Canterbury. We wish her for future opportunities and recognise the contributions she has made to our school community in her time at GPS.

Further to this, we have appointed Hannah Beynon to a Year 6 position for 2020. Hannah has taught for several years at Glenavy School before embarking on a teaching experience in Tanzania and overseas travel. We look forward to welcoming her to GPS.

In a month's time, the school year will have ended. We are in a particularly busy time of the year, especially for the staff who are completing reports and other end of year requirements. Some children are showing signs of tiredness and I ask families to carefully consider bedtimes at this time to ensure children get a good night's sleep and can be as focused in class as possible. For our Year 6s, in a month's time they will have completed their primary education and will be moving onto high school. It is important that they finish strongly and on a positive note, both individually and collectively.

Until next time,

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

Andrew Leverton
Principal | Tumuaki

School notices:

We have started the process of forming classes for 2020. 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 2020. Having an accurate understanding about new enrolments is important as it assists within the composition of classes and where necessary, the employment of staff.

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 me, by way of a letter or email – principal@geraldine.school.nz, by **Monday 25 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 now that your child is not going to be attending GPS in 2020 (other than Year 6's), please let me know in writing as soon as possible.

School Activity Fees and Donations

A gentle reminder about payment of school donations and activity fees for the year, if you have not done so already. An issue that schools face is the difference between the running costs of the school and what we receive in funding from the

Ministry of Education. We ask for a donation of \$15 per term / \$60 for the year per child. Part of this amount can be claimed back through tax returns. Alongside the donation we charge a \$5.00 Activity Fee per child per term / \$20 per year. This will pay for visiting performers that have been booked throughout the year. If either of these is outstanding, please make contact with the office to arrange payment. For those who wish to pay school donations and activity fees online, our account number is:

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Policy Review

This term we are reviewing our policies in Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) and sun protection. Parents and caregivers are welcome to have input into the review process. To do so, go to our school website - www.geraldine.school.nz, click on the School Info tab at the top of the page and then scroll down to the School Policies section, Here you will find further information to assist you.

School Pool

Our Property Manager, Malcolm Campbell is preparing the school pool for summer usage. Pool keys can be hired by school families for \$60 for the summer. We will let you all know when the pool is ready and keys become available. Typically, classes will have access to the pool from early December and families can use the pool after 4pm weekdays and between 9am and 9pm in the weekends and holidays.

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following students who received a prize in the Gotcha draw at assembly recently: Vincent, R15; Molly, R8; Charlie, R10; Talia, R10; Thomas, R5; Alexis, R5.

PB4L Certificates

Well done to the children who received a PB4L Certificate at Assembly recently:

R1	Darwin Kruize	R2	Bethany Courage	R3	Sam Clews
R4	Riley Dudson-Moko	R5	Summer Snow	R6	Tayla Weily
R7	Jonnadien Corn	R8	James Bell	R9	Skyla Midgley
R10	Chase D'Ath	R11	Nathaniel Henry	R12	Jade Patrick
R14	Brae Cleverley	R17	Benaiah Courage		

80 Gotchas

Well done to the following students who received a certificate for 80 Gotcha's: Milly, R1; Rua, R2; Haries, R2; Ivan, R1.

100 Gotchas

Great work to the following who received a certificate for 100 Gotcha's: Pippa, R2; Max, R4; Josie, R11; Emma, Harvey & Ollie, R11

Overdue Library Books

Please, please, please check to see if you have any Library Books or reading books at home. We have just written off over \$300 of books from 2018. There is also a number of overdue books for this year. A letter is being sent home with your child on Friday. Please check with your children as we would prefer to get these books back rather than charge you. If you know these books are lost, payment options are:

1. Pay the money directly to the office enclosing the overdue letter

2. Pay online to the school bank account and as a reference please put **your name** and the word **Library**. Acc number 01-0841-0024832-10.



Clearing Bell at 3pm

After each school day a clearing bell will ring at 3pm. The school grounds need to be vacated by this time so staff can be sure that all children have been collected.

BUS

Please can you pass on to all students who ride bikes & scooters NOT to do this past our stationary buses parked outside GHS in the afternoons.

Also Bus students must **NOT run to the parked buses for Home** as this is a potential accident waiting to happen. Bus doors are open and pushing occurs.

The **last day for buses** for 2019 is **Tuesday 17 December** and, **morning only**.

A reminder to the families/caregivers of bus students, if there is no adult at the bus stop waiting for your child after school, your child will be returned to school and you will be asked to come collect them from the office.

Community Dental Service

The Community Dental Service phone number to make appointments is 0800 846 983.

Calendar - Term 4

Week 6

Thursday 21 November School Athletics Day - Domain

Week 7

Monday 25 November Athletics postponement
Friday 29 November Y6 Orientation GHS

Week 8

Tuesday 3 December South Canterbury Athletics
Wednesday 4 December Board of Trustees meeting - 6pm

Week 9

Wednesday 11 December Helpers' Morning Tea -
Friday 13 December Year 6 pool party & BBQ

Week 10

Tuesday 17 December Last day for children
Buses in the morning only
Carols on the Village Green (11.15am)
Final Assembly (1.15pm)

2019 Term Dates

Term 4 14 October – 17 December

2020 Term Dates

Term 1

Monday 3 February - Thursday 9 April 10 weeks

Includes the following public holiday:

- Waitangi Day – Wednesday 6 February
(Easter falls in the holidays)

Term 2

Tuesday 28 April – Friday 3 July 10 weeks

Includes the following public holiday:

- Queen's Birthday – Monday 3 June

Term 3

Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September 10 weeks

(SC Anniversary falls in the holidays)

Term 4

Monday 12 October – Tuesday 15 December 9 ½ weeks

Includes the following public holiday:

Labour Day – Monday 28 October

Teacher Only Days to be advised.

Home & School

We are fortunate to have a supportive community to assist GPS. 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

Road Patrol: We are desperately looking for some more volunteers to help supervise the road crossing in the morning. Please call/text Fe Wilcox on 0276436719 to be added to the messenger group. Even if you can only help one or two times a term we would love to hear from you!

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 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.

Next Meeting: Term 1 2019, date TBC



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New Entrant Information Afternoon

Would you like to find out more about our school?

Pre enrolment information for parents of children who are turning 5 between January 2020 and June 2020, or other interested parents.



**We are holding a meeting on
Tuesday 3rd December, 1.30 pm in Room 9.**

**You are cordially invited to come and find out what
*Geraldine Primary School has to offer and ask any
questions you may have.***

Community Notices

2019/20 Entertainment Books available from the GPS Office for \$70.



Parent Help For Stress and Family Issues

FREE PARENTING HELPLINE | www.parenthelp.org.nz
ALL ISSUES ALL AGES | **0800 568 856**

Term 4

Relax Kids Classes

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Relax Kids SC Classes
Creating Calm, Confident Kids
Fun and Creative Relaxation Classes for Positive Wellbeing

Monday 4th November - 2nd December
(5 weeks)

Magical Adventures
Meet the Genius Genie 5-8Yrs 3pm-4pm

Chill Skills
Positive Wellbeing 9-12Yrs 4pm-5pm

Relaxkidssc@gmail.com



Creating calm confident children

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+



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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