



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 4, Term 2
Thursday 23 May 2019

From our Principal

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

The first four weeks of term have seen classes prepare for the school **cross country**. The streets surrounding the school have been busy places at various times throughout the day and this week syndicates have ventured over to the Domain for final practices. The cross country is this Friday (24 May) with a postponement on Monday 27 May. The events starts at 1pm at the Domain (around the pavilion) and parents / whanau are most welcome to come along and support the students.

The cross country is a Whanau Group event and we encourage students to bring a T shirt in the colour of their Whanau Group to school to run in, should they have one. Please note that it is not a muffi day. All children take part in this activity unless they have a medical reason for not participating, in which case a letter needs to be written to the Principal or Deputy Principal. We see this activity as being the same as reading, maths or art and that all children should try to do their best. There will be Whanau Group points for each student who participants.

Lunch will be at school from 12:00 to 12:40. The race programme will start at 1pm with the juniors (Year 0 -2) and followed by middle (Year 3 and 4) then senior (Year 5 and 6) classes. Junior Syndicate classes will be run by age group. Middle and Senior Syndicates will be run by year group. Children who are in years 0 – 2 only may leave after the completion of their race if their parent is there to take them. Please let the teacher know.

Our **Kids Lit** team of Asher, Riley D, Joji and Riley C recently competed in the South Canterbury Kids Lit Quiz and came a very creditable 4th place. They were competing against older students in Years 7 and 8, so this placing is extra special. Well done team on this achievement and your obvious passion for reading. We have also had Year 6 classes doing **kayaking** on Caroline Bay with trainee instructors from Ara Institute of Canterbury. Our 2 Ripa teams recently competed in the South Canterbury Primary Schools competition. They did very well with Geraldine Red coming 3rd and Black coming 5th. Junior classes are visiting the Timaru Museum next Thursday as part of their topic work.

Many thanks to the parents who have / will provide transport and supervision on these days - this is much appreciated.

As previously posted on our school Facebook page and Skool Loop app, on Wednesday 29 May teachers and principals throughout NZ will be taking part in a further day of **industrial action**, due to concerns that continue to exist around employment agreements with the MOE. This will be the third day of striking within the negotiation period, something that I do not believe has happened in the last quarter of a century! As such, school will be closed on this day. Also, in a newsletter last term and in subsequent newsletters we signalled that Tuesday 4 June had been set aside as a **teacher development day** for digital technology and PB4L. This falls immediately after Queen's Birthday Weekend. School will be closed on this day also.

As well as regular fortnightly newsletters, we do share key messages and updates on our **Facebook page and Skool Loop app**. I would encourage parents to follow at least one of these to be kept informed about what's going on at school, up to date and informed.

Later in the newsletter is a flyer about an oral language evening that local schools and early childhood centres are hosting as part of our involvement in the Geraldine Community of Learning (Ka Awa Whiria - The Braided Rivers). We are fortunate to be working with Del Costello, a highly regarded **Oral Language** facilitator. Part of Del's role is to work with teachers to develop capacity around the teaching of oral language. On Thursday 30 May, Del will be talking about how parents can support their child's oral language at home. We encourage parents and whanau to attend this event, which will be held in the GPS hall from 7 - 8pm.

A **Give a Little page** has been set up to support the fundraising efforts towards the building of a new Room 13, which will be owned by the Board of Trustees. This classroom is over and above the MOE property provision and allows us to keep class sizes at suitable levels. Every donation will help us with this project and we welcome your support. The link is:

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/geraldine-primary-school-board-owned-classroom>

Over the past two terms staff teams have conducted separate **reviews of our Literacy and Arts curriculum programmes** and procedures. Part of the review process included surveying a sample of parents, all teaching staff and samples of Year 1-6 students (Literacy) and Year 3 - 6 students (The Arts). Thank you very much to everyone who provided responses and feedback. Overall, the comments received for both reviews were positive and affirming. The reviews have identified experiences in Literacy and The Arts that are offered at GPS, what we do well, and what we can improve on. We are making some refinements to our documents and future in both areas and expectations following on from this review.

Literacy includes reading, writing, oral and visual language. Experiences in Literacy reinforce learning and add value to children's education across all curriculum areas. The Arts extend beyond the core subject areas and reinforce and provide breadth to children's learning. Examples of this are varied and include Jump Jam, Music Festival, Kapa Haka, and visiting performers as well as class-based programmes.

We will continue to refine and look for opportunities within both Literacy and The Arts that are relevant to our school and syndicate programmes to benefit student learning.

Deana Averill, our social worker and I will be hosting a **coffee morning** on Tuesday 28 May from 9 - 10am in the staffroom. Parents and caregivers are welcome to come along, meet others and enjoy the conversation. If you are new to GPS this year, this will be a great way to meet other parents. Preschool children are welcome to attend also.

Congratulations to our Deputy Principal, **Mr Murray Davidson** who has recently been appointed to the Principal's position at St Andrews School, Timaru. This position will commence at the start of term 3. Murray started at GPS in 2013 and has made numerous contributions to our school over the past 6 ½ years. We wish him all the very best for his promotion and new challenge. We will keep you posted regarding any new appointments as they come to hand.

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: Oliver Brown-Innes, R7, Elizabeth Gillum, R3, Lily Hughes, R5, Noah Amigable, R15; Jane Harris, R11; Jay Hewson, R2; Emily Hewson, R4; Mason Rae, R15; Keeley Bray, R1 and to Noah Barlow, Mia Patterson, Bethany Reardon, Ivy Balman, Hazel Brennan, Ashton Johnson, Mackenzie Dyson, Hazel Pirie, Flynn Cummings and Lachlan Trevathan who have all started in R9 this term.

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following students who received a prize in the Gotcha draw at assembly: Maddison, R2; Isla, R15; Cruze, R11; Siobhan, R3; Alice, R15; Mason, R12

PB4L Certificates

Well done to the children who received PB4L Certificates at Assembly on 16/5/29:

R1	Kyle Jackson	R2	Rua Robertson	R3	Mya Henry
R4	Dillan Sami	R5	Asher Harman –Barnes	R6	Ollie Hanson
R7	Jules Beertsen	R8	Pepper-Mae Ellis	R9	Ivy Balman
R10	Addison Campbell	R11	Finn Wilcox	R12	Annie Burnside
R14	Salomon Shrestha	R15	William Kendrick	R17	Maddie Berry

Geraldine Primary School Cross Country Friday 24th May.

Children have been practising for our school cross country during school time. They will also get to go around the course so they know where to run on the day. Please make sure your child has appropriate footwear during this time.

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Kindness Poems from Room 1

Room 1 children wrote recipes for kindness as part of anti bullying week:

Ingredients:

1. **3 teaspoons of love**
2. **1 teaspoon of laughter**
3. **2 teaspoons of effort**
4. **200 mls of trust**
5. **A cup of respect**
6. **A tablespoon of caring**
7. **1 cup and a half of fun**
8. **3 tablespoons of calm**
9. **2 cups of friendship**
10. **2 tablespoons of gentleness**

How to cook it:

Stir firmly for 3-4 minutes

Cook in oven for 8-10 minutes at 180 degrees

Once done sprinkle seasoning/big smile over baking

Serve to everyone with ice cream and joy

By Callum and Isaac

A recipe for kindness.

Ingredients:

- 1. 1 cup of respect*
- 2. A pinch of calm*
- 3. 1 litre of trust*
- 4. 100g effort*
- 5. 2 litres of love*
- 6. A dash of fun*
- 7. 300g of sharing*
- 8. 3 cups of sincerity*
- 9. 12g of good comments*
- 10. 40g of care.*

Method:

mix ingredients together and bake for 20 minutes at 180C. This is a big batch so there will be plenty to share. Not only with your friends, but anybody who is near.

Icing:

Add 1 cup of water, mixed with 300g of kindness, beat until fluffy. To colour, add 3 drops of pink food dye and then add a cup of love essence and 200g of sweet respect. Pour icing onto cake and add sincere sprinkles.

Serve with joy!

By Lucy Patrick and Ashley Lawson.

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 2

Week 4

Friday 24 May

School Cross Country 1pm, Domain

Week 5

Monday 27 May

Postponement School Cross Country

Tuesday 28 May

Coffee Morning 9-10am, Staffroom

Wednesday 29 May

School closed – Teacher and Principal strike day

Thursday 30 May

Oral Language evening for parents/whanau from Local schools and early childhood centres 7-8pm, GPS Hall

Friday 31 May

Junior classes – museum trip
New Entrant transition morning

Week 6

Monday 3 June

Queens Birthday – school closed

Tuesday 4 June

Teacher Development day – school closed

Thursday 6 June

John Parsons Cyber Safety evening, Geraldine High School Library, 7pm

Week 7

Monday 10 June

Home & School meeting

Tuesday 11 June

SC Schools Cross Country (for selected students)

Wednesday 12 June

EPro8 Challenge (for selected students)

Friday 14 June

Muffi Day Geraldine Children Social Worker Trust (gold coin donation)

Week 8

Saturday 22 June

Dancing with the Stars (Home & School fundraiser) GPS hall

Week 9

Tuesday 25 June

New Entrant information afternoon, 1.30 pm

Wednesday 26 June

Board of Trustees meeting, 5.30pm

Thursday 27 June

SC Jump Jam (for selected students)

Week 10

Friday 5 July

Middle School celebration assembly (pm)
Term 2 ends

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.

Dancing with the Stars: This awesome community event is happening again, see attached poster for details!

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.

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 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: Donations of second hand GPS uniform are to be handed in to the School Office.

Geraldine Primary Home and School presents

Dancing *with the* Stars

2019

Introducing the Geraldine Stars!



Gijs and Carlien



Guy and Jane



Gideon and Amy



Paul and Kim



James and Paula



Caleb and Sarah

Saturday, 22 June 2019

Geraldine Primary School Hall

7.30pm (doors open 7pm)

\$40 per ticket

No stilettos - cash bar

Tickets on sale Friday, 7 June

GPS hall veranda, 8.30-9am

Cash only please

COFFEE HOUR

TUESDAY 28 MAY

FROM 9.00 – 10AM

Geraldine Primary School staffroom

****A special invitation to all parents of New Entrant Children and children new to our school**

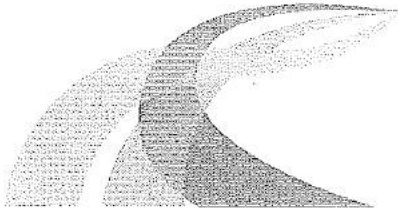
**** All established parents/whanau are also welcome to come along to support the school**

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.

CRECHE AVAILABLE.



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Cognition
Education

The Braided Rivers

KA AWA WHIRIA

GERALDINE AREA KAHUI AKO

Invitation to our school community Oral Language evening

“Oral language skills are critical for our young people. They support them to become effective learners, to be confident in themselves and to participate fully in our communities” Del Costello – Consultant Cognition Education.

You are invited to come along and find out more about the work that is happening in the wider Geraldine area through our Community of Learning / Kahui Ako to support our young people (0-18 years) to grow into strong and effective communicators. Del Costello from Cognition Education is working with the educators in our area to support the development of knowledge and skills. Come and learn how this is connected to our schools and early learning centres and what you can do to support your children and those in the wider community.

WHEN: Thursday 30TH May, 7 - 8pm

WHERE: Geraldine Primary School Hall, Wilson Street, Geraldine



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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.

Wanted - 8 ply wood. Call/text 027 970 5531 or drop it into the GPS Office

Geraldine High School Invites You



Are you a parent/guardian concerned about how your child uses the internet or mobile phone? Or a concerned member of our community. Cybercrime is a very real issue facing families in NZ, but there are easy practical steps to reduce the risk. **Geraldine High School** invites you to a presentation on the issues associated with the inappropriate use of computers, mobile phones and the internet.

INTERNET HEALTH AND WELLBEING PRESENTATION

WITH JOHN PARSONS

New Zealand's leading authority on Safeguarding children online. John is a published author and signed copies of his book *Keeping Your Children Safe Online* will be available during the day and evening sessions.

Venue: Geraldine High School Library

Date: Thursday 6th June

Start Time: 7.00pm

"This book is a must read for any parent wanting to develop resiliency in their child and to empower them in today's hyper-connected world"

Topics covered

- Online grooming.
- Sexting.
- Damaged reputations.
- Cyber bullying.
- Reputation Management.
- Learning to repel & report.
- Future proofing for employment.

Educating young people to understand the value of identity is the first step to using ICT safely and ethically

Educating young people to respect and protect friends and family identity is the second step



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