



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 2, Term 4
Friday 25 October 2019

From the Principal...

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

Welcome to the start of Term 4! I know the next eight weeks will go very quickly and for our Year 6 students this time will be particularly important as they look to finish their time at GPS on a positive note. I hope all families had a safe and enjoyable term break.

You may have noticed the progress that has been made on the Room 10 / 13 block. While there still looks to be a fair amount to do, we are on schedule for a mid - late November completion. This will enable Rooms 10 and 17 to move in before the end of the school year, which I'm sure they will be looking forward to.

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.

Well done to the students who competed in the South Canterbury Tennis competition on Tuesday in Timaru. Everyone played very well and did GPS proud!
Tahlea Bradshaw and Riley Dudson-Moko played exceptionally well and have been invited to play in the 2019 Southern Primary & Intermediate Championships in Dunedin next month

Huge thank you to Lenore Bradshaw, Amanda Cleverley and Jane Slater who helped with transport and supervision on for the day.

A final reminder that school will be closed this coming Monday - 28 October for Labour Day and on Tuesday 29 October for a teacher only day. I wish you all a safe and happy long weekend.

Until next time,

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

Andrew Leverton
Principal | Tumukaki

School notices:

Teacher Only Day - 29 October 2019

One of the outcomes of the recent settlement of the teachers' collective agreement with the Ministry of Education was the allocation of Teacher Only Days over the next three years. Eight TODs are allowed for under the new agreement and it is anticipated that schools will use this entitlement to address workload issues. The first of our TODs has been scheduled for Tuesday 29 October, which is the day after Labour Day. School will be closed for instruction on this day.

New Students

A special welcome to Agam, R3; Lottie, Skyla and Hosanna who all started in R9 recently. 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 on 26 September Rubie, R17; Kayne, R10; Charlie, R10; Chania, R7; Thomas, R5; Jorja, R2

Principal's Awards 27/9/2019

Well done to the children who received a Principal's Award at Assembly recently:

R1	Keeley Bray	R2	Riley Pollock	R5	Rachel Roberts
R6	Noah Harvey	R7	Ruby Oliver	R7	Molloy Patrick
R9	Hazel Pirie	R10	Ethan Wilson	R10	Ethan Wilson
R11	Sam Harvey	R12	Paris McRae	R15	William Kendrick

80 Gotchas

Well done to the following students who received a certificate for 80 Gotcha's: Cameron, R17; Tamatea, R2; Finn, R3; Bethany, R2; Lika, R17; Adele, R11; Caitlyn, R2; Charlotte, R11; Maddi, R2, Sophia, R12; Kyle, R7; LeRoy, R7; Justina, R11; Finn, R11; Bryn, R4; Emily, R4; Matilda, R4; Camilo, R7; Ryleigh, R2; Molly, R2; Sophie, R2; Hamish, R2.

100 Gotchas

Great work to the following who received a certificate for 100 Gotcha's: Rubie, R7; Smilla, R4; Annie, R12; Manaia, R1.

120 Gotchas

Congratulations to the following students who received a certificate for 120 Gotcha's: Sepia, R4; Macy, R12; Jorja, R4; Zek, R4

Whanau Points Term 3

1 st	82	Whero	Year to Date	1 st	229	Whero
2 nd	83	Kowhai		2 nd	206	Kakariki
3 rd	72	Kakariki		3 rd	205	Kowhai
4 th	78	Kahurangi		4 th	202	Kahurangi

Last day for Photo Orders - Friday 1st November

Book Club closes Tuesday 5th November

WAVE and Whanau House Days

Week 4- 5th November, Week 5- 12th November

The WAVE team alongside our Whanau House Leaders are hosting two afternoons of activities set out for the whole school to participate in to promote healthy well-being. As part of this children are able to bring their wheels (scooters, skateboards, roller blades). All children must have a helmet.

The following whanau house groups can bring their wheels in **Week 4 on Tuesday**: Whero and Kakariki (Red and Green)

The following whanau house groups can bring their wheels in **Week 5 on Tuesday**: Kowhai and Kahurangi (Yellow and Blue).

Children can bring along their house colour t-shirts to wear in the afternoon and wear their school t-shirt to school.

School Disco

Friday 8th November 2019

Years 0-3 6.00 – 7.15pm

Years 4 -6 7.15 – 8.45pm

The disco will be supervised by staff. Parents need to drop their children off and pick them up again at the end of the sessions. For safety and organisation reasons can children please be dropped off and picked up from the school playground side of the hall. Please note this disco is for Geraldine Primary School children only.

Thank you to the Home and School for providing us with the money to purchase food, drink, prizes and decorations.

This year the children will be able to purchase glow sticks. If the children would like to purchase a glow stick, they need to bring \$2 on the morning of the disco to the table we will have set up outside Room 9. They will then get a stamp on their hand which they will show to a staff member when they come to the disco in the evening and they will receive their glow stick.

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.

Online Payments

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

Community Dental Service

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

Calendar - Term 4

Week 3

Monday 28 October

Labour Day - school closed

Tuesday 29 October

Teacher Only Day - school closed

Wednesday 30 October

Board of Trustees meeting, 6pm, Staffroom

Thursday 31 October South Canterbury Primary Schools' Mountain Biking

Week 4

Monday 4 November Home and School meeting - 7pm
Tuesday 5 November WAVE day (pm)
Wednesday 6 November BYOC information afternoon (Y3 parents) 2-3.30pm
Friday 8 November School Disco

Week 5

Tuesday 12 November WAVE day (pm)

Week 6

Tuesday 19 November Wilson St closed to traffic (Alpine Energy upgrade)
Wednesday 20 November Wilson St closed to traffic (Alpine Energy upgrade)
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

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
Labour Day Monday 28 October (school closed)
Teacher Only Day Tuesday 29 October (school closed)

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.

SOCIAL WORKERS TRUST CAR BOOT SALE

Last Saturday's GPS Carboot Sale was a huge success raising approx. \$1428 for the Geraldine Children's Social Work Trust. Thank you to the Home and School ladies for their assistance on the day, to caretaker Malcolm Campbell, to school families for their baking donations, Anna Belsham for helping pack and price the baking and for the school community for coming along to support the Carboot Sale. Fingers crossed for great weather next year. Many thanks Debbie Oliver

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

Car Boot Sale: A very successful car boot sale on Saturday. The weather gods were kind to us and after heavy downpours on Friday night we enjoyed a lovely sunny Saturday. Nearly 30 stall holders selling their wares made for a busy atmosphere on the school grounds. A big thank you to those Home and School volunteers that ran the sausage sizzle and cake stall – many hands make light work and it was awesome to have so many people offering to help! **A massive thank you to Debbie Oliver for organising this event in support of the Social Workers Trust.**

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 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 4th November, 7pm, School Staffroom, new members welcome.

Community Notices



TREAT YOURSELF TO
A DAY OF INDULGENCE

THURSDAY
7TH NOVEMBER
9:30AM - 4:00PM
ADULTS \$20 KIDS UNDER 15 FREE

Beautiful Garden
Setting & Scenery

200 Stalls

Relaxed, Friendly
Atmosphere

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

Fill your car with your friends and enjoy the trip to
Stover Farm, 220 Main North Road, SH79, Geraldine

Geraldine
Summer
FÊTE

www.geraldinesummerfete.co.nz

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

LEARN TO SWIM

Do you like water? Do you want to upskill while having fun? We need some keen helpers to deliver our new Learn to Swim programme in the Geraldine Pool alongside trained coaches.

There are 2 Blocks of lessons this coming season to teach local children swimming skills. The first Block is starting when the pool opens in November and the second Block is in Term 1 2020. Lessons are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Please contact Rebecca as soon as possible for more information:

learn2swimgeraldine@gmail.com

SWIM SQUAD

The first night of swim squad training at the Geraldine pool will be on **Monday 11th November**. Swimmers and caregivers are to meet poolside at 4.30pm for a brief introduction and registration check before entering the pool. New swimmers are welcome but it would be advisable to contact the Secretary- Dallas Rae secretarygasc@gmail.com or 027 2240237 for more information prior to the first night.

FACEBOOK - Geraldine Amateur Swimming Club (PM available)

GERALDINE KIDS SING!

We are looking for keen kids to join us at the Geraldine Academy on Tuesday afternoons from 3pm till 4:30pm.

We are supported by the community and this is a low-cost activity for kids of all ages.

If you are interested, please contact Adele on 0210 236 9674

Term 4

Relax Kids Classes **GERALDINE**

**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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