



# Geraldine Primary

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## Newsletter

**Week 9, Term 2**  
**Thursday 28 March 2019**

**From our Principal**

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

We have all been shocked and saddened by the events that occurred in Christchurch on Friday 15 March. This will affect people, including our children in different ways. For parents it can be hard to know how to approach such events with your child and dealing with this is largely relevant to the age of the child. Parents and teachers can support feelings of security and safety by maintaining routines for children's daily activities and talking about their own feelings and positive coping strategies that they have learnt to use.

It has reminded us that everyday is special and to be treasured and also of the need to show empathy and compassion towards others.

Last Friday we joined with the rest of the country to observe two minutes silence to honour those who lost their lives. We will be making a donation from our Breakfast BBQ (5 April) to the fund that has been set up to support the Muslim community.

The above event saw Christchurch and surrounding schools enter a lockdown, where children and staff were locked inside buildings until they were given the all clear to depart. In certain situations it may be necessary to keep all students inside. These situations include severe storms, a major accident in the school vicinity, or other dangerous situation.

As appropriate to the situation, the school informs parents and caregivers when it can, using the available communication options, e.g. Facebook / Skool Loop app. Parents are required to follow instructions issued by the school, including not coming to the school to see or collect their children. While this may be difficult, this is particularly important when the school is in lockdown under Police instruction.

Last Saturday the Middle Syndicate held a Book Fair in the school hall. This was part of a financial literacy unit and monies raised will assist with the development of a new

classroom where the old Room 13 stood. I congratulate all those involved and thank them for their efforts. I think the students had a lot of fun helping their teachers set up for the fair on Friday! Thank you also to Ollie Barnett who generously donated a new bike to be first prize in a raffle, along with Barkers and Grandpa's Toys who also provided prizes.

In terms 2 and 3 a local church group offers an optional Bible in Schools programme at GPS. This takes place over one lunchtime a week. If you wish your child to take part, please phone (6938208) or email the school office ([office@geraldine.school.nz](mailto:office@geraldine.school.nz)) by the end of term. Please note that you need to opt your child into this group if you wish them to take part by contacting the office. Students won't be able to attend without a parental consent.

It is likely that the programme will be shortened this year due to the availability of suitable space around the rebuild of Room 10. This will start at a date to be confirmed in term 2 and will see Room 10 move to the library through terms 2 and 3 and into term 4. Completion of Room 10 and the new Room 13 will be before the end of term 4, all going well.

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

*Ngā mihi nui,*

Andrew Leverton  
Principal / Tumuaki

### **Board News**

The Board of Trustees is in the process of building a new Room 13 and upgrading Room 10. This is a significant property project as part of the ongoing schedule of classroom modernisation.

Any one interested in submitting a tender is encouraged to click on the code below or copy this link into their browser

<https://www.gets.govt.nz//MEDUR/ExternalTenderDetails.htm?id=20823861>

Questions should be referred to:

Yvone Caetano

2B/11 Coppell Place,

Christchurch 8042 (PO Box 293, Christchurch 8140) - P: 03 281 7686

[yvone.caetano@schoolsupport.co.nz](mailto:yvone.caetano@schoolsupport.co.nz)

### **Pea Straw Thank you**

The Board of Trustees would like to thank the school community for their support of our recent pea straw fundraiser, which has raised another \$10,000.00 to go towards the building of Room 13. In particular, the following families and individuals have made a very generous donation of their time and expertise:

James Grant, Brad Coleman & Hamish Pirie for baling

Julie Copland-Batty for collating orders

The Batty, Pirie, Coles, Coleman and Marsden Families, Aaron England, Jonny Burnside, Justin O'Brien, Andrew Milne, James Grant & Daniel Stack for delivering bales.

Also a big thanks to the Turley Family and Graeme Taylor for donating/supplying the peastraw at a discounted rate.

## **School Notices**

### **Gumboot Day- 5th April 2019**

As part of our local Community of Learning (COL) which involves five early childhood centres, four primary school and GHS, we are focusing on wellbeing. In our classrooms we are implementing various ideas to support the wellbeing of our students. Some of these ideas include breathing techniques, yoga and having a growth mindset.

On the 5th of April we will be holding a 'Gumboot Day' to raise money for the charity set up by Mike King for children's counselling. Mike King was recently announced New Zealander of the Year and is raising awareness for children's wellbeing in New Zealand. For more information please see the link below.

<http://www.iamhope.org.nz/>

We ask that parents do not go and buy gumboots for their children especially for this day. Instead they can just wear their ordinary footwear or borrow off a friend or family member. Children are to wear their ordinary school uniform on this day with their gumboots, should they have some.

We ask that each child brings a good coin donation for this day.

### **National Helpline**

*In light of the Christchurch tragedy, there is a free national helpline for children and teenagers called 0800 WHATS UP. There's a phone line and a webchat, and also a website with resources. It's run by professional counselors.*

[www.whatsup.co.nz](http://www.whatsup.co.nz)

### **Swimming Results**

The 2019 Swimming Results are listed separately on our Webpage under the newsletter tab. Congratulations to all swimmers.

### **2019 Sport Shed Monitors**

Congratulations to our Sport Shed Monitors for 2019: Ryan O'Connor, Sophia Rusbridge, Toia Sheed, Lincoln Banks, Evie Grant, Finn O'Brien, Ivan Orbase, Lucy Patrick, Millie Chapman, Mania Sheed, Daniel Bubbert, Alex Sherriff, Siobhan Stack, and Portia McRae.

### **2019 PAL'S Leaders**

Zech Reardon, Asher Harmon-Barnes, Tahlea Bradshaw, Sepia Allpress, Matilda Mallinson, Smilla Burns, Jessica Skinner, Georaeah Edmonds-Cooper, Rachel Roberts, James Worner, and Kingsley Wells are our PAL's Leaders for the year. Congratulations to you all.

### **Staff Carpark**

Please note that the carpark on Huffey Street on the school grounds is for staff only. Please respect this as it is a health and safety issue. There is a space that has been allocated within this carpark, to specific parents who have permission from The Board of Trustees to park here.

### **New Students**

A special welcome to Olivia Garth and Alice McCullough who both started in Room 9 this week.

## **Gotcha Draw**

Congratulations to the following students who received a prize in the Gotcha draw at assembly on March 14<sup>th</sup>: Portia, R1; Charlotte, R7; Joshua, R1; Jackson, R7; Tamatea, R2; Sam, R11

## **PB4L Certificates**

The following students received PB4L Certificates at assembly recently:

R1	Jock Fisher	R2	Pippa Geary	R3	Riley Nicholls
R4	Hayley Pidgeon	R5	James Worner	R6	Nassi Ford-Stewart
R7	Nikau Johnston-Gotty	R8	Sequoia Hubert	R9	Taig Milne
R10	Tate Burnside	R11	Amalie Tozer	R12	James Gorrie
R17	Nirvana Ruddle				

## **Breakfast BBQ Friday 5 April, 8am**

The **Breakfast BBQ** will be held before school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 8-9am. This is being run by our Year 6 students and helps to raise money for our sponsored child Htet Wai Yan Oo who lives in Myanmar. There will be a variety of stalls and games for the children to participate in. Most games are 50c or \$1 so please bring plenty of change to make it easier for the students to handle. This year the focus is on reducing rubbish so there will be different prizes on offer from previous years.

The Lions club will be cooking free sausages and there will also be tea and coffee provided by the Home and School.

We would appreciate offers of baking (please bring to Room 14 either on Thursday or early Friday Morning, and any unwanted toys (also bring to Room 14). No books please. Parents are most welcome to attend this event.

**Please Note** that there will be **no lunchtime sausage** orders on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April as it is the Breakfast BBQ day.

**Measles Information** Please refer to the separate note on our webpage under the newsletter tab

## **Tāwhirimātea Syndicate Book Fair**

Thank you for your support. We raised \$1,756.00.

## **Online Payments**

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

## **School Donation**

A reminder that voluntary school donations (\$60 per child per year) and activity fees (\$20 per child per year) are now due. The donations contribute to the cost of providing curriculum resources and the activity fees cover the cost of the various performers that we have at school throughout the year. If you haven't paid these already, please make arrangements to do so soon. Regular automatic payments can be set up to spread the cost over the year. The donation can also be claimed back through tax returns. Please note that additional activity costs, e.g. camps and class trips are over and above these two items and are payable accordingly.

## **Emergency Contact details**

If you have had a change of address, phone number or email address recently, please make sure that the office has up to date details.

Please feel free to ask at the office to check the information we currently hold for you.

## **Bus Students**

A reminder that all bus students must wear a bus vest.

Parents/caregivers should not remove their Primary School children at Geraldine High School. There are complicated processes and systems in place to ensure the safety of all bus students. Once our Primary School children are on the bus they go over to the High School where some of them move one bus forwards or backwards to their "home" bus before the High School Students arrive. Parents/caregivers removing children at this time can cause confusion and delays.

## **Lost**

Silver bracelet/bangle – if found, please return to GPS Office

## **Calendar**

### **Term 1**

#### **Week 10**

Wednesday 3 April

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30pm

Breakfast BBQ, 8-9am – all welcome

#### **Week 11**

Friday 12 April

Open Assembly hosted by the Juniors – 1.30pm - all welcome

Term 1 ends 2.45pm

### **Term 2**

#### **Week 1**

Monday 29 April

Term 2 commences 8.50am

#### **Week 3**

Wednesday 15 May

R5 Kayaking

Kids Lit Quiz at Waihi

#### **Week 4**

Wednesday 22 May

R4 Kayaking

BOT Meeting, 5.30pm

Friday 24 May

School Cross Country time tbc

#### **Week 5**

Monday 27 May

Wednesday 29 May

Postponement School Cross Country

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

#### **Week 6**

Monday 3 June

Tuesday 4 June

Queens Birthday – school closed

Teacher Development day – school closed

## 2019 Term Dates

<b>Term 1</b>	31 January – 12 April	<b>Term 2</b>	29 April – 5 July
<b>Term 3</b>	22 July – 27 September	<b>Term 4</b>	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

**AGM Home & School 2019:** This was held on Mon 11 March. Our new officers are as follows:

President: Lou Oschner  
Vice-President: Helen England  
Secretary: Jolie Mockford  
Treasurer: Ange Milne

This was a great opportunity to look back on the successes of the previous year and look forward to new faces and new ideas for 2019.

**Entertainment Book:** A first for GPS Home & School. We have been fortunate to secure the sale of the very popular Entertainment Books for 2019/2020. Bargains and discounts galore await the lucky purchaser. Each book costs \$70 and it will not take long to make this saving and more. It covers the Canterbury and Nelson region and a display book is available in the School Office. An order form will be sent home soon to each family. Home & School will receive \$14 from each book sold so it really is a win-win situation. Order forms will need to be back to the School Office by the 9<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you for your support.

**Helping Opportunities:** 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. 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.

We are also looking for a couple of helpers for our forthcoming fundraising efforts:

1. Assisting with the sausage sizzle at the Trail Bike Ride on Sunday 14 April. This is a very lucrative fundraiser for us (fingers crossed for favourable weather) in exchange for selling sausages and burgers. Please contact Jane Harmon on 027 637-6313 if you are able to help.

**Sausage Sizzle:** 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:** A reminder that donations of second hand GPS uniform are to be handed in to the School Office.

Next Meeting: Mon 9 April, 7pm, School Staffroom, New members welcome

## 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.

Guitar lessons starting at the Geraldine Academy on Wed afternoons for beginners and intermediate levels. Phone Dylan 0273446630

Want to learn a martial art in a friendly and supportive environment ? This is a great way to get fit and build confidence. Learn new skills and meet new people. Ideal for all ages. Students and their parents are invited to come and try out the Seido Karate beginners class on Thursday's at the Geraldine Bowling club rooms on the Domain at 5 pm-6 pm. The cost is just \$2 per person. You can contact Lizzy on 020 4176 4403 for any other information.



# JUNIOR NETBALL REGISTRATION

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - 2.45pm – 3.45pm  
Netball Courts, Geraldine Domain

Mother Earth Future Ferns  
NNZ Year 3-8 Program  
Friday Afternoons  
(Starting Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May)

Fees Due 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019  
\$60.00 Year 3 & 4  
\$65.00 Year 5 & 6

Marissa Grant  
Home – 03 693 9724 Cell – 027 422 326

Registration forms also available by emailing [geraldinenetball@gmail.com](mailto:geraldinenetball@gmail.com)

**PLAYERS MUST BE REGISTERED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN TO  
BE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY**

Any volunteers that are available to help at the courts on a  
Friday Afternoon are most welcome

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Geraldine Netball Centre



## Bridge Lessons

- ★ King of all card games
- ★ Activate your brain
- ★ Make new friends

### **Learn to Play Bridge**

10 week course - \$20

Lessons start:

**Temuka - Wednesday, 1  
May**

Ph Robyn 03 615 9081

Ph Shona 03 615 8178

Looking for a day of Fun then enter the.....



**GERALDINE ROGAINE**  
AUTUMN MUSTER  
[www.gram.org.nz](http://www.gram.org.nz)

**SUNDAY 31 March 2019**

This awesome event is being held on Waihi Station near Woodbury.

There is a 3 hour or 6 hour option.

All the details that you need can be found on our website [www.gram.org.nz](http://www.gram.org.nz) Check it out.

Entries close midnight Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019.





**April School Holiday  
Programme**

**Geraldine Library**

- \*Wednesday 17 & 24  
at 10:30 am**
- \*Friday 26 at 10:30 am**
- \*To book your session,  
ask at the desk,  
email: [libger@timdc.govt.nz](mailto:libger@timdc.govt.nz)  
or phone 03 693 9336**

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