



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 10, Term 2
Thursday 4 July 2019

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

Our H & S organised a truly amazing fundraiser with Dancing with the Stars. It is so well organised and run, that it couldn't help but be fun and very entertaining. A huge thank you to the committee and all those that helped run it, especially the great dance couples who spent many hours practising.

Tuesday last week we had a 'lock down' practise for the whole school. In such times we lock all of the doors, pull all blinds, turn off lights and remain quiet and calm inside. If we ever had reason to have a real lock down it is important for parents to know that at that time no one can leave or enter the school.

The South Canterbury Jump Jam competition was on last Thursday. Our three teams did exceptionally well and all deserve congratulations. Many thanks to the teachers who put in a huge extra effort with this, and many thanks to those parents who helped along the way.

The Rooms 10 and 13 re-build has begun. We would like to greatly acknowledge our appreciation to those who have helped with donations so far:

Platinum

Grant Pastoral Ltd
Thomas Hobson Trust

Gold

Geraldine Auto Restorations
Middle Syndicate Book Fair/raffle

Silver

Fresh Choice
Lioness Club of Geraldine
Barkers

Bronze

Fiona & Stu Wilcox
Angela & Andrew Milne
Geraldine Spraying H & J Batty
Shimmer and Shine
O'Brien/Catherwood Family
Johnson Gluyas Tractors

Reports for the children go home this Thursday. Please take the time to read through this, and then share with your child. Celebrate the successes and discuss the next steps for your child.

Open Assembly is this Friday at 1:30pm in our hall. The Tāwhirimāteā Syndicate (middle) are hosting this term and they have been putting in a lot of practise. Please come along and share in their efforts.

I would like to thank so many people within our school community that it isn't really practical.

But what has made my time here at Geraldine Primary School is the people I have had the privilege to meet. Children, staff, whanau and other community people make the school a very special place. Geraldine does live up to the saying "it takes a village to raise a child" and I commend that.

I leave Geraldine Primary knowing that it is a great school and one that I will always have pride in. So thank you all.

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

Until next time,

Murray Davidson
Principal | Tumanaki

School Notices

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following students who received a prize in the Gotcha draw at assembly last week: Matilda, R3; James B, R17; Jorja, R4; Indi, R8; Flynn S, R15; Portia, R1.

PB4L Certificates

Well done to the children who received PB4L Certificates at Assembly:

R1	Miles Bock	R2	Sofie Hoebergen	R3	Oliver Wilcox
R4	Lani Belsham	R5	Rose Fletcher-Young	R6	Archie Scott
R7	Camilo Cisneros	R8	Grace Jordan	R9	Lachlan Trevathan
R10	Tate Aulicino	R11	Sam Yeadon	R12	Lucas Mackintosh
R15	Flynn Sherriff	R17	Archie Gollan		

80 Gotchas – Macy Oliver, R12; Jorja Macale, R4; Sepia Allpress, R4

Best Class at Assembly: Room 9
Bell Ringers Max Roger and Zoe Keane

Online Payments

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

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.

FAMILY SKI DAY: ROUNDHILL TEKAPO

Winter and cold weather equals skiing! If you are interested in taking your whānau to the slopes to experience skiing then this is the day for you! This is a fun, very relaxed day designed to give people a chance to experience a day in the snow at a reduced rate.

When: Sunday 25th August (postponement date: Sunday 3rd August)

Where: Roundhill ski field in Tekapo (approx 90 mins from Geraldine)

Approximate cost: Considerably less than a standard day pass. Full details of cost are available on the letter available from Fe Wilcox or the School Office but full rental, lift pass and lesson is \$45 per child and \$100 per adult. Prices vary depending on what you want to do.

A letter with more detail will be available from Monday straight after the holidays. Please come and get one if interested. Call Fe Wilcox on 0276436719 with any questions.

Dental Care during the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing dental care for children enrolled with our service during the upcoming school holidays. The clinics will offer treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only. To make an appointment please contact our Call Centre which operates between the hours of 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday throughout the year.

The following Dental Clinics will be open during these school holidays:

- **Ashburton Clinic, 38 Elizabeth Street, Ashburton**
- **Timaru Clinic, Level 1, 18 Woolcombe Street, Timaru**

The clinics will offer appointments between 8.45am and 3.00pm for school-age and preschool children requiring treatment.

If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance.

To book an appointment at one of our clinics please: **call 0800 846 983**
Or email commdental@cdhb.health.nz

Calendar

Term 2

Week 10

Friday 5 July

Middle School celebration assembly, 1.30 pm
Term 2 ends

Term 3

Week 1

Monday 22 July

Term 3 commences 8.50am

Week 2

Monday 29 July

Wednesday 31 July

Friday 2 August

Home & School meeting, 7pm

Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm

Y5 & 6 ice skating – Tekapo

Week 4

Tuesday 13 August

Y5 bushcraft

Wednesday 14 August

Y5 bushcraft postponement

Thursday 15 August

EPro8 challenge semi final

Week 5

Monday 19 August

GHS Open Day

2019 Term Dates

Term 2 29 April – 5 July

Term 3 22 July – 27 September

Term 4 14 October – 18 December

South Canterbury Anniversary Monday 23 September

Labour Day Monday 28 October

Home & School



The GPS Home and School would like to thank all that were involved in our recent fundraising event. Dancing with the Stars 2019 was a huge success.

So many people contributed to the night but we would especially like to thank our amazing contestants who put in so many hours of practice with their Dance Instructor Julie Milne to produce such a great performance.

Also huge thank you to:

The amazing **Helen England** who was our event manager extraordinaire and Helen's very patient family in the weeks leading up to the event!

On the night entertainment by our MCs **Lindsay Nelson** and **Chelley Leov** and Judges **Bianca Sheed**, **Simon Coleman** and **Julie Milne** as well as **Rod Sands** for providing his auctioneering skills.

Our able bar tenders **James Grant**, **Aaron Sheed** and **Steve Ochsner** with **Henry Bolt** as our break time entertainment.

Our ladies in the kitchen making food on the day and helping that night lead by **Rachael Sutherland** producing delicious fare.

All the decorating and clean-up crew, we really appreciated all your efforts.

And lastly a **massive thank you to all the businesses that sponsored our event**, without your support this event wouldn't happen:

Fresh Choice Geraldine
South Canterbury Hyundai
Earthworks Aoraki
Talbot Forest Cheese
Four Peak Health
Oliver Family Apiaries
PGG Wrightson Seeds
Farm Source
Ski Dobson
Barkers
Mt Hutt
Lynn River
Mid-Land Contracting
Geraldine Auto Restorations
Cyclone
Quality Tyre and Auto Services
Flowers Inc
Geraldine Butchery
The Kitchen Cupboard
Ilu Day Spa
Subway
Flipout
Hector Black's
NZ Safety Blackwoods
Black & Co
Geraldine Books & Post
The Lodge Theatre
Courtney Russell - Makeup

Braemar Station
Patterson Plumbing and Drainlaying
NZ Beeswax Ltd
Hobbs and Banks Transport
Talleys;
James Cradock Building
North End Motors
Kings on Talbot
Mt Cook Alpine Salmon
Dunstan Horse Feed;
Parkside Dairy
The Hair Boutique
Waihi Bush
Trio Boutique;
Heartland Technology
The Running Duck
Claire Balman Hair
HHA Associates Ltd
Grandpa's Toys
Verde
Joosh
Hair n Mind
Peter Young Apparel
ITM Geraldine
Café Mes Amis
Valley Films
Julie Neill's Dance Academy

We have raised a whopping \$17,000 to go towards our classroom build!!

Second Hand Uniform: There will be second hand uniforms for sale outside the hall after assembly on Friday. Cash only please. Any donations of second hand GPS uniform are to be handed in to the School Office.

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 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 29 July, 7pm, School Staffroom, new members welcome.

Community Notices

NZ Police recently launched a new non emergency number, 105.

We've done this to make it easier to get hold of us in the event of non-urgent situations or 'Things which have Already Happened', which don't require Police assistance immediately.

You can call us on 105 for all non emergencies, or you can go online at 105.police.govt.nz to report things like:

- Lost property
- Theft for a public place or car
- Intentional property damage
- Or to get an update or add info to a previous report

In the event of an emergency, always call 111 - Things that are Happening Now.

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.

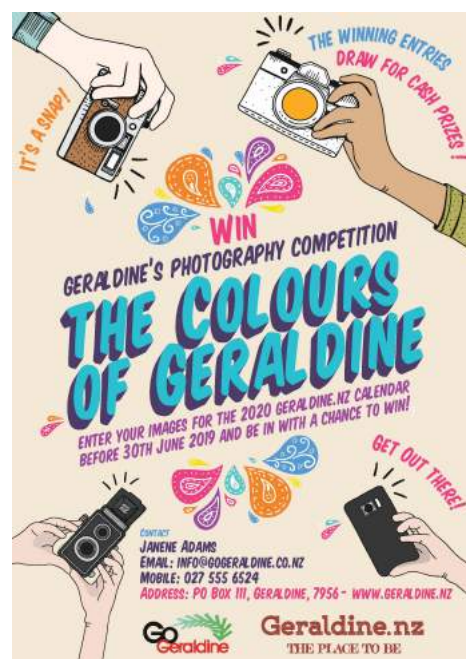
Wanted - 8 ply woolqqa. Call/text 027 970 5531 or drop it into the GPS Office

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

Funsticks Hockey in Geraldine - Term 3

Funsticks will be run at the Geraldine High School turf on Friday afternoons in term 3. Sessions are 45 mins long and include basic skills and game time. Loansticks available.

Enquires to Hils McCullough at nofrillshils@gmail.com



OCEANS Grief and Loss Programme for Children and Young People

OCEANS Grief and Loss programme for children and young people is run each school term for 8 to 10 weeks. It is a peer support programme that allows children and young people to talk about their experience of grief and loss. Through this process they learn that there are similarities and suggestions that may be helpful. For more information phone 0274 623 267 or email oceans.timaru@gmail.com. This course will be run in Geraldine next term.

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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