



# Geraldine Primary

*Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve*  
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## Newsletter

**Week 6, Term 4**  
**Thursday 5 December 2019**

**From the Principal...**

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

Next Thursday (12 December) we are holding our final Open Assembly for the year. This is where we recognize our student leaders and other achievements. This is at 1.15pm and families are most welcome to attend.

On Tuesday, 17 December we will be singing Christmas songs on the Village Green from 11.15 am. If it is wet, this will be held in the school hall from 11.30am. This will be followed by a family picnic at school, which will also be in the hall if it is wet.

At 1.15pm we will be having our Leavers Assembly. Again, all family members are welcome to attend these events. This day is the last full day for children for the year, and children will be expected to attend this day as usual. Buses will run in the morning only.

Your child's report comes home next Thursday. Included with it will be your child's class for 2020 and a stationery list.

A big well done to Tahlea Bradshaw who came 4<sup>th</sup> in the South Island Tennis Championships Y6 and under and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Doubles.

A heads up regarding a couple of events early in Term 1.

On Friday 31 January there will be a Chromebook set up session in the hall from 10.30am to 2.30pm. This will be particularly relevant for Y3 students with new Chromebooks. Students who had their own Chromebook in Year 4 or 5 this year won't need to come.

We will be having a powhiri for our new staff, students and families on Monday 3 February at 9am in the school hall. All new and existing families are welcome to attend the powhiri. New staff, students and parents will be led into the hall and seated at the front. This will be followed by the official opening of our remodelled/new classrooms which our school whanau are invited to.

On behalf of the staff and Board of Trustees, I wish all members of the GPS community a safe and enjoyable summer break. For our leavers, we wish you all the best for 2020 and for our returning students we look forward to seeing you again in early February.

As signaled in previous newsletters, we farewell Ange Dudson-Moko and Dominique Grant from the staff. I thank them for their contributions to GPS and wish them all the very best for the future.

We will welcome Hannah Beynon to a Year 6 position next year. Hannah will teach in Room 5.

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

Andrew Leverton  
Principal | Tumuaiki

## **School notices:**

### **Classes - 2020**

Like last year, a note will come home with your child's report and 2020 stationery lists on Thursday 12 December. This will outline what room they are in along with the class information listed below. Considerable time is spent drafting and finalizing class lists and we consider a variety of factors when determining the composition of each class.

**Class and syndicate structure for the start of 2020 is as follows:**

#### **Tāne Mahuta Syndicate - Years 1 and 2**

Andrea Bathgate	Room 6	NE / Year 1
Sarah Dunckley / Claire Lovelock	Room 9	Year 1
Rochelle Fisher	Room 2	Year 1 - 2
Erin Couper	Room 7	Year 2
Siobhan Hayward / Pauline Ramsay	Room 8	Year 2

#### **Tāwhirimātea Syndicate - Years 3 and 4**

Kirsty Smith	Room 13 (ex Rm 11)*	Year 3
Elizabeth Murray	Room 12	Year 3
Cathy Taiaroa	Room 10	Year 3 - 4
Jo Drake / Sarah Wilson	Room 11 (ex Rm 13)*	Year 4

#### **Tangaroa Syndicate - Years 5 and 6**

Fiona Wilcox / Ingrid Hanrahan	Room 1	Year 5
Chelley Leov	Room 3	Year 5
Sarah Strowger	Room 4	Year 6
Hannah Beynon	Room 5	Year 6

#### **Learning Support**

Debbie Scott	Room 14
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\* Where Room 11 currently is will be renamed Room 13 from 2020. Where Room 13 currently is will be renamed Room 11. This will allow the class numbers in Tawhirimatea Syndicate (Year 3 - 4) to run sequentially.

## **Gotchas**

Congratulations to the following students who received a prize from the recent Gotcha draw: Sophia C, R12; Riley, R3; Aiden, R5; Jackson, R7; Oakley, R15; Thomas F, R8.

## **PB4L Certificates**

Congratulations to the following students who received a PB4L Certificate at assembly on 22 November:

R1	Anthony Baker	R2	Tate Burnside	R3	Aria deBonth
R4	Sepia Allpress	R5	Hannah Boorer-Lilley	R6	Marko Swanepoel
R7	Ollie Welford	R8	Lucy Squires	R9	Lottie Cleverley
R10	Cathy Kwang	R11	Daisha Robertson	R12	Naomi Barlow
R15	Flynn Foster	R17	James Fitzsimons		

## **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:

ANZ 01 - 0841 - 0024832 - 10

## **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](http://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 swimming pool is up and running for the summer and it is wonderful to see and hear children getting so much enjoyment from it. Please make sure that all of your child's clothing and belongings are named.

Pool keys can be hired from the school office for \$60.

## **Helpers Morning Tea**

**Wednesday 11 December, from 10.30 am in our school hall.**

If you have helped our school in any way this year and would like to come along to our Helpers Morning Tea, you are most welcome. It will be great to see you there!

## **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  
R14 Brae Cleverley

R11 Nathaniel Henry  
R17 Benaiah Courage

R12 Jade Patrick

## 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 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 call/email our Contact Centre which operates between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday throughout the year (closed from 25<sup>th</sup> December to 6<sup>th</sup> January).

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

- **Woolston Clinic, 11 Hopkins Street, Woolston**
- **Hillmorton Clinic, Hillmorton Hospital, Sylvan Street,**
- **Ashburton Clinic, 38 Elizabeth Street, Ashburton**

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](mailto:commdental@cdhb.health.nz)

## Calendar - Term 4

### 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.



**The Home and School have had another busy and successful year and we would like to thank all those that have helped out in any way. We would encourage anyone thinking of joining to come along to one of our meetings next year and find out what we get up to. It's an awesome opportunity to support our amazing school.....many hands make light work.**

**The Home and School wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and enjoy the holidays with your loved ones.**

**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: Term 1 2019, date TBC. Keep an eye out on the H & S Facebook page and School newsletters. We would love to see some new faces in 2020!

GERALDINE PRIMARY PRESENTS



*Morning Tea At  
Geraldine Primary*

**Time:10:30am**

**DATE:11/12/2019**

**Meet in our school hall**

**AN OPEN INVITATION TO ALL HOME AND SCHOOL  
AND BOT MEMBERS AND ALL THE PARENT  
HELPERS WHO HAVE HELPED OVER THE YEAR -  
THANK YOU**

# Community Notices

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

Foxtrots with Soulsista Aotearoa Jaz Paterson – Live at the Lodge Theatre, Thursday 12 December, 7.30pm. Tickets available from Louk clothing.

**Community Christmas Tree** is accepting gifts until Wednesday 11 December . Could all donations please be wrapped and labeled girl/boy and age group.

## In honour of Peter Heaslip

Peter is a very special friend to Geraldine preschool, coming in every Thursday from 9 to 10am to read to the tamariki in Whare Piki. He has been doing this for over 6 years and during this time he has become a very fond member of our preschool whanau. In honour of the contributions Peter makes to Geraldine Preschool we have a special seat that will be placed in our forest when this is complete. The seat is a symbol of the hours Peter has spent reading on our couch and we hope that over summer he may even be able to enjoy reading stories to the tamariki on this new outdoor seat. We will be doing a special unveiling on THURSDAY 12th DECEMBER at 9:45am at preschool. We would like to invite all our families past and present along to celebrate with Peter. We hope to see you there.



TIMARU DISTRICT LIBRARIES  
**Christmas Storytime and Craft**  
MONDAY DECEMBER 23, 2019  
GERALDINE LIBRARY FROM 10:30AM TO 11:30AM  
☀ PLEASE CALL 03 6939336 TO BOOK YOUR PLACE!  
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TIMARU CHILDREN'S LIBRARY FROM 2:30PM TO 3:30PM  
☀ PLEASE CALL 03 6877202 TO BOOK YOUR PLACE!

Christmas Makerspace  
TEMUKA LIBRARY FROM 8:30AM – 5PM,  
DECEMBER 20, 23 AND 24, 2019

TIMARU DISTRICT LIBRARIES  
Paparua | Temuka | Timaru | Ōhāwera

**Kerbside Collections**  
Christmas Day and New Year's day

**CHRISTMAS DAY** Wednesday 25th December  
**No Bin Collection**  
Please place Wednesday's Bins on kerb for collection on  
**Saturday 28th December**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY** Wednesday 1st January 2020  
**No Bin Collection**  
Please place Wednesday's Bins on kerb for collection on  
**Saturday 4th January 2020**

TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL  
100 South Beach Road  
Timaru 7520



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

Please return to: Geraldine Primary School Board of Trustees, 73 Wilson Street, Geraldine 7930.  
 Phone: 03 693 8208      email: [principal@geraldine.school.nz](mailto:principal@geraldine.school.nz)