



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 7, Term 3

Friday 6 September 2019

From the Principal...

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

Spring has definitely arrived on our doorstep with some wonderful sunny, clear days, earlier in the week, along with the appearance of three lambs in the school, which has captured the attention and curiosity of our students.

We are extremely grateful to our Home and School Committee for their generous donation of \$20,000 towards the build of Room 13. The bulk of this was raised at the very successful Dancing with the Stars evening in June. This is a major boost to our fundraising efforts, which now sit at around \$65,000. It's wonderful to have the Home and School on board as a major sponsor in this exciting development for our school and we thank them for their ongoing efforts and support.

Congratulations to Fiona Wilcox, who has won the Team Leader of Tangaroa syndicate position (Year 5 and 6). Fiona is currently doing this role in an acting capacity following the promotion of Murray Davidson at the end of last term. We are delighted that she will now continue in this role in a permanent capacity, which officially starts next term. Well done Fe!

Year 5 and 6 students brought home a newsletter earlier in the week about the cancelled ski trip. Many thanks to the parents who came along on the day. While it was a shame we didn't get to ski as the conditions deteriorated, we need to place student safety at the forefront of our decisions. It shows how quickly conditions in an alpine environment can change.

Earlier this week a group of eight experienced skiers took part in the Mackenzie Ski Race Day at Mt Dobson. Some very creditable placings were achieved in their respective age groups:

JJ - 1st, Kohei - 1st, Wilbur - 1st, Emma - 3rd, Addison - 3rd, Charlotte - 4th, Jessica - 5th, Hayley - 6th. Many thanks to the parents who took the team up on this day.

Last Friday our EPro8 team of Zoe, Summer, JJ and Jessica visited Canterbury University for the Canterbury finals of the competition, having qualified in the Timaru and

Ashburton events previously. They did extremely well to reach this stage of the competition and finished with a top 10 placing for this part of the South Island. Congratulations to these students and the skiers who have represented our school so well recently.

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.

Recently a colleague shared a table about student attendance with me, which you may find interesting. I have included this below. It is important that attendance levels are high, to ensure that gaps in learning are kept to a minimum. Naturally there will be times when students are genuinely sick and need to be kept home. Regular absences contribute to gaps in learning, which can be hard to catch up on. A day away from school each week, equates to 80% attendance. While this may be a fine result in an assessment or, in later years at school, a test or exam, it is considered very low and concerning for attendance.

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/she is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1 hr. 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you want your child to be successful at school then. YES. attendance does matter!

Until next time,

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

Andrew Leverton
Principal | Tumuaki

School notices:

3WC - 3 Way Conferences

Bookings can now be made online for 3 Way Conferences, which will take place on Tuesday 10 September from 1 - 6.00 pm and Thursday 12 September from 3.10 – 5 pm.

The website to book your child's 3WC is www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. Use the event code sq9n7 to access our school portal. If you need assistance with this, please contact the school office and we will book an interview for you. Please note that bookings will close on Friday 6 September and it is important that bookings are made by this day. Teachers will be involved in 3WCs all afternoon on Tuesday 10 September and normal classes won't be taking place.

Classes will stop at 12.15 on Tuesday 10th September and non bus students will be sent home at this time. Please ensure you either collect your child from school or are at home to receive them. Buses will leave GPS at 12.20 and the High School at 12.30. Please make sure someone is at the bus stop to meet children as the buses will arrive early because there will be no High School students on board.

The Mischevious Cow 102

The Mischevious Cow 102 appealed to our Junior students at Geraldine Primary School. They were encouraged to interact with their own experiences of living on, or visiting a farm.

Thanks Christine for sharing your story with us.

Daffodil Day - Friday 30 August

Thank you to everyone who supported our Mufti Day last week. Together we raised \$553.00 for the Cancer Society.

Property developments

Work on **Rooms 10 & 13** is progressing well. We are now starting to see how the internal structure will look. Fundraising towards the replacement continues and we would like to acknowledge the wonderful generosity of the following sponsors, who have supported us so far. If other families or businesses would like to make a donation of any amount, please refer to the form at the end of this newsletter.

Major sponsor

Geraldine Primary Home and School

Platinum sponsors

Grant Pastoral

Thomas Hobson Trust

Gold sponsors

Downlands Deer

GPS Middle Syndicate students

Geraldine Auto Restorations

Silver sponsors

Lioness Club of Geraldine

Barkers Fruit Processors

Fresh Choice Geraldine

Anonymous

Bronze sponsors

Wilcox Family

Angela & Andrew Milne

Geraldine Spraying - Haden Batty and Julie Copland Batty

Shimmer and Shine Windows - Emma and Jonny Burnside

O'Brien / Catherwood Family

Johnson Gluyas Tractors

J.L. Clews

Many thanks also to other individuals and families who have donated to the Room 13 rebuild up to a value of \$250.

New Students

A special welcome Marko Hardie-Lyne, R6; Felix Hardie-Lyne, R5 and Lucy Avery, R15. 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 16 August: Esme, R2; Reuben, R5; Eliza, R8; Georgia, R2; Angelo, R1; Tian, R11.

80 Gotcha's

Well done to the following students who received a certificate for 80 Gotcha's: Ollie Christensen, R12; Annie Burnside, R12; Manaiia Sheed, R1; Evie Grant, R3; Smilla Burns, R4.

100 Gotcha's

Great work to the following Zech Reardon and Sepia Allpress who received a certificate for 100 Gotcha's.

PB4L Certificates

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

R1	Bodean Flannery	R2	Phoebe Buchanan	R3	Kori Edmonds-Cooper
R4	Phoebe Gibson	R5	Jessica Skinner	R6	Nassi Ford-Stewart
R7	Shelby Phillips	R8	Thomas Fitzsimons	R9	Lottie Smyth
R10	Maddi Geary	R11	Aoife Brennan	R12	Ginny Kruize
R15	William Kendrick	R17	Tayla Shadlow		

Enviro Awards

Bins – R4

Power – R1

Pet Day 2019

This is going to be held on **Friday 25th October** (postponement day Tuesday 29th) at the Woodbury Hall and Domain. Pet Day is for children in Year's 3-6. Children are encouraged to rear an animal for this event or bring an animal that they are responsible for at home. They are judged on their knowledge of their pet, leading and handling and care and attention. All children are required to complete a project on their pet that will be on display in the Woodbury Hall. The day runs from 10.15 until approximately 2.00pm.

Further information and permission slips will be handed out next week to those children who are interested and must be returned by **Monday 16th September**.

Projects must be handed in by **Friday 18th October**.

Any questions please feel free to contact Andrea Bathgate.

Online Payments

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

Bus Students

Once the transfer buses have left GPS at the end of the day, students can not be removed from the bus at GHS. We ask for parental co-operation in this matter. A roll is done when children get on the transfer buses at the Primary School and once they have been checked off, need to remain on the bus.

SC Hockey Reps

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for the South Canterbury Hockey Development teams:

Boys Team: Bryn Hanrahan, Joji Wada, Alex Royce-Bainbridge, Joe O'Kane

Girls Team: Jessica Skinner, Amelia Smith, Matilda Mallinson.

Calendar - Term 3

Week 8

Tuesday 10 September	3 Way Conferences, 1 - 6pm. Classes stop 12.15pm
Thursday 12 September	3 Way Conferences, 3.10 - 5pm

Week 9

Monday 16 September	ICS Reading exam
Tuesday 17 September	ICS Maths exam
Friday 20 September	Flava Festival - kapa haka

Week 10

Monday 23 September	South Canterbury Anniversary Day - school closed
Wednesday 25 September	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm
Friday 27 September	Open Assembly - 1.30pm, hosted by the senior syndicate

2019 Term Dates

Term 3 22 July – 27 September

Term 4 14 October – 17 December

Labour Day Monday 28 October (school closed)

Teacher Only Day Tuesday 29 October (school closed)

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. You can find out about Home and School

events on our Facebook page, just search for: Geraldine Primary Home&School Committee

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!



Car Boot Sale at Geraldine Primary School 19th October. All funds raised go towards the Social Workers Trust

Second Hand Uniform: Any donations of second hand GPS uniform can be handed in to the School Office.

Sausage Sizzle Info: A reminder to our existing families that sausages now cost \$2 per sausage.. Sausages are available for our children every Friday lunchtime. Orders are taken on Friday mornings on the hall veranda 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

TENNIS
South Canterbury

Sponsored by
ACTION SPORTS **Wilson**

HAVE A GO

FUN DAY

28th September
11am - 1pm

FREE EVENT & BBQ

Fun Tennis Games & Drills
Bring Your Friends & Racquet!
Have Some Tennis Fun!
At the Trust Aoraki Tennis Centre

Pre-Register Online!
Go in the draw to win awesome prizes!
Registrations not essential but if you pre-register your attendance by Tuesday 24th September 2019 you can go in the draw to win an awesome tennis prize!

Register by 24th September Online
www.tennissouthcanterbury.co.nz

Children's School Holiday

Art Classes
In Watercolour

Dates: 2nd, 3rd, 9th and 10th October

Times: • 10am - 12 noon
• 1.30pm - 3.30pm

*** Limited numbers ***
*** Bookings essential ***
*** Art materials provided ***
*** Ages 8-11 ***

Wayne Patrick Studio
Contact: waynepatrick@xtra.co.nz
Text: 027 6060 833
Studio: 11A Royal Arcade, Timaru

** Xmas Holiday Art Classes available, bookings essential **

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

In the coming school holidays Genesis School-gen is partnering up with Imagination Station, located in central Christchurch, to offer renewable energy workshops with LEGO for kids. Participants will also get to have a go on our [Human Energy Generator](#) during the workshop. As a School-gen solar school, we have negotiated a special half price discount for your students, making tickets just \$5 per student.

To take advantage of the discount, all you need to do is tell parents about it, then get them to register their child for a workshop and use the discount code 'Genesis'. The website to register is: <https://imagination-station.org.nz/collections/central-city-activities/products/renewable-energy-with-lego-partnered-genesis-school-gen>.

HILTON/GERALDINE JUNIOR TENNIS - Registration Day

Anyone interested in playing Saturday Interclub or junior coaching come along to the Geraldine Tennis courts on Friday 6th September between 3 - 4pm. Any queries contact Michelle Howell ph 0276937367



Saturday 9th November 2019

Orari Gorge Station

Trail running, mountain biking, walking – 9 events to choose from!

Go to woodburyhillcountrychallenge.co.nz to register

Any locals wanting to volunteer as marshals please email alex@orarigorge.co.nz

**ADVENTURE
PLUS!**



Geraldine Scout Group OPEN DAY Bring the whole Family

*8th September 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Geraldine Scout Den, 133 Talbot St*

Come and talk to Keas, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders about the fun activities we do and the valuable skills we learn. Interactive events to join in with on the day.

Cake stall and sausage sizzle available.



We'd love to see you there

GERALDINE SWIMMING CLUB

Swim Squad

Our club's swimming season commences with registration at the Geraldine Pool when it opens in early November. There is preseason training available at C-Bay starting in September. We are a friendly group of swimmers, coaches and supporters. We welcome early enquiries about joining our club and prerequisite skills that are required.

Learn to Swim

We will endeavour to provide 'learn to swim' lessons again this coming season in 2 Blocks; Tuesday/Thursday afternoons later in Term 4 and Term 1 2020. If you are interested in helping to provide this valuable skill to children in our community please contact us about supporting options.

Club Secretary - Dallas Rae secretarygasc@gmail.com
Facebook - Geraldine Amateur Swimming Club (PM available)

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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