



# Geraldine Primary

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

**Week 2, Term 1**  
**Thursday 7 February 2019**

### **From our Principal**

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

Welcome everyone to the start of the 2019 school year. I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer break and that the children are all ready for the term ahead. We have all experienced some hot weather and we are very grateful that our classes have air conditioning to ensure an optimal environment for both staff and students.

The year has started well at Geraldine Primary. It was wonderful to welcome the new students and their families to our school at our powhiri on the first day of term. Many thanks to Elizabeth Murray and ex GPS student Ebony Pierson who lead a very moving karanga, Gideon Snow for speaking on behalf of the manuhiri (visitors) and also to Addie Snow who supported the powhiri with waiata and by explaining the process to our new families.

We will be having an information evening tonight. From 5-5.30pm the teachers in *Tāwhirimātea* Syndicate (Year 3 and 4 will meet in their rooms – rooms 1,10,11, and 17)

*Tangaroa* Syndicate (Year 5 ) will meet in the Library and Year 6 (rooms 4 and 5) will be in Room 5 to share information and answer any questions that you may have about the classroom programme.

*Tāne Mahuta* Syndicate (Year 1 and 2 – Rooms 2, 6, 7, 8, and 9) will meet together in Room 6 from 5-5.30pm where teachers will outline their syndicate programme and answer any questions.

From 5.30-6.30pm we will have our Family BBQ. Sausages are available for purchase for \$2 and families are welcome to bring a picnic dinner. The school pool will be open and there will be some sports gear available.

The Home and School Group are holding their first meeting of the year on the 11<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm in the staffroom. They are always looking new members and supporters.

We encourage new and existing parents to come along and support the wonderful work the Home and School does.

Much of the term so far has been taken up with swimming tuition. We are very grateful to Sue Sheed, Tash Rankin, Jo Cummings and Adrienne Ross who are our tutors again this year. We are also extremely fortunate to have four weeks of swimming lessons (in summer!) all of which has been funded by the Home and School group from last year's Fun Run fundraiser. Most existing parents will know about the Home and School group and the wonderful fundraising work they do for the school, all of which is put back into school resources and activities. As students move through the school and onto High School, so too do members of the group and as such they are always on the lookout for new committee members, or others to help with fundraisers. Please let the office know if you are keen to be involved – many hands make for lighter work!

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

*Ngā mihi nui,*

Andrew Leverton  
Principal / Tumuaki

## **School Notices**

### **Senior School Triathlon**

On Thursday, 14 February our Seniors will be taking part in our Triathlon at the Geraldine Community Pool. The first race will start at 10.30am.

### **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 Eleanor Fraser, R17; Jaedyn Davies, R5; Louis Aulicino, R5; Tate Aulicino, R4; Caio Aulicino, R1; Riley Craig, R6; Miles Bock, R5; Caitlyn Bock, R2; Saanvi Malhotra, R6; and to William Kendrick, Charlotte Lister-Burgess, Meila Pawson, Flynn Sherriff, Kevin Sheng, Luken Inon, Taig Milne, Kase Ochsner, Logan Gorrie and Isla Toogood who all started in R5 this term.

### **Gotcha Draw**

Congratulations to the following students who received a prize in the Gotcha draw last year: Ruby, R11; Jules, R6; Molly G, R6; Ethan, R11; Bryn, R2; Leo, R11; Callum, R1; Zech, R3; Zana, R11; Sepia, R3; Ben, R17; Mya, R1; Baxter, R10; and Zoe K, R2.

### **Online Payments**

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

### **Emergency Contact details**

If you have had a change of address or phone number 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.

## Leaving after School from Wilson Street

We would ask that after school parents leaving the school grounds with their children on the Wilson Street side, please use the Pool gate entrance by Room 14. This a request for safety to avoid confusion for children getting on the buses and also to ensure that no one crosses the road between the buses.

### Bus Students

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

Lastly 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.

## Calendar

### Term 1

#### Week 3

Thursday 14 February                      Senior Triathlon

#### Week 4

Thursday 21 February                      GPS Swimming Sports

#### Week 5

Wednesday 27 February                      Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30pm, all welcome  
Thursday 28 February                      Year 6 Positive Puberty  
Thursday 28 February to  
Friday 1 March                      Year 5 Camp at Raincliff

#### Week 5

Tuesday 26 February                      Middle Syndicate Triathlon  
Tuesday 5 March to  
Friday 8 March                      Year 6 Camp at Lindisfarne

#### Week 7

Tuesday 12 March and  
Thursday 14 March                      3WC

#### Week 8

Saturday 23 March                      Middle Syndicate Second Hand Book Stall

#### Week 10

Wednesday 3 April                      Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30pm  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April                      Breakfast BBQ

#### Week 11

Friday 12 April                      Open Assembly – time to be confirmed

## 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

Welcome Back for 2019. A warm welcome to any new families, we hope to see you at the Welcome BBQ tonight.

**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 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.

**Second Hand Uniform:** This will continue to be available from Rosie's second hand clothing on Peel Street. Rosie's is open Tuesday to Thursday 10.30am to 3.30pm. We request that donations of uniform continue to be dropped off at the School Office.

**First Meeting for 2019:** Mon 11 Feb 2019, 7pm, School Staff Room. We would love to see some new members! All 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.

**Hockey** - Hockey South Canterbury invite you to our Open Day/Have a Go day on Sunday 24th of February 2019 from 2pm-4pm at the turf located at Aorangi Park on Morgans Road, Timaru. This is open to all primary school aged children where you can have a hit around on the turf and we can assist you with all information regarding hockey in Timaru. Bring a few friends and come and have a go! All gear is provided and it's FREE!

**SCMTB Club** is running a kids mountain bike race on Sunday, 17 February,

Location: based around the main lake area in the Scenic Reserve, look for the MTB race signs.

Time: sign up from 11.30am, race starts at 12.00pm.

Suitable for: ages 2-12.

Details: kids ride as many laps as they want around the track in 30mins - \$2 entry fee and every child gets a chocolate fish at the end.