



Geraldine Primary

Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve
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Newsletter

Week 4, Term 4
Thursday 7 November 2019

From the Principal...

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

In two weeks time we will be having our school athletics day. This year due to increased numbers the athletics day will be run for Geraldine Primary School students with Woodbury and Carew hosting their own athletics. Classes have been busy preparing for athletics and will be looking forward to the day I'm sure. Parents and whanau are most welcome to attend this day and bring a picnic lunch to share with their children. Further details will be sent home closer to the time.

On the 19th and 20th of November Alpine Energy will be doing a lines upgrade in Geraldine. This will see Wilson Street closed to traffic and pedestrians on these two days. If you drop children off through the Wilson Street entrances, please use either Huffey or Cox Streets. Buses will arrive and depart from Cox Street, north of the crossing. Power to the school will still be supplied and it will be business as usual at school.

Congratulations to Sarah Dunckley and Claire Lovelock who have been appointed to a position in the Junior Syndicate for next year, they currently work together in Room 15. We look forward to having them continue on the staff at Geraldine Primary.

We are beginning the process of forming classes for 2019. If you have a 5 year old New Entrant child who will start with us next year, or know of someone who this applies to, it is important that the office is informed as soon as possible and an enrolment form completed, if this hasn't been done already. This also applies to children in other year groups who will be attending GPS from 2019. Having an accurate understanding about new enrolments is important as it assists within the composition of classes.

As part of the class formation process, if parents have any factors that they would like senior staff to consider regarding their child(ren), please put these in writing to me, by way of a letter or email – principal@geraldine.school.nz as soon as possible or by Friday 22 November at the latest. Whilst we will take these factors into consideration, we are unable to guarantee each request. Please note that this is not an opportunity to request a particular teacher or being placed with particular friends. If you know now that your

child is not going to be attending GPS in 2019 (other than Year 6's), please let me know in writing as soon as possible.

Until next time,

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

Andrew Leverton
Principal | Tumuaiki

School notices:

School Disco

Friday 8th November 2019

Years 0-3 6.00 – 7.15pm

Years 4 -6 7.15 – 8.45pm

The disco will be supervised by staff. Parents need to drop their children off and pick them up again at the end of the sessions. For safety and organisation reasons can children please be dropped off and picked up from the school playground side of the hall. Please note this disco is for Geraldine Primary School children only.

Thank you to the Home and School for providing us with the money to purchase food, drink, prizes and decorations.

This year the children will be able to purchase glow sticks. If the children would like to purchase a glow stick, they need to bring \$2 on the morning of the disco to the table we will have set up outside Room 9. They will then get a stamp on their hand which they will show to a staff member when they come to the disco in the evening and they will receive their glow stick.

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, 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 Property Manager, Malcolm Campbell is preparing the school pool for summer usage. Pool keys can be hired by school families for \$60 for the summer. We will let you all know when the pool is ready and keys become available. Typically, classes will have access to the pool from early December and families can use the pool after 4pm weekdays and between 9am and 9pm in the weekends and holidays.

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.

New Students

A special welcome to Maeve who started in R9 recently. 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 recently: Macaulay, R11; Sam, R11; Jonathan, R9; Ollie, R7; Levi, R15; Ollie, R6

PB4L Certificates

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

R1	Lucy Patrick	R2	Molly Edge	R3	Salomon Shrestha
R4	Keira Wynn	R5	Aiden Harris	R6	Jessica Martin
R7	Jack Siepkes	R8	LeRoy Richards	R9	Maisie Wrigley
R10	Grace Worner	R11	Macaulay Cleverley	R12	Shantelle Parker
R15	Esmée Jamieson	R17	Zack Adams		

80 Gotchas

Well done to the following students who received a certificate for 80 Gotcha's: Aoefe, R11; Livvy, R17; Nirvana, R17; Ava, R4.

100 Gotchas

Great work to the following who received a certificate for 100 Gotcha's: Mia, R4; Hayley, R4; Sophia, R17

WAVE and Whanau House Day

12th November

The WAVE team alongside our Whanau House Leaders are hosting an afternoon of activities set out for the whole school to participate in to promote healthy well-being. As part of this children are able to bring their wheels (scooters, skateboards, roller blades). All children must have a helmet.

The following whanau house groups can bring their wheels in **Week 5 on Tuesday**: Kowhai and Kahurangi (Yellow and Blue).

Children can bring along their house colour t-shirts to wear in the afternoon and wear their school t-shirt to school.

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.

Online Payments

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

BUS

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

The Community Dental Service phone number to make appointments is 0800 846 983.

Calendar - Term 4

Friday 8 November School Disco

Week 5

Tuesday 12 November WAVE day (pm)

Week 6

Tuesday 19 November Wilson St closed to traffic (Alpine Energy upgrade)

Wednesday 20 November Wilson St closed to traffic (Alpine Energy upgrade)

Thursday 21 November School Athletics Day - Domain

Week 7

Monday 25 November Athletics postponement

Friday 29 November Y6 Orientation GHS

Week 8

Tuesday 3 December South Canterbury Athletics

Wednesday 4 December Board of Trustees meeting - 6pm

Week 9

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

Labour Day Monday 28 October (school closed)

Teacher Only Day Tuesday 29 October (school closed)

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

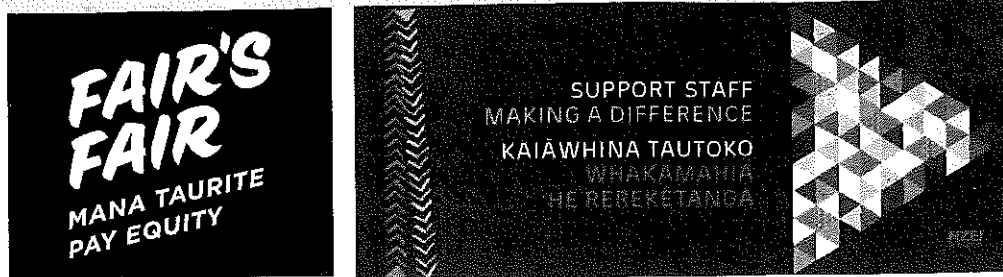
Term 3

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.



Support staff are making a difference for children.
Now it's time to make a difference for support staff!

New Zealand's school funding system is broken.

It fails to deliver certainty for schools, secure and fairly paid work for support staff, and consistent, quality learning support for students.

Teacher aides are on the frontline of learning support. They are often unable to support themselves and their families on what they earn. 90% of teacher aides are earning less than the living wage and most are in insecure, fixed-term employment.

The system is broken, but together we can change it.

WHAT ARE WE CAMPAIGNING FOR?

Pay equity and collective agreement negotiations for teacher aides are underway, and we're pushing for a government commitment to a substantial pay increase that finally recognises teacher aides' skills and responsibilities by the end of 2019.

Other support staff also need significant pay increases, improvements to allowances and firm commitments to pay equity processes too.

Government funding is essential to make this happen. Schools must be resourced to pay support staff fairly, ensure secure employment and provide high quality learning support.

Support staff make a real difference for our tamariki and rangatahi – and now it's time for the people on the frontline of education to get a fair go. Together, we can make it happen.

Home & School

We are fortunate to have a supportive community to assist GPS. 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

Car Boot Sale: Nearly \$1500 was raised for the Geraldine Social Workers Trust. Again, a massive thank you to Debbie Oliver for organising this and to the stall holders and public who supported the event. See you all again next year!!

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!

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 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: Term 1 2019, date TBC

Community Notices

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

GERALDINE KIDS SING!

We are looking for keen kids to join us at the Geraldine Academy on Tuesday afternoons from 3pm till 4:30pm.

We are supported by the community and this is a low-cost activity for kids of all ages.

If you are interested, please contact Adele on 0210 236 9674

LEARN TO SWIM

Do you like water? Do you want to upskill while having fun? We need some keen helpers to deliver our new Learn to Swim programme in the Geraldine Pool alongside trained coaches.

There are 2 Blocks of lessons this coming season to teach local children swimming skills. The first Block is starting when the pool opens in November and the second Block is in Term 1 2020. Lessons are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Please contact Rebecca as soon as possible for more information:

learn2swimgeraldine@gmail.com

SWIM SQUAD

The first night of swim squad training at the Geraldine pool will be on **Monday 11th November**. Swimmers and caregivers are to meet poolside at 4.30pm for a brief introduction and registration check before entering the pool. New swimmers are welcome but it would be advisable to contact the Secretary- Dallas Rae secretarygasc@gmail.com or 027 2240237 for more information prior to the first night.

FACEBOOK - Geraldine Amateur Swimming Club (PM available)

Term 4

Relax Kids Classes

GERALDINE

Relax Kids SC Classes
Creating Calm, Confident Kids
Fun and Creative Relaxation Classes for Positive Wellbeing

Monday 4th November - 2nd December
(5 weeks)

Magical Adventures
Meet the Genius Genie 5-8Yrs 3pm-4pm

Chill Skills
Positive Wellbeing 9-12Yrs 4pm-5pm

Relaxkidssc@gmail.com



Creating calm confident children

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