



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 2, Term 2
Thursday 9 May 2019

From our Principal

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

Welcome back to the start of Term 2. I trust you have all had a safe and enjoyable term break and that your child has had a positive start to this term.

Many thanks for your support and understanding with the organisation around the teacher/principal union meetings today. We kept the school open in the afternoon to minimise disruption for parents. While the outcome of the vote is not known at this stage we will inform you about possible future industrial action as information is shared with us.

Our local Community of Learning (Kahui Ako) engages with 5 schools and 5 early childhood centres in the wider Geraldine area with a focus on student wellbeing, transition into, through, and out of school, and oral language. We are fortunate to be working with Del Costello, a highly regarded Oral Language Facilitator. Part of Del's role is to work with teachers to develop capacity around the teaching of oral language. On Thursday 30 May, she will be hosting an evening for parents to learn more about how they can support their child's oral language in the home. We encourage you all to attend this event which will be held in the GPS hall from 7-8pm.

The Board of Trustees triennial elections are coming up and the process leading into the election has started. We are currently calling for nominations for Trustees. Your child will be bringing home nomination forms tomorrow (Friday 10 May), should you wish to nominate someone for the Board. The nomination forms are due back to the school office by noon on Friday 24 May. More nomination forms will also be available in the office. If you are considering standing for the Board and would like to attend a meeting, our next meeting will be on Wednesday 22 May at 5.30pm in the staffroom.

Fundraising towards the Room 13 rebuild continues & we would like to acknowledge the wonderful generosity of the following sponsors, who have supported us so far:

Platinum sponsors:

Grant Pastoral

Thomas Hobson Trust

Gold sponsors:

Geraldine Auto Restorations
Downlands Deer
GPS Middle Syndicate (book fair)

Silver sponsors:

Anonymous
Lioness Club of Geraldine Primary School Barkers Fruit Processors

Bronze sponsors:

Wilcox family
Angela & Andrew Milne
Geraldine Spraying - Haden Batty and Julie Copland Batty
Shimmer and Shine Windows - Emma and Jonny Burnside

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

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

Ngā mihi nui,

Andrew Leverton
Principal / Tumuaki

School Notices**Gotcha Draw**

Congratulations to the following students who received a prize in the Gotcha draw at assembly: Macy, R12; Kaydynce, R8; Alex R-B, R4; Jade, R12; LeRoy, R8 Mason, R11. Congratulations also to the following children who received a prize at the Junior Open Assembly in Term 1: Ollie, R12; Harry, R12; Luren, R7; Mate, R1; Ruby, R17; Tyla, R11.

Principals Awards

Well done to the children who received a Principals Award at the Junior Open Assembly last term.

R1	Callum Newport	R2	Georgia Patrick	R3	Soloman Shrestha
R4	Sepia Allpress	R5	Hannah Boorer-Lilley	R6	Neve Ward
R7	Camilo Cisneros	R8	Caitlyn Bock	R9	Meila Pawson
R10	Regan Nicholls	R11	Aoife Brennan	R12	Macy Oliver
R17	Ben Morton				

PB4L Certificates

The following students received PB4L Certificates at assembly on 2 May:

R1	Lucy Patrick	R2	Riley Pollock	R3	Seven Felizardo
R4	Alex Royce Bainbridge	R5	Leila Bennett	R6	Marko Swanepoel
R7	Ashley Bolt	R8	Archer Smythe	R9	Olivia Garth
R10	Charlie Nichol	R11	Adele Stack	R12	Macy Oliver
R14	Mason Jordan	R15	Alice McCullough	R17	Luka Kimura

Mufti Day for Pink Shirt Day- 17th May 2019

On the 17th of May the school is going to take part in a nationwide 'Pink Shirt Day' to show that we are in support of schools stamping out bullying and making schools safe

and enjoyable places to be. This day links closely to our school values of being respectful and caring to all. On 'Pink Shirt Day' your child is able to wear pink mufti clothing to show they are in support of this cause (they do not have to have every single item in pink).

We will not ask for a gold coin donation on this day but if you wish to donate to this cause run by the Mental Health Foundation you can visit the website below and make a \$3 donation. <http://www.pinkshirtday.org.nz>. [Pink Shirt Day t-shirts can also be purchased from this site if you are interested.](#)

If your child does not wish to take part they should wear normal school uniform on this day.

Geraldine Primary School Cross Country Friday 24th May.

Children have been practising for our school cross country during school time. They will also get to go around the course so they know where to run on the day. Please make sure your child has appropriate footwear during this time.

Our cross country will be held at the Domain, starting at 1pm. If postponed then Monday 27th May, this will be on our phone messages, and on Facebook.

Lunch will be at school from 12:00 to 12:40 when we will then walk over to the Domain.

All children take part in this activity unless they have a medical reason for not participating, in which case a letter needs to be written to the Principal or Deputy Principal. We see this activity as being the same as reading, maths or art and that all children should try to do their best.

The race programme will start with the juniors and go through to the senior classes. Junior Syndicate classes will be run by age group. Middle and Senior Syndicates will be run by year group.

Children who are in years 0 – 2 may leave after the completion of their race if their parent is there to take them. Please let the teacher know.

Southfuels

Thank you to the following community members that have nominated GPS to receive a percentage of their bulk fuel purchase price:

Belrori Farm Ltd	HJB & SJ Sheed	Fisher Family Partnership
Thompson Precast Ltd	Rawhiti House	Clay Downs Farming Company
Earthworks Aoraki Ltd	BR Hammond	BC & TE Brown
KR Christie	SR & LM Geary.	

Through this sponsorship we are lucky enough to have received enough points to claim a TV and bracket that will be perfect for our Library.

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.

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 is 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.

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.

Safety Concerns

We have received several concerns about students from GPS riding bikes on footpaths, not wearing hi viz vests and also riding on the Geraldine High School grounds after school.

On Wednesdays when children are cycling to Rugby at the Geraldine High School grounds, they must park their bikes and scooters in the bike stand provided inside the stone gates.

Also a reminder that children under the age of 10 need to be supervised while riding bicycles. Also it is against the law to ride a bike on a footpath with wheels over 355mm in diameter.

Calendar

Term 2

Week 3

Wednesday 15 May

R5 Kayaking

Kids Lit Quiz at Waihi

Friday 17 May

Pink Shirt Day

Week 4

Wednesday 22 May

R4 Kayaking

BOT Meeting, 5.30pm

School Cross Country 1pm, Domain

Week 5

Monday 27 May

Postponement School Cross Country

Tuesday 28 May

Coffee Morning 9-10am, Staffroom

Thursday 30 May

Oral Language evening for parents/whanau from

Local schools and early childhood centres 7-8pm

Junior classes – museum trip

Week 6

Monday 3 June

Queens Birthday – school closed

Tuesday 4 June

Teacher Development day – school closed

2019 Term Dates

Term 2 29 April – 5 July

Term 3 22 July – 27 September

Term 4 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

Trail Bike Ride Fundraiser:

The weather gods smiled and this went ahead on the first Sunday of the school holidays. This raised the highly impressive sum of just over \$8,000 for GPS! This would not be possible without the generous support of the landowners who provide the use of their land for this event. Thank you most sincerely to the Sheed; Orange; Christie and Glass families and Blakeley Pacific Forestry. Also to the Trail Bike Ride Coordinator Grenville Button; the GPS Farmer Liaison Simon Geary and School Property Manager, Malcolm.

Thanks also to the helpers on the day: Jolie, Bronwyn, Erin, Jeremy and Jane

A big shout out to Tash and her Dahm Good Coffee cart for supporting GPS by attending the Trail Bike Ride. Please show your support to Tash for all that she does to support our fundraising ventures.

Entertainment Book: A first for GPS Home & School. We have been fortunate to secure the sale of the very popular Entertainment Books for 2019/2020. Bargains and discounts galore await the lucky purchaser. Each book costs \$70 and it will not take long to make this saving and more. It covers the Canterbury and Nelson region and a display book is available in the School Office. An order form will be sent home soon to each family. Home & School will receive \$14 from each book sold so it really is a win-win situation. Order forms will need to be back to the School Office by this Friday 10th May. Or you can order direct from the website at:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/95u9713>

Thank you for your support.

Dancing with the Stars: This awesome community event is happening again. Further info will be announced in the coming weeks. **Save the date: 22nd June!**

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.

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 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: A reminder that donations of second hand GPS uniform are to be handed in to the School Office.

Next Meeting: Mon 13th May, 7pm, School Staffroom, New members welcome

COFFEE HOUR

TUESDAY 28 MAY

FROM 9.00 – 10AM

Geraldine Primary School staffroom

****A special invitation to all parents of New Entrant Children and children new to our school**

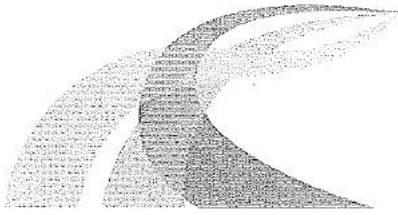
**** All established parents/whanau are also welcome to come along to support the school**

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.

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KA AWA WHIRIA

GERALDINE AREA KAHUI AKO

Invitation to our school community Oral Language evening

“Oral language skills are critical for our young people. They support them to become effective learners, to be confident in themselves and to participate fully in our communities” Del Costello – Consultant Cognition Education.

You are invited to come along and find out more about the work that is happening in the wider Geraldine area through our Community of Learning / Kahui Ako to support our young people (0-18 years) to grow into strong and effective communicators. Del Costello from Cognition Education is working with the educators in our area to support the development of knowledge and skills. Come and learn how this is connected to our schools and early learning centres and what you can do to support your children and those in the wider community.

WHEN: Thursday 30TH May, 7 - 8pm

WHERE: Geraldine Primary School Hall, Wilson Street, Geraldine



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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.

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

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BEING MADE 17/18/19 MAY 2019**