



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 8, Term 3

Thursday 10 September 2020

From the Principal...

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

Last Wednesday I had the pleasure of accompanying Tangaroa syndicate on their ski trip to Roundhill. We were fortunate to have perfect conditions, with fresh snowfall the day before improving the experience. Many in the group were giving skiing a go for the first time and I congratulate everyone involved for meeting personal challenges. It was my first time at Roundhill and I was impressed with the varied terrain and how it catered for all abilities.

Many thanks to everyone who returned their decile review surveys. I am pleased to say that we have reached the minimum number of returns required by the Ministry of Education. I will keep you updated regarding the outcome of this process.

Over the past few weeks all classes have been involved in a Keeping Ourselves Safe unit. This has been taught in conjunction with the NZ Police. We have been fortunate to have Senior Constable Maire Froud teaching aspects of this unit, alongside the classroom teachers. They have covered ways for students to keep themselves safe in their interactions with other people and encourage any who need to, to seek help from a trusted adult.

If current or future parents have children who will be starting at GPS in 2021, I ask that they make this known to the school office as soon as possible so that details can be recorded. This will assist us with our planning for next year.

A reminder following the email sent via class teachers this week that the school cross country scheduled for next Monday has been postponed due to Covid Level 2 restrictions. We all look forward to a return to Level 1 so that this event can be rescheduled when it is safe to do so.

Our social worker, Deana Averill and I are holding a coffee morning for interested parents next Tuesday, 15 September from 8.50 - 10am in the school staffroom.

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

Andrew Leverton
Principal | Tumuaki

School notices:

New Students

A special welcome to Aoifebelle, R7 and Shantelle, R11. We hope you enjoy your time at Geraldine Primary.

Pink Shirt Day- Friday 16th October 2020

On Friday 16th October 2020 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 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.

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 holidays.

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

- **Timaru Clinic, Level 1, 18 Woollcombe Street, Timaru**

The clinics will offer appointments between 8.15am and 4.45pm for school-age and preschool children requiring treatment. If your child has dental pain because 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

Calendar - Term 3

Week 9

Tuesday 15 September Coffee Morning 8.45am-10am, Staffroom – all welcome

Week 10

Wednesday 23 September Board of Trustees meeting, 6pm, staffroom

Friday 25 September Term 3 ends

Term 4

Week 1

Friday 16 October Pink Shirt Day

Week 3

Monday 26 October Labour Day – school closed

Tuesday 27 October Staff Development Day – school closed

Wednesday 28 October BOT Meeting, 6pm, staffroom

Term 4

Monday 12 October – Tuesday 15 December

Staff Development Day Tuesday 27 October

Home & School

Some big changes are happening with our **Sausage Sizzle!** Starting in Term 4 we will be taking orders for sausages online. Just load your account and order when it suits for 1 week or multiple weeks. We will still be accepting cash/sausage cards as we go through a transition period. More information will be coming soon – so watch this space.

Stock Scheme:

Thank you to all the amazing members of our community who have made donations via our virtual stock scheme. This has been a great success!

Watch this space:

We will be selling the famous **Fairlie Bakehouse Pies** very soon...keep an eye out for further details early next term.



Swim Squad

Our club's swimming season commences in the Geraldine Pool

when it opens in early November

There will be indoor preseason training available again.

We welcome early enquiries about joining our club and the pre-requisite skills that are required.

Learn to Swim

We will endeavour to provide 'Learn To Swim' lessons again

this coming season in 2 Block-

Tuesday/Thursday afternoons later in Term 4 and Term 1 2021.

Limited spaces available and they are filling up fast!

If you are interested in helping provide this valuable skill to children in our community please contact us ASAP about supporting roles.

Club Secretary - Dallas Rae secretarygasc@gmail.com

Facebook - Geraldine Amateur Swimming Club (PM available)

Timaru District Libraries School Holiday Programme

Whiskers and Paws

Timaru Children's Library

Session times:

from 10:30 - 11:30am
and 2:30 - 3:30pm
(morning session repeated)

Tuesday 29 September
and Tuesday 6 October
Thursday 1 and 8 October

to book your session call 03 687 7498 or email
anita.dawson@timdc.govt.nz

Temuka and Geraldine Library

Session times:

Wednesday 30 September
and 7 October
Friday 2 and 9 October
from 10:30 - 11:30 am

Geraldine: To book your session
please call 03 693 9336 or email
librarygeraldine@gmail.com

Temuka: Call 03 687 7591 for
more information





Geraldine Athletics Club

**Calling all Athletes!
The new season is here!**
Athletics training is a fun way to maintain fitness for winter sporting codes.

2020/21 season will begin on 14th October. Training is held Wednesday nights from 5.45pm at the Geraldine Domain on Hislop St.

Athletes welcome to register from age 6yrs (as at 31st Dec 20)

'Have A Go' Nights for 2020

New athletes are welcome to 'try' athletics for **TWO** Wednesdays for free before committing to the season. Designated 'have a go' nights are 14th, 21st & 28th Oct. After these dates all attendees will need to be registered to participate.

Have you thought about Coaching?

We are always on the lookout for new coaching team members to support our Athletes. If you would like to join the team please contact the Club Secretary Lou Ochsner on 021 279 7566

For more information on our Club visit:

W:<http://www.sporty.co.nz/geraldineathletics> **F:** <https://www.facebook.com/geraldineathletics>