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## Newsletter

**Week 9, Term 2**

**Friday 12 June 2020**

**From the Principal...**

*Dear Parents and Caregivers,*

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

The bite of winter has kicked in over the past couple of weeks, but at least on some of these days the sun has shone through, allowing the students to get out and enjoy the playground during break times.

Moving to **Covid Alert Level 1** has seen us return to business as usual - no contact tracing for parents who enter the school being a key one this past week. Thank you to everyone who supported us with this as you dropped or collected your children from inside the school gate. We will soon resume school and syndicate assemblies and opportunities for classes to join together for various activities will restart.

As I mentioned two weeks ago, students have resettled well after the return to school. Staff have noticed increased levels of independence amongst many of the students and for some, this has required them to organise themselves at the start of the school day with bags, lunch boxes, homework etc. It will be great to see these skills continuing, so please encourage your children with this, especially if you come into school at the start of the day. A reminder that we are now back to our normal end of day departure time from school - 2.45pm.

We have made recent Facebook posts about several upcoming events. We have again invited **cyber safety expert John Parsons** to GPS and he will be with us on Tuesday 16 June. John will be working with all year groups throughout the day and will be adjusting his messages to suit the various ages. John will be running a staff meeting after school and in the evening, from 7pm, he will run a session for parents /adults in our school hall. This will be free entry, but we will be asking for donations towards the Geraldine Children's Social Work Trust, who employ our wonderful school social workers

in Geraldine. I hope that this evening is well-supported as it has been four years since he last visited our school and John delivers some important messages.

We will be hosting a **coffee morning** next Wednesday (17 June) from 8.50 - 10am. Parents and whanau are most welcome to attend this, to meet other parents and learn a bit about each other. If you have free time next Wednesday morning, please come along!

We have recently posted information about **3 Way Conferences** on our Facebook page. Bookings can now be made online for 3WCs, which will take place on Wednesday 24 June from 12.45 - 6.00 pm and Thursday 25 June from 3.00 – 5.30pm. The website to book your child's 3WC is **[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)**. Use the **event code saad6** 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 19th June and it is important that bookings are made by this day.

Teachers will be involved in 3WCs all afternoon on Wednesday 24th June and classes will stop at 12.15pm on this day. 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 12.15pm and the High School at 12.30pm. 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.

Each 3WC will go for 15 minutes. They provide a time for parents, children and teachers to meet, discuss goals, achievement and progress, aspects of the classroom programme and work that has been completed. As students move through the school, it is expected that they will be more fully involved in the learning conversation. This time, there will be an opportunity towards the end of each session for either parents or teachers to request time together without the child present, should the need arise. If this is the case, children can wait outside the class, or on the appropriate playground.

Due to the disruptions caused by Covid-19, there will be no **mid year written report** this year. We are currently reviewing our reporting structure - thank you to everyone who has responded to the survey. The response rate has been encouraging and we will share outcomes once results have been fully analysed.

There will be a **muffi day** on Friday 26 June. All proceeds will be going to the Geraldine Children's Social Work Trust.

Over the July school holidays most classrooms and other areas of the school will be receiving a **LED lighting upgrade**. The lighting in Rooms 1, 2, 10 and 11 have all been upgraded in the last year and Rooms 3 - 5 will be deferred until a larger-scale development takes place, with the first phase of this starting in 2021. GPS was one of 365 schools who applied for MOE funding for projects that will enhance sustainability, of which 53 were successful. We look forward to seeing better, more sustainable lighting in most areas of the school next term!

We will be having an **end of term assembly** on Friday 3 July at 1.30pm, which will serve as a farewell to Siobhan Hayward. Parents, past students and whanau are most welcome to attend this.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable weekend.

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

Andrew Leverton  
Principal

## **School News**

### **New Students**

A special welcome to Marcel and Nikau who have both started in Room 6 recently. We hope you enjoy your time at Geraldine Primary.

### **PB4L Certificates**

Congratulations to the following students who received a PB4L Certificate at assembly last week:

R1	Archie Gollan	R2	Hazel Pirie	R3	Zac Adams
R4	Evie Grant	R5	Salamon Shrestha	R6	Violet Talbot
R7	Jamie Waldron	R8	Phoebe Buchanan	R9	Lucy Avery
R10	Aoife Brennan	R11	Sam Harvey	R12	Molly Patrick
R13	Camilo Cisneros	R14	Cam Jackson		

### **Changes to Subway orders**

Prices have now changed as of this term. Ham, roast beef, turkey strips all \$5.90 for a six inch and \$8.90 for a footlong. Veggie 6 inch is \$5.00, a footlong is \$8.00

Additional items that can be ordered:

Fruit squirts \$2.70

Pump \$2.90

Cookie \$ 1.30

Orders can now be done online instead of using an envelope at school. We will still continue to have children taking envelope orders in the morning for those that choose to continue this system.

Go to [Subway.co.nz](https://www.subway.co.nz) to order online, school lunch programme, log in (or register an email address and make a password), choose Geraldine Primary School and pay with a credit card

## **HOME & SCHOOL**

What an interesting few months it has been! The Home and School were fortunate to get our AGM and monthly meeting done just before lockdown. Our existing Office Bearers were voted in again and some "contactless" fundraisers talked about. Unfortunately the Trail Ride that was scheduled to go ahead in April had to be cancelled due to lockdown. We have had good success with the Pasta Vera fundraiser and if you have ordered, these can be picked up on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June. We thank the school and Geraldine community for their support with this.

We would love to see some new faces! We meet once a month and support the school with various fundraisers. We're a friendly bunch so please come along if you would like to find out more about what we do. Our next meeting will be Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 7pm in the School staff

room. All our Office Bearer positions are full so we're just looking for some new committee members from our Primary School community. Many hands make light work!

**Help Please:** 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 2019. 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.

**Sausage Sizzle:** Sausages are available for our children every Friday lunchtime at a cost of \$2 each. Orders are taken on the hall verandah on Friday mornings prior to school starting 0820 – 0850. 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.

The Home and School have been given the opportunity to sell Entertainment Memberships. This year it will only be available on line. Our Membership link is:

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

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

**Home and School meeting** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 7pm, School Staff Room. All welcome, we would love to see some new faces!

### **Calendar**

Please check each newsletter for further updates.

### **Term 2**

#### Week 10

Tuesday 16 June	John Parsons cyber safety information evening, 7pm - school hall (all welcome)
Wednesday 17 June	Coffee morning 8.50 - 10am (all welcome)
Friday 19 June	Home and School sausage sizzle resumes

#### Week 11

Wednesday 24 June	3 Way Conferences from 12.45pm. Classes stop 12.15pm
Thursday 25 June	3 Way Conferences from 3pm
Friday 26 June	Mufti Day for Geraldine Social Worker Trust

#### Week 12

Friday 3 July	End of Term assembly and farewell to Siobhan Hayward, 1.30pm (all welcome) Term 2 ends - 2.45pm
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### **Term 3**

Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September

Teacher Development Day Thursday 6 August

## **Term 4**

Monday 12 October – Tuesday 15 December

Teacher Development Day Tuesday 27 October

Winter coats, School shoes - girls size 1- 1½, soccer boots 11-11½, school bags, clothes for sizes 6,7,8,9,10. Boys mainly. Contact Deana 693 8208

## **Funsticks Hockey**

For 5-9 year olds, one afternoon per week in term 3 at the Geraldine High School miniturf. Sessions involve basic hockey skills and a short game. Loan sticks available.

All enquiries to Hils McCullough

Please email [nofrillshils@gmail.com](mailto:nofrillshils@gmail.com)

## **Geraldine Netball Centre**

Mother Earth FutureFerns NNZ Year 1 & 2 Program

Starting Wednesday 24th June 2020 3.15pm – 3.50pm

Duration of 10 Weeks Netball Courts, Geraldine Domain

Registration on the same day or You can also register online

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/geraldinenc/Geraldine-Netball-Centre-Year-1-2-Registratio/tab1>

PLAYERS MUST BE REGISTERED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY

\$20 per child

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<https://www.sporty.co.nz/geraldinenc/Home>

## **Bridge Lessons**

- ★ King of all card games
- ★ A stimulating & challenging game
- ★ Make new friends

### **Learn to Play Bridge**

10 week course - \$20

#### **Lessons start:**

**Temuka - Wednesday, 22 July**

Ph Robyn 03 615 9081

Ph Shona 03 615 8178

**Come alone or with a friend!**

