



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 4, Term 1

Friday 13 March 2020

From the Principal...

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

It has been a busy time for **Education Outside the Classroom** (EOTC) recently. Year 5 and 6 students have been offsite at their various camps - Year 5 at Raincliff, Year 6 at Lindisfarne. While Lindisfarne has been a regular fixture for many years, we have been to Raincliff for the past three years. These residential camps provide an opportunity for our senior students to spend time away from home, live alongside peers and be challenged, both physically and as the tiredness sets in, mentally. They are a wonderful opportunity to forge relationships and for students to flourish in a different environment.

Last week Tawhirimatea Syndicate held their triathlon in the school grounds. It was great to see the determination on the faces of all participants as they moved through the three events. I was also impressed with the way that they supported each other at the finish line as well. For our Year 4 students this event provides a good experience and lead in for the one they will take part in as Year 5s next year.

Many thanks to everyone involved in these EOTC events - our staff for all the organisation involved, parents for their assistance and support in a variety of ways and for our students who make it all worthwhile!

There has been much in the news recently about the **COVID-19 Corona Virus**. I have posted information that is provided by the Ministry of Education on our school Facebook page. The Ministry of Health website also provides regular updates. For the vast majority of New Zealand and for all schools and early learning services we are still in a preventative stage. The Ministry of Health advise that with continued vigilance, the chance of widespread community outbreak is expected to remain low.

Focus on prevention - the best preventative steps for any communicable disease include simple but important measures to practice as part of your daily routine, but especially during flu season:

- wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and dry thoroughly,
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands,
- avoid sharing anything that has come in contact with saliva, whether in your living or social environments,

- stay home when you are sick and seek medical attention,
- cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the rubbish,
- get adequate sleep and eat well-balanced meals to ensure a healthy immune system.

Staff from GPS have for the past two days joined with colleagues in other local schools and early childhood centres as we continue our **district-wide oral language development**. This is being delivered through our local Community of Learning - Ka Awa Whiria (The Braided Rivers) - a group of ten early childhood centres and schools. Our presenter has been Del Costello who has a wealth of knowledge in this area.

Finally I would like to extend a warm welcome to **Lydia Blakiston**, a teacher trainee from Massey University who is teaching in Room 11 for four weeks. Lydia is also an ex-GPS student, so it's wonderful to have her return to our school!

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

Andrew Leverton
Principal | Tumuaki

School notices:

New Students

A special welcome to Hunter, Mac and Violet who have all started in Room 6 recently.

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following students who received a prize in the Gotcha draw last year: Chania, Phoebe, Ginevera, Skylah, Harry and James.

PB4L Certificates 5/12/2019

R1	Maddie	R2	Mason	R3	Maddie	R4	Ryan
R5	Riley	R6	Reed	R7	Archie	R8	Jessica
R9	Mackenzie	R10	Nathaniel	R11	Macy	R12	Caitlyn
R13	Thomas						

Online payments

For those who wish to pay school donations (\$60) and activity fees (\$20) online, our account number is:

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School Pool

The school pool will close on Monday 16 March. The last day for swimming if you have a pool key is Sunday 15th March. Please return all pool keys to the school office early next week.

Thank you Home and School

The Junior Syndicate would like to say a big thank you to the Home and School for providing us with money to buy some new toys for our playhouse. We loved shopping at "Grandpa's Toys" to choose our new toys.



AgriKids



Well done to the five GPS teams that competed in the AgriKids Competition at the Temuka & Geraldine A&P Show on Saturday.



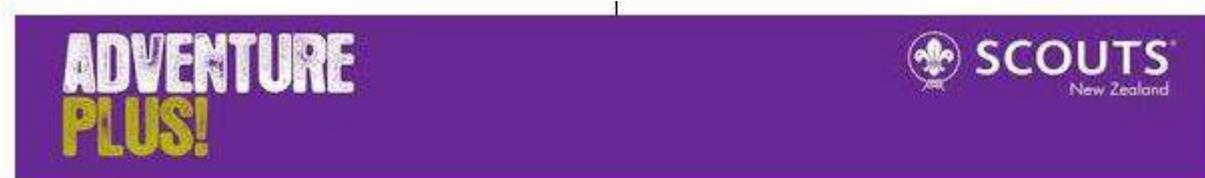
Sausage Sizzle: Sausages are available for our children every Friday lunchtime at a cost of \$2 each. Orders are taken on the hall veranda on Friday mornings prior to school starting 0820 – 0850. Payment is by cash (correct amount please) or by purchasing a card for 10 sausages (\$20.00) from the Office. 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.

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

Home and School meeting: AGM Monday 16th March 7pm, School Staff Room. All welcome, we would love to see some new faces!

Community Notices

2019/20 Entertainment Book Last one available from the GPS Office for \$25.



PEA STRAW FOR SALE

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Top quality small bales \$7.00 delivered, \$6.50 collected.

Please phone or txt Jolie: 021 628 460

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Hi, my name is Gretchen Gould and I work for Property Brokers Geraldine. I would personally love to give the school \$300 each time I have a listing and sale in 2020 in connection to the Geraldine Primary School community. So, if you are thinking about selling.....and would like to support the school: contact me and we can have a chat. Don't forget to tell me about your connection with the school. gretcheng@pb.co.nz 021386650 or visit 1 Talbot St, Geraldine

S a t u r d a y 14th March



Tractor Pull • Pig Racing • Scavenger Hunt • Pet Tent • Kids Entertainment and much more

MAYFIELD *A & P Show*

Adults \$15 • School Age Children FREE

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