



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 4, Term 3
Friday 14 August 2020

From the Principal...

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

The announcement this week that most of the country had returned to Covid Level 2, with the Auckland region at Level 3 will have been on the minds of us all. There will be renewed concern for what the immediate future will look like and how any future level change announcements will impact on us.

In the last few days we have seen activities at school being cancelled, or indefinitely postponed, which in turn creates some challenges when planning for the remainder of the term and beyond. I am conscious of my staff, GPS children and their families and what will need to be done in the weeks and months ahead. We have seen the return of contact tracing for all parents and visitors to the school. We have also seen the return of heightened sanitation requirements, together with significant demand for goods and price increases from suppliers. Various Covid-related messages have been posted on the school Facebook page over the last few days. Even if you're not on Facebook, these messages can be accessed on our school website - www.geraldine.school.nz.

Key messages from the most recent posts on Facebook were:

- Classes will continue as normal under L2, with increased hygiene practices in place.
- Students should bring a bottle of water to school, as drinking fountains will be closed.
- Syndicate & whole school assemblies won't be held.
- The school grounds will be closed to students & members of the public from 3.15pm - 8.15am Monday - Friday and from 3.15pm Friday to 8.15am Monday.

- At Level 2 parents / whanau will still be able to come on site, but must complete the contact tracing register or scan the QR code outside classrooms each time they are on site. You only need to do this outside one room if you have more than one child at GPS. Please make sure that this is done each time you are on site.
- Parents / caregivers won't be in classrooms at L2. Please say goodbye to your child outside their room if dropping off in the school grounds.
- We respectfully ask that pick up / drop off is done quickly to avoid lingering at either end of the school day. Please vacate the grounds as quickly as possible. Be aware of social distancing requirements
- Pick up / drop off at normal times.

- Any student who is unwell should stay home.
- Students should bring a water bottle to school each day - drinking fountains are closed off at Level 2 and above.
- We will continue to keep our school community up to date via Facebook & the Skool Loop app as further information comes to hand.

Please don't underestimate the toll that the Covid experience this year has had on many of us. We all weathered this extraordinary experience over many months, staying positive, being kind and getting through. Any future level change will again see us 'digging deep' to provide for our children and ourselves.

I was so impressed with the staff and the way they all dug deep to support learning during lockdown and Level 3 earlier in the year, as well as tending to their own needs and that of their whanau. This will continue as we enter a new phase. What any response to a level change will be determined and this will be shared with you all in due course.

Be kind to yourself and to others. Please be aware that people will respond differently to the likely challenges that we will again face.

Finally, another reminder that **school will be closed next Thursday, 20 August** for a day of staff development. This was postpone from earlier in the year. We will be open as usual on Friday, 21 August.

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

Andrew Leverton
Principal | Tumuaiki

School notices:

New Students

A special welcome to Benjamin, R5; Shelby, R3; Judah, Sarah, and Joshua who have all started in R6 recently. We hope you enjoy your time at Geraldine Primary.

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following students who received a prize in the Gotcha draw last year: Ava, R15; Crystal, R9; Sam, R1; Siobhan, R5; Daisha, R1; Jules, R12.

PB4L Certificates

R1	Addison	R2	Isla	R3	Pera	R4	Sam
R5	Mya	R6	Elise	R7	Jorja	R8	Liam
R9	Daphne	R10	Tayla	R11	Paris	R12	Kaydynce
R13	Olive	R15	Hunter				

Calendar - Term 3

Week 5

Thursday 20 August

Staff Development Day – school closed

Week 6

Monday 24 August

University of Canterbury Student Placements commence
R2 & R12

Wednesday 26 August

Board of Trustees meeting, 6pm, staffroom

Friday 28 August School Photos
Daffodil Day Dress up – dress in yellow and give a gold
Coin donation to the Cancer Society

Week 7

Wednesday 2 September Y5 & 6 ski trip – Roundhill
pp 9 September

Week 8

Tuesday 8 September Mohio group trip to Christchurch

Week 9

Monday 14 September GPS cross country
pp Thursday 17 September

Week 10

Wednesday 23 September Board of Trustees meeting, 6pm, staffroom
Friday 25 September Term 3 ends
Saturday 26 September Daylight Savings ends

Term 4

Monday 12 October – Tuesday 15 December
Staff Development Day Tuesday 27 October

Home & School

Sausage Sizzle: Sausages are available for our children every Friday lunchtime at a cost of \$2 each. Orders are taken on Friday mornings prior to school starting 0820 – 0850. Payment is by cash (correct amount please). 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.

Lily and Freesia Bulbs

We are selling packs of 20 freesia bulbs for \$5.00 each. Delta River (blue) and Maya (yellow).

Lily bulbs are now available for order. A bag of 4 bulbs (single variety) for \$11.00.

Order forms and a colour photo are on the Geraldine Primary webpage under the notices section. Orders with payment can be posted in the blue letterbox in the foyer or emailed to joliemockford@gmail.com