



# Geraldine Primary

*Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve*  
*Whaia e koe te iti Kahurangi*

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## Newsletter

**Week 2, Term 1**

**Friday 14 February 2020**

**From the Principal...**

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

Welcome everyone to the start of the 2020 school year. I hope that your summer break has gone well and that families have had some time to relax after a busy year.

We welcomed new students, staff and whanau to our school with a powhiri last week. Special thanks to Elizabeth Murray and ex GPS student Summer Snow, who performed a karanga extremely well. Thanks also to Roy Snow, who spoke admirably on behalf of the manuhiri (visitors), and Addie Couch-Snow who supported the powhiri and assisted our new whanau. Many thanks to our school whanau who attended the powhiri with their children.

We also welcomed a new member of staff, Miss Hannah Beynon who is teaching a Year 6 class in Room 5. It is great to have Hannah at GPS!

The powhiri was followed by the opening of our new classroom block – Rooms 10 and 11. This marked the culmination of a year's planning and development and I believe we can all be very happy with what has been achieved.

Thank you to our Board Chairperson, Justin O'Brien and Te Wera King from Arowhenua Marae for their role in the opening. Thanks also to Year 5 students Daisha and Blake for cutting the ribbons to open the classrooms.

The school year has started very well and it is pleasing to see students settling into their learning again this year.

Next Tuesday the Senior Syndicate will be holding their triathlon at the Domain from 10am. The postponement is Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Our Year 4-6 swimming sports will take place from 10am on Thursday, 27 February. Parents from across the school are most welcome to attend these events.

The Home and School group are holding their first meeting of the year on 17<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the staffroom. They are always looking for new members and supporters. We

encourage new and existing parents to come along and be part of the wonderful work that the Home and School does.

Much of the term so far has been taken up with swimming tuition. We are very grateful to Sue Sheed, Tash Rankin, Jo Cummings and Adrienne Ross who are our tutors again this year. We are also extremely fortunate to have four weeks of swimming lessons (in summer!) all of which has been funded by the Home and School group.

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

Andrew Leverton  
Principal | Tumuaiki

## **School notices:**

### **Senior School Triathlon**

On Tuesday, 18 February our Seniors will be taking part in our Triathlon at the Geraldine Community Pool. The first race will start at 10.00am

### **New Students**

A special welcome to Leo, Fletcher, Jasmin, Reed, William, Liam, Anaia, Remy and Hailey who have all started in R6 this year, and also to Fil-John, R13; Dylan, Leo, R3; Hailee, R4; Renée, R12; Matthew, Molly, R1; Alexandra, R10.

### **Gotcha Draw**

Congratulations to the following students who received a prize in the Gotcha draw last year: Flynn, Drew, Myra, Blake, Jo, and Sophie.

### **PB4L Certificates 5/12/2019**

R1	Jock	R2	Maddison	R3	Finn	R4	Emily
R5	Colt	R7	Charlotte	R8	Indie	R9	Maeve
R10	Addison	R11	Tian	R12	Ryan	R14	Cormack
R17	Ellie						

### **Online payments**

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

ANZ 01 - 0841 - 0024832 - 10

### **School Pool**

Our swimming pool is up and running and it is wonderful to see and hear children getting so much enjoyment from it. Please make sure that all of your child's clothing and belongings are named.

### **Sick Bay**

We are currently updating our medical information. If your child has a medical issue or has medication at school, and you have not completed a form this year, could you please contact the office.

### **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.

## Clearing Bell at 3pm

After each school day a clearing bell will ring at 3pm. The school grounds need to be vacated by this time so staff can be sure that all children have been collected.

## Buses

All students travelling on a bus must wear a bus vest. These are available from the school office for \$5.00

Parents/caregivers are asked not to remove their primary school children from the bus at the Geraldine High School. There are systems in place to ensure the safety of all bus students. Once our primary school children are on the bus they go over to the High School where some of them move one bus forwards or backwards to their 'home' bus before the High School Students arrive. Parents/caregivers removing children at this time can cause confusion and delays.

A reminder that if there is no adult at the bus stop waiting for your child after school, your child will be returned to school and you will be asked to come collect them from the office.



Some of our senior netball girls were lucky enough to have the opportunity of a training session with Te Paea Selby-Rickitt, Temalisi Fakahokotau and Samon Nathon from the Tactix team

## Calendar - Term 1

### Week 3

Monday 17 February

Home and School meeting, 7pm

Tuesday 18 February

Y5 & 6 Triathlon (pp 20 February)

### Week 4

Wednesday 26 February

Board of Trustees Meeting, 6pm staffroom

Thursday 27 February

Y4-6 Swimming Sports – Community Pool (pp 3 March)

### Week 5

Wednesday 4 March

Y3-4 Triathlon at school (pp 5 March)

Thursday 5 March and

Friday 6 March

Y5 Camp at Raincliff

### Week 6

Tuesday 10-

Friday 13 March

Y6 Camp at Lindisfarne

## 2020 Term Dates

### Term 1

Monday 3 February - Thursday 9 April

### Term 2

Tuesday 28 April – Friday 3 July

Teacher Development Day      Friday 22 May

### 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

## Home & School



Welcome back! The GPS Home and School are looking forward to another busy year supporting our school. We would love to see some new faces join us this year. Our first meeting of the year is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb in the staff room at 7pm. 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.

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 veranda 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: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 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 \$50.



Parenting isn't easy, and not for the fainthearted. As parents, we want the best for our kids and at times can wonder if we're getting it right. You are not alone. This seminar will help you discover strategies to outsmart your kids as well as meet their deep needs. Learn how to become more resilient and less reactive. Richard Black will take you on a practical and light-hearted journey to strengthen you as a parent and find ways to raise capable kids.

### Monday 2 March 7pm - 9pm

St Andrew's Church, Cox St, Geraldine

EARLY BIRD \$20pp | \$25 couple

after 21 Feb \$30pp | \$35 couple

To register email Maia

office@standrewsgld.org.nz

ph 693 9503



### Geraldine JAB Registrations 2020

For all interested JAB players 5yrs-13yrs for the 2020 season, please come along to one of our sign-up days

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

At GRFC Clubrooms on George St

3pm – 5.30pm both days

Please email [geraldinejabrugby@gmail.com](mailto:geraldinejabrugby@gmail.com) for further info or if you can't make it to either day.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: THIS YEAR THERE WILL BE A REGISTRATION CUT-OFF**

**MONDAY 16TH MARCH WILL BE THE FINAL DAY TO REGISTER**

**Nathan Wallis**, New Zealand's favourite Neuroscience Educator (and host of the documentary "All in the Mind", and co-host of the TV Series "The Secret life of Girls") is coming to Timaru for another of his sell-out talks about brain development from childhood to adulthood. He will be at **Timaru Girls' High on Tuesday 25 February 2020 - 7.30-9.00pm**

Nathan's talks are very popular with parents, teachers, coaches, leaders and anyone else who is interested in learning about the workings of the brain. Nathan has a profound reputation as a lively and engaging speaker. He uses humour and plain language to condense 25 years of neuroscience research into his unique 'tell you how it is' style. You'll be absolutely captivated and walk away jam-packed with more than a few "ah-ha" moments.

Please find attached details of Nathan's upcoming presentation. More information can be found by following this link <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2020/engage-your-brain-timaru/timaru>

# S a t u r d a y 14<sup>th</sup> 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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