



# Geraldine Primary

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

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## Newsletter

**Week 6, Term 3**  
**Friday 28 August 2020**

**From the Principal...**

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

Today we are recognizing Daffodil Day like we do each year. It was wonderful to see so many people turning up in yellow and bringing a gold coin to support this very worthy cause. Many thanks for your support for this Cancer Society fundraiser.

We have recently taken delivery of some flags which have our school values, with Te Reo translation on them. We will be able to display these around the school and at various school events. Below we have our Whanau Group Leaders standing proudly with the flags.



are hoping for great weather!

Yesterday one of our EPro8 challenge teams (Ethan, Wilbur, Aria and Ashley) competed in the regional competition in Ashburton. At one stage they were leading this competition, in what was a very challenging event. Congratulations to this team and the other teams who worked on their challenges leading up to this event.

Best wishes to Tangaroa Syndicate who are heading up to Roundhill for a day of skiing next Wednesday. This will be first time we have been to Roundhill and we

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

Andrew Leverton  
Principal | Tumuaki

## Board of Trustees

### FRANCES COLES

Deputy Chairperson (Property/Kahui Ako – Community of Learning)

**Favourite quote** – “The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.”

Frances is married to Aaron and first became involved with Geraldine Primary when their eldest daughter Georgia started her schooling here in 2012. Two years later, Emily followed, and now Katie is the only Coles girl still at GPS, currently in Year 5. Frances joined the Board in 2016, first taking on the Finance portfolio, before stepping into the role of Deputy Chairperson and joining the Property subcommittee at the start of 2019.

Frances grew up in Rangiora, where she worked for the local newspaper after finishing high school. After marrying Aaron, she moved to South Canterbury and transitioned from journalism to farming as their business grew and they began their family. Being involved in the day-to-day operation and governance of a large-scale agricultural business has given Frances plenty of transferable skills she brings to the Board table.

“I love being able to put the experience I’ve gained in the corporate world to use in a community setting, and serve the school that has been so good to our family,” she says.

Frances has really enjoyed gaining a deeper understanding of just what is involved in running a school during her time on the Board, as well as getting to know a range of people in a different setting. “We are really fortunate with the calibre of people we and our children have involved with Geraldine Primary.”

Frances enjoys socialising with friends and family, a spot of exercise at the local gym and going on adventures in the outdoors “as long as there’s the promise of a wine at the finish line!” She loves all kinds of music, has previously featured in Geraldine’s own Stars in Their Eyes, and is currently binge-watching her way through past episodes of Greys Anatomy in a desperate bid to catch up to the current season.



## School notices:

### New Students

A special welcome to Molly, R8; Jayden, R10; Elayna, R4; Kyan, R11 and Opal, R9. We hope you enjoy your time at Geraldine Primary.

### Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following students who received a prize in the Gotcha draw: Blake, R1; Lillah, R2; Sam, R3; Zoe, R4; Daniel, R5; Angelo, R5.

### PB4L Certificates - Week 4

R1	James	R2	Lilia	R4	Alex	R5	Mya
R6	KC	R7	Flynn	R8	Madison	R9	Bethany
R10	Will	R11	Adele	R12	Jonnadien	R15	Lilah

### PB4L Certificates - Week 6

R1	Ellie	R2	Alice	R3	Sam	R4	Elise
R5	Jock	R6	Judah	R7	Charlotte	R8	Deanna
R9	Skyla	R10	Justina	R11	Tian	R12	Kyle
R13	Thomas	R14	Sam	R15	Violet		

### Calendar - Term 3

#### 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

#### Lily and Freesia Bulbs

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

Lily bulbs. 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](mailto:joliemockford@gmail.com)

Home and School: Some big changes are happening with our Sausage Sizzle! We'll be ordering online in Term 4 and no longer accepting cash. No more rummaging around for \$ frantically on Friday morning....just load your account and order when it suits for 1 week or multiple weeks.

## Kindo Online School Shop – coming soon!

You will be able order your Friday sausage sizzle and support fundraisers.

Order for just one week, or multiple weeks in advance.

Our Kindo School shop will be open 24/7 and available on our school website, making it easy for you to complete payments and purchases when it suits you!

More information will be coming soon – so watch this space.

### SAVE TIME – PAY ONLINE

Stock Scheme: Last week a notice went home with all children regarding our Stock Scheme. We would love our farming (and non-farming!) community to ensure it's a success. This has been done in the past with livestock collected, collated and weighed then sold through the Temuka Saleyards. However, due to Mycoplasma bovis and Covid-19 we have decided to ensure safety by limiting contact with a virtual fundraiser. Any money raised by this virtual stock scheme will go towards the annual swimming lessons held in January 2021.

For more information or to donate, please contact Jolie at [joliemockford@gmail.com](mailto:joliemockford@gmail.com)

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.

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

Home and School meeting Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 7pm, Online. If you would like to take part in our next meeting please fwd your email to [joliemockford@gmail.com](mailto:joliemockford@gmail.com). All welcome, we would love to see some (virtual) new faces!