



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 4, Term 1

Friday 28 February 2020

From the Principal...

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

Yesterday we held our Y4-6 swimming sports and it was pleasing to see the overall effort put in by the students in their respective races. This was the culmination of 3 ½ weeks of swimming lessons. Congratulations to everyone involved and to Kahurangi Whanau Group who won the relay at the end of the swimming sports. Many thanks to all our parents and whanau who came along to support the event.

In recent years we have had a family start of year BBQ/picnic at school. Over the years we have noted a number of other activities on in the town during the week when we have held the BBQ, which has meant that less people have attended. We have reviewed this and have consequently decided not to hold it this year.

Our Breakfast BBQ is traditionally held towards the end of Term 1 and this is organised by students in the senior school. We have also reviewed our programmes that occur in Term 1 and have moved this event to Term 4. You will be advised of the date later in the year.

Last week I wrote to the parents of Room 8 students informing them of Mrs Siobhan Hayward's intention to resign from her position at Geraldine Primary, effective as of the end of this term. Mrs Hayward has given over 20 years of dedicated service to our school, both as a teacher and leader of the junior syndicate / Assistant Principal. We can all be extremely grateful for her hard work and support that she has given as a teacher, mentor and colleague to us all. While we will be sorry to see her leave GPS, I know that she will be looking forward to spending more time with her husband Mark and other family members.

We have started the appointment process to fill her position in the junior syndicate. Once an appointment has been made, I will let you all know.

I wish Mrs Hayward and the students in Room 8 all the best for the rest of the term.

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

Andrew Leverton
Principal | Tumuaiki

School notices:

3 Way Conferences

These are scheduled for Tuesday 24 March, 1– 5.30pm and Wednesday 25 March, 3-5pm. School will close for instruction on the Tuesday at 12.15pm. We ask that parents collect their children at this time or make arrangements for the care of their child. Buses will depart school at 12.15pm and parents will need to ensure that they are at the bus stop at the earlier time to collect their child.

To book a 3WC for your child please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. The code you will need to enter is sf24y. If you do not have access to the internet or a device to book on, please contact the school office and they will book one for you.

We expect that all parents and their children will attend a 3WC. If it is not possible to attend at the scheduled time, please contact your child's teacher to make alternative arrangements.

Senior School Triathlon

This was held last week. Congratulations to everyone involved and for the way that many of our students supported runners as they came through the finish line. This was really wonderful to see and shows our children using their school values extremely well. The first 5 children in each section were:

Year 6 Girls:

Toia Sheed (Kakariki) , Zoe Slater (Kowhai) , Sophia Rushbridge (Whero), Manaia Sheed, (Kakariki) Evie Grant (Kahurangi)

Year 6 Boys:

Ryan O'Connor (Kowhai) , Isaac Boorer-Lilley (Kakariki) , Oliver Wilcox (Kahurangi), Kori Edmonds Cooper, (Kahurangi) Lenny Simpson (Kakariki)

Year 5 Girls:

Grace Warner (Whero) Jade DM, (Kakariki,) Addison Campbell (Whero) Charlie Nichol (Kahurangi) Nivarna Ruddle (Whero)

Year 5 Boys:

Luca Kimua (Kakariki), Jame Fitzsimons (Kakariki), Wilbur Talbot (Kakariki), Matthew Baker (Kahurangi), Ethan Wilson (Kowhai)

New Students

A special welcome to James, Ava and Akacia who all started in Room 6 recently.

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following students who received a prize in the Gotcha draw on 13/2/20: William, R12; Isla, R2, Bethany, R12; Oakley, R8; Kase, R2 and Marko, R8.

PB4L Certificates 5/12/2019

R1	Kathy	R2	Hazel	R3	Sophia	R4	Aria
R5	Joshua	R6	Fletcher	R7	Ruby	R8	Flynn
R9	Maeve	R10	Naomi	R11	Sam	R12	Jules
R13	Sophie						

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

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 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. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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

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.

Calendar - Term 1

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

Week 7

Monday 16 March

R10 & 11 trip to Timaru

SC Triathlon (selection only)

Home & School AGM, 7pm, Staffroom – all welcome

Tuesday 17 March

R12 & 13 trip to Timaru

Junior Syndicate trip to Peel Forest (pp 30 March)

Friday 20 March

Transition to school visit

Week 8

Tuesday 24 March

3 Way Conferences, 1-5.30pm – School closes at 12.15pm

Wednesday 25 March	3 Way Conferences, 3-5pm
	Board of Trustees meeting, 6pm
Friday 27 March	SC Swimming Sports (selection only)

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 – school closed

Term 3

Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September

Teacher Development Day Thursday 6 August – school closed

Term 4

Monday 12 October – Tuesday 15 December

Teacher Development Day Tuesday 27 October – school closed

Home & School

We have our **AGM** coming up on Monday 16th March in the staff room at 7pm. We would love to see some new faces attend this. All our Office Bearer positions are full so we're just looking for some new committee members from our Primary School community.

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

2019/20 Entertainment Book Last one available from the GPS Office for \$50.

Community Notices

Geraldine Gymnastics

We run a GymFun program in Geraldine for 5-9 year olds. Classes are run in the winter months, one afternoon a week, at the Geraldine Primary School Community Hall. Our gymnasts are taught core gymnastics skills and work up routines to perform at the last session. We are currently taking registrations and looking for more volunteers to join our coaching team.

Geraldine Gymnastics is affiliated with Gym Sports South Canterbury and are happy to provide coach training, including a 'have-a-go-coaching' session on the evening of Thurs March 26th.

To register a gymnast or to enquire about volunteering please email geraldinegymnastics@gmail.com

GERALDINE COMBINED HOCKEY CLUB

Registrations are now open to join the Geraldine Combined Hockey club for the upcoming South Canterbury Hockey Season.

Primary aged children (Year 1 -8)

If your child is keen to play hockey please complete a registration form and email it to the Geraldine Combined hockey club or drop it off at the Geraldine Primary school office.

Registrations forms can be obtained by emailing our club and returning members will have had a form emailed to them.

Youth Representative (Primary year 1-8) contact: Karen O'Kane 0211672782

geraldinehockeyclub@xtra.co.nz

To keep up to date on what is happening in HSC check out their website and facebook page.

<http://www.hockeysouthcanterbury.co.nz/>

Leap Year Dance

Come along and enjoy an evening of live music with Timaru band Livewire, dance the night away and bring your friends. All styles of dance welcome.

29 February 2020, Doors open 7.30pm \$15 pp, supper provided.

Julie Neill's Dance Academy, 65 Church Street, Timaru 03 693 9990 or 027 2068 456



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 28th February

Monday 2nd March

At GRFC Clubrooms on George St

3pm – 5.30pm both days

Please email 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



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



JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT- APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Venue: Geraldine District Golf Club- Orari Back Road, Geraldine.

Date: Thursday April 23rd 2020

Time: 18 holes 10am reporting, Tee Off 10.30 am.

9 holes 11.30am reporting, Tee off Midday

Event: 18 Hole Stableford

9 Hole Stableford

9 Hole Ambrose Teams of 6 Have a Go at Golf

(Teams must have one adult to supervise)

Entry Fee- \$5 for 18 Hole players

\$ 3 for 9 Hole players

A drink and some food will be available after the game. **EVERYONE GETS A PRIZE.**

COME AND HAVE SOME FUN.

Contact: Graham Keen Aorangi Golf Development Manager
021326004 or dm@aorangigolf.org.nz



GERALDINE FOOTBALL



Player Registrations 2020

Footballs a game for any ability ,any age.

4 -6 yr olds - First Kicks , Thursdays ,Term 2 & 3

have fun while learning (reg by May 1st)

7 - 18's - we have teams in all age groups . (7 to 17th)

16's plus who want to play Senior football , we have

Div 1 (Competitive) Div 2 (Semi Competitive) Div 3 (Social)

For all registrations please contact Paula Irvine 027 637 4775

or email geraldinefootballclub@gmail.com

Registrations close

Senior's- March 6th

Juniors - March 25th

(late registrations taken if space)



Football Fun Day

Sunday March 15th

Geraldine Domain , 230 -4.00

Come and try out your skills

Fun Games , giveaways

YMCA's Bubble Ball

Players can register on this day.



Registration Women's Social Netball 2020

Women's Social Netball starts Wednesday 29th April at the Netball Courts in the Geraldine Domain

New Players Welcome Team or Individual Entries

Registration forms available by:

Emailing: geraldinenetball@gmail.com

or by contacting Justine Hancox

Cell - 027 631 9338

Due in by 20th April 2020

WE WILL SUPPLY UMPIRES FOR ALL GAMES

Are you interested in being paid to umpire on a Wednesday Evenings?

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Geraldine Netball Centre



Mother Earth FutureFerns NNZ Year 1 & 2 Program

Starting Wednesday 29th April 2020

3.15pm – 3.50pm

Netball Courts, Geraldine Domain

Every Wednesday for the duration of Term 2

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

\$35 per child

Leander Patterson

027 465 6240

geraldinenetball@gmail.com

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

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JUNIOR NETBALL REGISTRATION

Friday 20th March

2.45pm – 3.45pm

Netball Courts

Geraldine Domain

You can also register online

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/geraldinenc/Geraldine-Netball-Centre-Year-48-Registration>

Mother Earth Future Ferns

NNZ Year 3 to 8 Program

Friday Afternoons

First Game Friday 1st May

Fees Due 19th June 2020

\$65.00 Year 3 & 4

\$70.00 Year 5 & 6

Marissa Grant

021 422 326

geraldinenetball@gmail.com

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

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

Any volunteers that are available to help at the courts on a Friday Afternoon are most welcome

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Children's Day 2020

For families looking for fun activities on Sunday 1st March, the ever-popular Children's Day event is the place to be, at the Caroline Bay hall from 10am to 2pm.

This free annual event will offer an array of events and activities that will keep families busy and will be a great opportunity for mums and dads to join in and do things with their children. They can play exciting games, test their skills in interesting activities or simply have a great time watching the selection of entertainment.

Families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and make a day of it, last year many hundreds of people took part. There will be free refreshments including sausages available.

The day's activities include music and movement, mini train rides, bouncy castles, and inter-active displays from emergency services. Many of the popular Caroline Bay rides will operate free between 10am and 2pm.

Children will have a chance to perform with a band, take part in outside games, or even try their hand at fly fishing or obstacle courses. For the little ones under five years, there will be ride-on-toys, face painting and a lot more.

As in previous years there will also be great activities for the older children, organised by the YMCA. Write this date on your calendar, now.

Ph 03 693 8594

Seido Karate beginners classes begins on THURSDAY 20th February from 5 - 6 pm at the Geraldine Bowling club on Wright Street, Geraldine. We welcome all new students, both juniors and adults to this exciting martial art. Learn the discipline of karate in a friendly and warm environment. Develop your skills and fitness levels.

First class is free and after that the cost is just \$2 a week for the beginners course. Come a long and give it a go.

For further information contact Liz on 020 4176 4403

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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