



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 9, Term 2

1 July 2021

From the Principal...

Kia ora Whanau.

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

We are just one week away from the end of another busy term that has flown by. The children will no doubt be looking forward to the break and a change of pace for two weeks. We are working through the mid-year report process at present and these will come home next Thursday. Please take the opportunity to go through these with your child at some stage over the term break. Like we did at the end of last year, there will be a section of the report that notes attendance for the year to date, as follows:

Excellent: 95% or more

Good: 90 - 94%

Marginal: 85 - 89%

Of concern: Less than 85%

Our school sets a benchmark of 90% attendance, which is generally no more than five days away from school in a typical ten-week term. We understand that for a small minority of children, health conditions will have an impact on attendance. As well as this, winter colds and bugs can at times be hard to shake and we do ask that children are kept at home if they are unwell. If a child's attendance is less than 85% however, it is likely that gaps in their learning will occur.

Next Wednesday (7 July) at 2:15pm we are having the official opening of our remodelled Room 3 and adjacent spaces. This area was in much need of some development and after months of planning and construction, is now looking great! Our parents and whanau are most welcome to attend this informal gathering and take a look through the new spaces afterwards.

The South Canterbury Schools' Cross Country was held last Wednesday and GPS again did very well at this event. Our Year 5 and 6 girls' teams both came 1st and the Year 5 and 6 boys' teams both came 2nd! To have all teams placing is amazing! Further details of this achievement are listed later in the newsletter.

There will be some staffing changes at the start of next term. As previously signalled, Hannah Beynon, who teaches in Room 5, will be starting at Fairlie Primary next term. We wish Hannah all the very best with her new challenge and the next chapter in her career.

We have all appreciated Hannah's input into GPS, her leadership of sport and PE and the way she has guided our senior students since starting here in 2020. We look forward to welcoming Diana Corden, who will teach in Room 5 for Terms 3 and 4.

Debbie Scott will start in Room 15 with most of the current Room 6 children next term, as a new group of New Entrants start at GPS. Debbie will teach Monday - Thursday, and Siobhan Hayward will teach on Friday. Pauline Ramsay will continue in Room 7 while Erin Couper is away. All three have had a long association with GPS and know many of the children and parents and I am grateful for the continuity that they provide for our school.

Our end of term celebration assembly will be held next Friday and all parents and whanau are welcome to attend this. It will start at 1:30pm and will be led this time by Tāne Mahuta - our Year 0 - 2 team. They will be looking forward to showcasing their learning from the last term and the amazing things that have been occurring in our junior school.

I wish all Geraldine Primary School families a successful end to the term and a safe and restful term break.

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

Andrew Leverton
Principal | Tumuaiki

School notices:

New Students

A special welcome to Sofia, R12; Adrian, R1; Roimata, R10; Sione, R11; and to Charlie, Katerina, Zoe and Eli who all started in R6 recently. We hope you enjoy your time at Geraldine Primary.

PB4L Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who received a PB4L certificate at assembly recently:

R1	Jayden	R2	Kip	R3	Adam	R5	Taylah
R6	Alexis	R7	Emerson	R8	Reed	R9	Wilbur
R10	Thea	R11	Thomas	R12	Noah	R13	Jessica

Desire/Aspire Certificates

Well done to the following children received a Desire/Aspire certificate at the last assembly:

R1	Ginny	R2	Adele	R3	Jade	R5	George
R6	Paige	R7	Noah	R8	Henry	R9	Nikau
R10	Molly	R11	Molly	R12	Kate	R13	Levi

Gotcha Draw

The lucky winners of the Gotcha prize draw were: Ollie C, R2; Lottie, R8; Alex, R1; Kase, R12; Gemma, R5; William, R10.

South Canterbury Cross Country

Congratulations to all the students that represented Geraldine Primary at the South Canterbury Cross Country. All of our students ran exceptionally well.

Each year group placed in the teams event. Special mention to Nirvana and Grace who placed 1st in the Year 6 girls race, Logan Batty who placed 1st in the Year 5 boys and Justina Courage who placed 3rd in the Year 5 girls.

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who transported students and were there to support and cheer!

Results:

Year 6 girls: 1st= Grace Worner and Nirvana Ruddle; 28th Addison Campbell; 37th Gemma Price; 66th Olivia Marsden

Year 6 boys: 7th Beniah Courage; 10th Wilbur Talbot; 14th Sam O'Connor; 33rd Ben Morton; 49th Eli Reardon

Year 5 girls: 3rd Justina Courage; 7th Sophia Chapman; 19th Shanae Barnett; 24th Charlotte Taylor; 46th Myra Martin

Year 5 boys: 1st Logan Batty; 17th Sam Harvey; 26th Ollie Barnett; 42nd Tian Swanepoel; 56th Macaulay Cleverley.

Sickness

A reminder that if children are unwell, please keep them home until they are well again.

Dental Clinic

The following Dental Clinics will be open during these school holidays:

Timaru Clinic, Level 1, 18 Woolcombe Street, Timaru

The clinics will offer appointments between 8.15am and 4.45pm for school-age and preschool children. If your child has dental pain because of an accident, please contact your dentist in the first instance.

To book an appointment at one of our clinics please: **call 0800 846 983**
Or email commdental@cdhb.health.nz

Calendar - Term 2

Week 10

Wednesday 7 July Opening of remodelled Room 3 classroom – 2.15pm - all welcome

Friday 9 July End of term celebration assembly hosted by Tane Mahuta
Syndicate (Y1 and Y2), 1.30pm – all welcome
Term 2 ends 2.45pm

Calendar - Term 3

Week 1

Monday 26 July Term 3 commences

Week 2

Week 3

Monday 9 August Y4 trip to Tekapo (postponement 11 August)
Thursday 12 August Sneeze Safe – Y0-4

Week 4

Wednesday 18 August School photos
Thursday 19 August 3 Way Conferences (3-5.30pm)
Friday 20 August 3 Way Conferences (1-5.30pm) Classes end at 12.15pm.

Week 5

Monday 23 August Home & School meeting, 7pm
Wednesday 25 August Board of Trustees meeting 6pm
Friday 27 August Daffodil Day – gold coin donation

Term Dates

Term 2 Mon 3 May - Fri 9 July

Term 3 Mon 26 July - Fri 1 Oct
School closed: South Canty Anniversary- Mon 27 Sept

Term 4 Mon 18 Oct - Tues 14 Dec
School closed: Labour Day - Mon 25 Oct
School closed: Teacher Only Day - Fri 12 Nov

Home & School

The Home and School have been reflecting on a very busy first half of the year. We will be taking things a bit quieter for the last half of the year so it could be a great time to come along to our next meeting and see what it's all about. A great way to meet and connect with other parents at school and have a bit of fun raising money.

If you've been thinking about getting involved with what we do (remember it's 2 years until our next big event!), our next meeting is Monday 23rd August at 7pm in the staffroom.

Sausage Roster: Our awesome sausage roster person, Marissa Grant is stepping aside. Is there anyone that would be able to take on this role? You don't have to be on the Home and School and can do it in your own time when it suits you. Duties include: roster for the term, ensuring there are enough supplies, getting sausages sold numbers from the Kindo app each week.

The role could also be split between 2 people

We would love to keep this weekly service going for our children but need assistance to do so. Please contact gphomeandschool@gmail.com if you think you can help or to find out more info.

We would also appreciate more volunteers to assist with our sausage sizzle on Fridays. 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 once a term please email gphomeandschool@gmail.com

Sausage Sizzle: We would like to thank those families that have continued to support this every Friday, especially those that are new to using Kindo. It's so easy to use, we would encourage more Whanau to give it a go.

The easiest way to get started is to download the app, search for Geraldine Primary and go from there.

There is also a link on the school website. Click on the School Info tab, Kindo Shop then Geraldine Primary Shop.

Any issues, Kindo have an excellent helpdesk and can be contacted on:

0508 4 KINDO (0508 454 636)

hello@mykindo.co.nz

support.mykindo.co.nz

Next meeting: Monday 23rd August, 7pm in the staff room. All Welcome!

Community Notices

Whaea Addie Couch-Snow will be leading another 10 week course to assist parents and whanau in learning and developing Te Reo skills throughout Term 3

Venue: Geraldine High School library

Date: 7-9pm each Thursday evening (**beginning 29 July** - Week 1 of Term 3)

Cost: \$5 a session or \$50 for the term.

Class size limited to 20. Please contact Jason Shaw (Kahui Ako Across School Lead) via email - j.shaw@geraldinehs.school.nz - should you wish to attend or have further questions by Tuesday 27 July.

Geraldine Lantern Walk is on 17 July 2021 beginning at 6:00pm in Kennedy Park. The postponement date is 31 July 2021. This magical walk will begin with storeytellers and performers before enjoying the illuminated walk along the Waihi River. The walk finishes at the Academy where fires will be burning and hot drinks, food and marshmallows will be for sale to enjoy during this mid-winter community event. Event is FREE, but a gold-coin donation will be greatly appreciated.

KIDS CHAT N CHILL GROUP

GET READY TO LET LOOSE, LAUGH AND LEARN

LETS TALK ABOUT:

FEELINGS, LIVING WITH DIFFICULTIES AND FINDING SOLUTIONS, SHARING EXPERIENCES AND HELPING EACH OTHER FIND WAYS TO MANAGE, MINDFULNESS, HOPES FOR THE FUTURE, ALONG WITH FUN GAMES, AWESOME COMPANY AND YUMMY FOOD.

JULY 22ND AND 23RD 9.30-1PM.
LUNCH AND SNACKS PROVIDED, TRANSPORT CAN BE ARRANGED IF NEEDED.

PARK CENTRE, BOTANICAL GARDENS, QUEEN STREET, TIMARU

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK A PLACE CONTACT ERIN ON 036844523 OR EMAIL: erin@famhs.nz

Oceania Matt Cameron Erin Anderson FAMHS Family Mental Health Support Inc



July School
Holiday
Programme

TIMARU CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Tuesdays and Thursdays

Session times:

10:30 - 11:30 am and 2:30 - 3:30 pm

To book, email anita.dawson@timdc.govt.nz

or call 03 687 7202



GERALDINE LIBRARY

Wednesdays and Fridays

Session time:

10:30 - 11:30 am

To book, email

libger@timdc.govt.nz

or call 03 693 9336

TEMUKA LIBRARY

Wednesdays and Fridays

Session time:

10:30 - 11:30 am

Call 03 687 7591

for more information



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