



Geraldine Primary

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

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Newsletter

Week 2, Term 1

11 February 2021

From the Principal...

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

Term one has started off well at GPS. I trust that your child has adapted to the start of the new school year, a new class and teacher and a new mix of classmates to become acquainted with.

Next Thursday we will be holding our senior syndicate (Year 5 and 6) triathlon at the Domain. Parents and whanau are most welcome to attend this event, which starts at 10am. The senior syndicate teachers will communicate more details regarding this event to the parents of students in Years 5 and 6.

The Year 4 - 6 swimming sports will be held on Thursday 25 February and is the culmination of several weeks of lessons. In both of these events, we encourage full participation from all students and the opportunity to earn points for their Whanau Group.

Last Friday I had the privilege of attending the Geraldine High School start of year powhiri. It was wonderful to see many of our ex GPS students and the Year 7s who were embarking on the next chapter in their education. It was also pleasing to note a number of ex GPS students, now in Year 13 at GHS, who have been appointed to leadership roles: Hazel Fisher (Head Girl), Conor Foley-Smith (Deputy Head Boy), Alliah Baniqued (Deputy Head Girl), Libby Patrick (Head of McDonald House), Jacob Spikerbosch (Head of Tripp), Sam Morrison (Head of Acland), Emma Rowley (Arts Leader) and Jessica Wells (Sports Leader). Congratulations to these ex GPS students - we wish them all the best for the year ahead in their roles.

Each fortnight we present PB4L certificates to a member of each class who is showing our school values particularly well. From week 4 of term we will be presenting an additional certificate per class to students who are working towards our school vision - *Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve / Whaia e koe te iti Kahurangi*. Students could be presented with this award for striving to achieve a goal, being prepared for their learning, showing a high level of focus in class or showing interest in their learning. We look forward to presenting these to a student in each class in two weeks time to further recognise the efforts that our students go to in their learning.

By now you will have noticed the new roading environment around Wilson, Huffey and Wright Streets. This is designed to slow traffic around our school. With the new angle parking on Wilson Street, students who bike to school along Wilson Street will need to dismount either before Huffey Street and cross the road or before they reach the first angle parked car on Wilson Street and walk their bike on the footpath and into school. With these changes on the roads around our school both cyclists and motorists need to adjust how they travel and take extra care in order to keep everyone safe.

This morning we were lucky to receive a visit from Will and David from the Crusaders and Fabien and Sala from the Highlanders. They were accompanied by Andy from South Canterbury Rugby Union, McKenzie from the Highlanders and Bianca from Farmlands. The students asked some pertinent questions of the players and got a real buzz when they were given supporters flags to wave! Both teams are playing a preseason game tonight in Temuka and we appreciate them taking the time to visit GPS.

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

Andrew Leverton
Principal | Tumuaki

School notices:

Uniform expectations

- Apple green polo shirt
- Navy blue sunhat - plain
- Polar fleece / Merino half zip jersey – with GPS logo. Must be embroidered prior to being worn at school.
- Track pants – can either be sports type track pants, which may have a small logo, or fleecy. Must be in navy, not black or denim.
- Shorts / Culottes / Skort – navy. Shorts can be sports brand type, cotton or fleecy. No checked pattern or denim.
- Tights, Leggings & Thermals – optional. Must be plain navy. These will typically be worn in winter terms or on colder days late Term 1 / early Term 4. No stripes / other colours.
- Socks – plain white, black or navy short sports-type socks. Shoe or low calf length. Girls may wear navy knee highs or tights.
- Shoes – sports shoes or black school shoes all year. Sports sandals may be worn in Terms 1 and 4.
- Jackets - optional, may be worn to and from school and in the playground if it is cold. They are to be removed in class.

Not part of the school uniform, but suitable for muffi days:

Brightly coloured socks, jeans, riding boots, sports club uniforms / gear, striped thermals, general muffi

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to Ethan, R3; Daphne, R8; Harry, R9; Pera, R5; Sandro, R11; and Ruby, R11 who won a prize from the Gotcha draw at assembly yesterday.

PB4L Certificates

R1	Nathaniel	R2	James	R3	Cathy	R5	George
R7	Emerson	R8	Henry	R10	Flynn	R11	Sophie
R12	Ruby	R13	Neave				

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.

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 reasons to avoid confusion for children getting on the buses and also to ensure that no one crosses the road between the buses.

Sick Bay

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

Emergency Contact Details

If you have had a change of address or phone number recently, please make sure the office has up to date details.

Please feel free to ask at the office to check the information we currently hold for you.

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.

Friday Sausages

We are needing more volunteers to help cook Sausages on Fridays at School during the term. If you have a spare half an hour on a Friday morning - after school drop off OR would be able to help cook - 11.30-12.30 please contact Marissa Grant 021422 326.

Sunhats

A reminder that during Terms 1 and 4 a navy sunhat must be worn when children are outside. If they forget their sunhat they will have to stay under the shade of the big tree at morning tea and lunch play.

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

Calendar - 2021

Week 3

Thursday 18 February Senior Triathlon, 10am

Week 4

Monday 22 February pp Senior Triathlon
Tuesday 23 February Y6 Tent pitching on field
Wednesday 24 February BOT meeting, Staffroom, 6pm
Thursday 25 February Swimming Sports, Y4-6, 10am
Friday 26 February Last Day Y4-6 swimming

Week 5

Monday 1 March Swimming Sports postponement
Tuesday 2 March – Y6 Camp at Lindisfarne
Friday 5 March
Wednesday 3 March Middle Syndicate Triathlon

Week 6

Tuesday 9 March pp Middle Syndicate Triathlon
Friday 12 March SC Triathlon

Week 7

Thursday 18 – Y5 Camp at Raincliff
Friday 19 March

Week 8

Week 9

Wednesday 31 March BOT Meeting, staffroom, 6pm
Wednesday 31 March 3 Way Conferences 3-5.30pm
Thursday 1 April 3 Way Conferences 12.45-6pm (classes stop at 12.15)
Friday 2 April Good Friday – school closed

Week 10

Monday 5 April Easter Monday – school closed
Tuesday 6 April Easter Tuesday – school closed

Week 11

Friday 16 April Open Assembly, 1.30pm
Term 1 ends 2.45pm

Term 1

Mon 1 Feb - Fri 16 Apr
School closed: Waitangi Day observation - Mon 8 Feb
Good Friday - Fri 2 Apr
Easter Monday - Mon 5 Apr
Easter Tuesday - Tues 6 Apr

Term 2

Mon 3 May - Fri 9 July
School closed: Queen's Birthday Day - Mon 7 June

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
Teacher Only Day - Fri 12 Nov

Notices

Temuka Market, Saturday 10am – 1pm, Town Square.

Hilton-Geraldine Tennis Club

Tennis lessons begin this Friday 5th after school. All those interested in playing interclub or just having lessons please contact Murray Bradshaw on 027 693 9940.

South Canterbury Pacers Triathlon club

KIDS CAN DO TRYATHLON



Sunday 14th February
Ages 7-13 years
CBay Aquatic center/Caroline Bay
Registration from 9am. Start 10am

Entries & more info at
www.scpacers.co.nz

Thanks to our sponsors:



Children's Day 2021

For families looking for fun activities on Sunday 7th 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 a selection 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 skills competing with mum or dad on obstacle courses. For the little ones under five years, there will be ride-on-toys, pony rides, face painting and a lot more.

As in previous years there will also be great activities for the older children, organised by the YMCA.

Please write this date on your calendar now.

S a t u r d a y 13th March



Tractor Pull • Pig Racing • Scavenger Hunt • Pet Tent • Kids Entertainment and much more

MAYFIELD *A & P Show*

Adults \$15 • School Age Children FREE



FREE
FUN

SUNDAY
MARCH 7th
10AM - 2PM

COME AND CELEBRATE
**CHILDREN'S
DAY 2021**

Come and see us outside the Caroline Bay Hall

**CPLAY PLAYGROUND
DESIGN CONCEPTS**
KAI SCAVENGER HUNT & ACTIVITIES
PLUS HEAPS OF PRIZES TO WIN ON THE DAY

Proud to be a part of Children's Day



Multicultural
Aoraki

INTERNATIONAL FOOD festival

Celebrate Our Rich Cultural Diversity
On Race Relations Day

FREE EVENT Sat 20 March 2021
8:30am-1pm

@ Timaru Artisan Farmers Market George St Timaru

**INTERNATIONAL
FOOD STALLS** **EVENTS &
ACTIVITIES** **LOCAL CULTURAL
PERFORMANCES**

TEENAGE YEARS 12-18

TOOLBOX

Build a great family team

Over six fun, practical and inspirational sessions, a facilitator will guide you through topics including:

- The importance of aroha and connection
- Different parenting styles
- Discipline and boundaries
- Understanding your child's big emotions
- And lots more!

Cost: \$75 per person or \$110 per couple
However, if you're unable to contribute in this way, we'd still love you to join us. Get in touch and we'll get you booked in.

Time: 7:00pm
Date: Tuesdays, 16 Feb - 23 Mar
Venue: Gleniti Baptist Church
Address: 58 Gleniti Rd, Timaru

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