



# Geraldine Primary

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

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## Newsletter

**Week 6, Term 1**

**12 March 2021**

**From the Principal...**

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

At our school assembly yesterday, I spoke about the importance of recognising and celebrating diversity and the way it enhances society and how this applies to us at Geraldine Primary School. We are a school made up of a number of different cultures and family backgrounds. A number of our students were born overseas or have strong cultural connections to another country. They may speak a different language in their homes while they are learning and practising English at school. Maintaining their first language is hugely important. Acknowledging and appreciating our cultural diversity ties in with our school values, particularly *caring / manaakitanga* and *respectful / whakaute*.

We are approaching the second anniversary of the attacks on the Al Noor and Linwood mosques in Christchurch, which occurred on 15 March 2019. This was a sad day for New Zealand and especially for those who lost family members and friends in the attacks. It is important to recognise that for many their lives will be forever changed due to the events from two years ago. On Monday we will gather briefly as a school to mark this event alongside the 10th anniversary of the Christchurch earthquakes.

Our block of swimming lessons has come to an end over the past two weeks, with Year 4 - 6 students having four weeks at the Community Pool and Year 1 - 3 five weeks at our school pool. A big thank you to our Home and School for again funding the swimming lessons, our tutors from CBay and local tutors Jo Cummings and Adrienne Ross. It has been pleasing to note the progress that students have made over this time, largely due to the frequency of the tuition. For the older students, the culmination of their lessons was the swimming sports, which we managed to have at the third try on Tuesday. In this event, students were able to push themselves, compete at their level and achieve goals. Many thanks to everyone who came along to support the event and their child(ren).

Today we have six students: Charlotte and Sam, Year 5; Sam, Elin, Grace and William, Year 6, representing GPS at the South Canterbury Schools' Triathlon. We wish them all the best for this event and look forward to hearing how they get on.

3 Way Conferences are scheduled this term at the following times:

- Wednesday 31 March 3.00 - 5.30pm
- Thursday 1 April 12.45 - 6.00pm. Please note that on this day, classes will stop at 12.15pm. Students will go home at this time and buses will be operating for GPS students at 12.15pm.

Bookings are now live online and can be accessed at:

[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

Please use the following code: **wyvth** when booking your child(ren)'s 3WC. All children are expected to attend their 3WC with parent(s) / whanau.

If you are unable to access this, please contact the school office and they will make a booking for you.

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

Andrew Leverton  
Principal | Tumuaiki

## School notices:

### Welcome

A special welcome to Harley, R13; Ethan, R11 and Zane R6. We hope you enjoy your time at our school.

### Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to Renee, R10; Leo, R5; Alice, R2; Chania, R10; Travis, R1 and Lydia, R6 who won a prize from the Gotcha draw at assembly yesterday.

### PB4L Certificates

R1	Ryan	R2	Zac	R3	Maddi	R5	Addison
R6	Emily	R7	Mia	R8	Ava	R9	Johnnie
R10	Rua	R11	Sequoia	R12	Flynn	R13	Matilda

### Desire/Aspire Certificates

R1	Jayden	R2	Eve	R3	Millah	R5	Leo
R6	Gunner	R7	Zac	R8	Maeve	R9	Judah
R10	Chania	R11	Kohei	R12	Nassi	R13	Charlii

## Calendar - 2021

### 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 – hosted by Middle Syndicate  
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

## **Home & School**

Welcome back! The Home and School have just had their first meeting of the year and we are looking forward to another successful year supporting our school.

Dancing with the Stars: We are excited to be in a "Dancing with the Stars" year! We have our six couples locked in and are looking forward to another amazing event for the school and community. With the wonderful Helen England as our event manager, planning is well underway. We would really appreciate some more help for this event. There are a variety of jobs on offer and we can tailor something to suit your skills and availability.

If you would like to be involved in helping at this awesome event please email: [gpschoolandschool@gmail.com](mailto:gpschoolandschool@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](mailto:hello@mykindo.co.nz)

[support.mykindo.co.nz](http://support.mykindo.co.nz)

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 every few months, please email [gphomeandschool@gmail.com](mailto:gphomeandschool@gmail.com)

Tea Towels: Thank you to the School Whanau that purchased these. We are hoping to do these again in 2022.

## Community Notices

### Geraldine Football(Soccer) Club

Anyone wanting to play Football this year , aged 6 plus , male or female,we have a team for your age group,any age ,any ability.

Also for the 4-6's we run a First Kicks programme , learn the skills while having fun , after school Thursdays. Term 2 & 3.

Contact Paula Irvine [geraldinefootballclub@gmail.com](mailto:geraldinefootballclub@gmail.com) , 0276374775 to register or if you have any questions

Morning grades 7th -18<sup>th</sup> grade, registration close's March 27th (we will still take late ones if room in teams)

### Coaches

If you are interested in coaching a team get in touch with Paula.

**ADVENTURE  
PLUS!**



# PEA STRAW FOR SALE

**GERALDINE SCOUT GROUP FUNDRAISER**

**This season's fresh tight conventional bales**

**\$7.00 delivered**

**Please email:**

**[geraldinescoutspeastraw@gmail.com](mailto:geraldinescoutspeastraw@gmail.com)**

**Or phone/txt Anna: 022 677 9681**

**Delivery mid/late March**

## 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.

Registrations close on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

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

[geraldinehockeyclub@xtra.co.nz](mailto:geraldinehockeyclub@xtra.co.nz)



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

The poster features a dark purple background with a large white fork and knife graphic. At the bottom, there are several circular images showing people at food stalls and performing. The text is in white, yellow, and orange.



**GERALDINE  
NETBALL**

CENTRE INC, PO BOX 97, GERALDINE

# **JUNIOR NETBALL REGISTRATION**

## **ANZ futureFERNS NNZ Year 3-6 Program**

**Friday 19 March  
3pm-3.30pm**

Netball Courts, Geraldine Domain

**YOU CAN ALSO REGISTER ONLINE AT**  
[sporty.co.nz/viewform/152383](https://sporty.co.nz/viewform/152383)

MOTHER EARTH FUTURE FERNS  
NNZ Year 3-6 Program  
Friday afternoons  
FIRST GAME: Friday 7 May

FEEES DUE:  
Friday 30 June 2021  
\$60.00 Year 3&4  
\$65.00 Year 5&6

**Leander Patterson: 027 465 6240  
Rachael Sutherland: 027 634 2595**

**[geraldinenetball@gmail.com](mailto:geraldinenetball@gmail.com)  
[sporty.co.nz/geraldinenc/home](https://sporty.co.nz/geraldinenc/home)**

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



**Geraldine Netball Centre**



Geraldine Home & Kindergarten

Presents

THE GREAT LAUGH

Comedy Show

Featuring

Jeremy Elwood  
Tony Lyall  
Shelley Iñón  
MC Mike Boon



Tickets available online at [eventfinda.co.nz](http://eventfinda.co.nz)

10th April 2021  
Doors open at 7pm  
Cash bar  
Geraldine Primary Hall

Sponsors

GOLD



SILVER



BRONZE



# GERALDINE CROQUET CLUB'S

## "TWILIGHT BUSINESS HOUSE"



*Come along and enjoy the really social side  
of golf croquet.*

*No experience needed. Mallets provided.*

### **Teams of 2**

*(can be different people each week)*

**5:30pm - 6:30pm**

**Wednesdays 17 March, 24 March & 31 March**

**Geraldine Domain**

**(Each team will play 2 games per evening)**

**Entry fee: \$10/team**

**To enter:**

**Contact Shirley**

**021 210 9672, [lindroos@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lindroos@xtra.co.nz)**

**with team name, contact person,**

**cell ph number & email address**

**LIMITED TEAMS SO BE IN QUICK!**

