



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 3, Term 3
13 August 2021

From the Principal...

Kia ora Whanau.

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

Our Year 4 classes had a very memorable trip to Tekapo on Wednesday, where they enjoyed a day of ice skating, snow tubing and the hot pools. Judging by the comments from students afterwards, they had a wonderful time. The Tekapo experience has previously been done by Year 5 and 6 classes and last year by Year 4 and 5. It is now a Year 4 activity to enable these students to have an additional outdoor experience and to reduce the costs of EOTC activities on Year 5 and 6 families. Many thanks to all parents / whanau that assisted with this trip. Year 5 and 6 students have a ski trip coming up on 2 September at Roundhill, which I know they will be looking forward to.

This week one of our EPro8 Challenge teams competed at the regional semi finals in Ashburton, having qualified through earlier challenge days. Congratulations to the team members - Ben, Ruby, Ginny and George for getting to this stage of the competition - an amazing achievement. Ben and George have written a report, which is later in this newsletter.



School photos take place next Wednesday. There is some slightly different organisation this year as we have started with another provider. For sibling photos there is a form that will be brought home today that needs to be filled in, signed and returned to the school office by 8.30am Wednesday 18 August. Please note that the sibling photos are for GPS students only.

3 Way Conferences will take place next week on Thursday 19th August from 3.00 - 6.00pm and Friday 20th August from 12.45 - 5.45pm. If you haven't yet booked your 3WC, please do so in the next few days. The website to book your child's 3WC is www.schoolinterviews.co.nz.

Use the event code wcqk2 to access our school portal. If you need assistance with this, please contact the school office and we will book an interview for you. Please note that bookings will close on Monday 16th August and it is important that bookings are made by this day. All children are expected to attend the 3WC with their parent(s) and be part of this learning conversation.

As teachers will be involved in 3WCs all afternoon on Friday 20th August classes will stop at 12.15pm. All children will be sent home at this time, so please ensure that there is an adult at home to meet your child, you collect them from school, or other suitable arrangements have been made.

If your child goes on a bus they will depart GPS at 12.15pm and then the High School at 12.30pm. Please make sure someone is at the home bus stop to meet them as the buses will arrive early because there will be no High School students on board. There will be no buses for GPS students at 2.45pm next Friday.

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

Andrew Leverton
Principal | Tumuaki

School notices:

Performance Week

In week 8 of this term we will be having our performance week. This year's theme is a Celebration of our Cultures - He waka eke noa. This will be an opportunity to recognize and celebrate our cultural diversity at GPS. We are planning to have a matinee performance on Tuesday 14 September at 10am, an evening performance that night and another evening performance on Wednesday 15th. Further information will be shared in due course.

Early departure from school

From time to time parents or other family members will need to collect their child(ren) from school for legitimate reasons during the school day. We ask that parents / whanau phone the office prior with a time they expect to be at school. We can then arrange for the child(ren) to be at the office waiting. Parents / whanau then collect their child(ren) from the office. We also ask that parents / whanau sign a brief register to say that they have collected their child(ren) from school. This is so that we have a clear understanding of which children are on site (done through twice daily registers) and who has left the grounds.

EPro8 Challenge Semi finals

On Tuesday 10th August Ben Morton, Ruby Ellis, George Rainey and Ginevra Kruize went to the Epro8 semi-finals at Ashburton Intermediate School. In this challenge there were twelve teams, each team had a choice to build one of four nautical themed structures. The GPS Jets built a sailboat, this included maths, engineering and problem solving. The GPS Jets came seventh out of twelve teams that participated. Overall the GPS Jets did pretty well and are proud of their efforts in this competition.

Written by Ben Morton and George Rainey

New Students

A special welcome to Eoghan and Levi who started in R6 recently. We hope you enjoy your time at Geraldine Primary.

Sickness

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

Kids Alive

3 way conferences

Kids Alive will be running a programme on Friday 20th. There are two sessions available 12.15pm to 3.00pm and then 12.15pm to 5.30pm. We will pick the children up at 12.15 from the Primary School and will walk them over to the Pavilion where the programme is held. To book go to kidsalive.aimyplus.com. Any enquiries to Lorraine@kidsalive.co.nz or 027 408126

Before School Care/Breakfast Club

The Before School care starts at 7.15am in the morning and can be booked through kidsalive.aimyplus.com. After 8.00 we are happy to be open to any children for a milo, cereal or toast. It is great to see children popping in for a milo or some toast. If you do not want your child/children to attend then please let Lorraine know by emailing her on lorraine@kidsalive.co.nz or text to 0274038126.

Calendar - Term 3

Week 4

Wednesday 18 August School photos
Thursday 19 August 3 Way Conferences (3-6pm)
Friday 20 August 3 Way Conferences (12.45-5.45pm) 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

Week 6

Thursday 2 September Tangaroa (Y5 &6) Ski Trip (postponement 6 September)

Week 7

Week 8

Tuesday 14 September Celebration of our Cultures – matinee performance 10am
Celebration of our Cultures – evening performance 6.30pm
Wednesday 15 September Celebration of our Cultures – evening performance 6.30pm
Friday 17 September Flava Festival – Kapa Haka

Week 9

Friday 24 September Non Uniform day – gold coin for Social Workers Trust

Week 10

Monday 27 September South Canterbury Anniversary – school closed
Friday 1 October Celebration Assembly, 1.30pm hosted by Tangaroa (Yr 5 & 6)
Term 3 ends 2.45pm

Term Dates

Term 3

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

Term 4

School closed: Mon 18 Oct - Tues 14 Dec
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: We really need 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. Please help to keep this going for our tamariki!

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

Before school care and After school care has started for the term. Kids Alive run the Before school at the primary school in conjunction with the breakfast club. We run from 7.15 till 8.40. Also from 8 we are happy for children to pop in for a Milo. After school care is run at the Pavilion till 5.30 and the children are picked up from school and walked over. To book go to kidsalive.aimyplus.com or contact Kids Alive on 0274038126 or email lorraine@kidsalive.co.nz

Fairlie Primary School Home and School Committee are once again organising the Dynastar Mt Dobson Ski Race. Further information will follow but can schools please save the date of Tuesday 31st August for the race day, with a postponement date of Thursday 2 September 2021? The day will involve Year 3 to Year 6 students.



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2021 FREE BEGINNER TENNIS COACHING SESSIONS!

Sundays, 5th - 26th September, 2021

From approx 9am (Age based groups, youngest to oldest, 30 – 45 minute sessions dependent on age)



Scan to register

REGISTER ONLINE ONLY

Registrations close Tuesday 31st August 2021

Scan the QR code or go to www.tennissouthcanterbury.co.nz

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Mesopotamia Station in the 1950s & 60s

Geraldine Cinema
1 pm Sunday 15th August 2021

Special screening of life on a high country station,
from the Prouting Family home movie collection

Admission \$15 (family \$30)
Complimentary afternoon tea

All proceeds will be donated to mission work supported by Geraldine St Andrews Church, including;

- Helping needy families in northern Thailand.
- A high school girls hostel in the Thai Hill Tribe region, north of Chiang Mai.
- University girls hostel in Chiang Mai.

For more information contact Ray Prouting on 03 693 7631

VIBES

A Geraldine High School Talent Show

**22nd - 23rd
September**

Geraldine High School Hall

**\$10 Adults
\$5 Students**

Tickets available September 1st
via KiwiTicket.co.nz

**South Canterbury Amateur
Athletic Club**

1871-2021



150 Years

The South Canterbury Amateur Athletic Club invite all past, present and future members to the 150th celebrations of the clubs formation.

Saturday 23 October 2021

12.00pm Display of memorabilia from the club's past

Aorangi Pavilion

1.30pm Athletics Programme from the early days of the club

All-Weather Track facility at Aorangi

Standing Jumps, Throwing the stone, 100 yards, 1 mile running (Period costume optional)

6.00pm Meet and Greet

7.00pm Dinner

Upstairs Lounge Southern Trust Events Centre

Chance to take part in a question and answer session with the club's Olympians

Tomas Walsh and Lauren Bruce

Sunday 24 October 2021

10.00am Past, Present and Future Tour of Timaru

Covers the grounds the club has used over the years

Concludes with Morning Tea at the Aorangi Pavilion

Interested?

Register your interest by emailing scaac150years@gmail.com