



# Geraldine Primary

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## Newsletter

**Week 8, Term 3**  
**17 September 2021**

**From the Principal...**

*Kia ora Whanau.*

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

It was wonderful to see our tamariki returning to school once again last Thursday after two weeks at Level 4 and another week at Level 3. We had little notice of moving to Level 4 this time around, so there was a bit of activity at school in the evening prior to the lockdown coming into force with staff gathering resources, laptop chargers etc. Over the three weeks at Levels 4 and 3 students have been involved in distance learning, with Years 1 - 3 using Seesaw and Years 4 - 6 Google Classroom. It has been pleasing to note that a significant majority of students were involved in distance learning activities whilst away from school.

I would like to congratulate the staff for the way they rallied around with little notice to ensure distance learning programmes were up and running and for also working together to ensure consistency within year groups and syndicates. I would also like to thank parents and caregivers for the support they have provided to their children over the time away from school. We understand that lockdown will have produced some logistical challenges, especially for those parents who had work commitments as well as supporting their children's learning.

For this lockdown we aimed to scale back the learning demands on families compared with 2020, so hopefully we were able to strike more of a balance this time. If you have any feedback on your experience of distance learning and lockdown, please feel free to email me - [principal@geraldine.school.nz](mailto:principal@geraldine.school.nz) .

While we all hope that we don't have to experience lockdown again, if we are in that situation, it's always good to learn from our previous experiences.

The lockdown period has made us rethink some school events, knowing that we can't push all missed events to Term 4. We were due to have a performing arts week this past week. Due to the uncertainty of what alert level we may be at in the near future and the time needed to prepare for such an event, we have decided to move this to Term 2 next year.

3 Way Conferences were also scheduled during the Level 4 period. Goal sheets will be sent home before the end of term. If parents would like to meet with their child's teacher to discuss goals, achievement and progress, please arrange this with the teacher via email for a mutually convenient time, either this term or in Term 4. Email addresses are the teacher's first name and first letter of their surname @geraldine.school.nz, e.g. [andrewl@geraldine.school.nz](mailto:andrewl@geraldine.school.nz). End of Year reports will be written as usual. For students in kapa haka, the Flava Festival has been cancelled. We will keep you updated as to how our end of term assembly might occur. This will be dependent on Covid Alert Levels.

Many of you and particularly the parents of Room 7 students, will be aware that Erin Couper has been on leave from school for medical reasons since the end of Term 1 and has been taking this time to recover. Erin has recently informed us that she will be resigning from her position at Geraldine Primary, one that she has held since 2015. Her husband Jayde has won a position in Dunedin with his current employer and moving there will also allow Erin to be closer to family. The staff and students will all miss Erin. She brings much creativity to her teaching and this was exemplified by the work she did with the Room 7 students, the art club and for her curation of last year's Arts Festival. Erin has also been instrumental in her leadership of Environmental Education and oversight of the school Green Team.

Yesterday Erin visited her class and the staff farewelled her at morning tea. On behalf of the GPS community, I wish her and Jayde all the very best for their future endeavours and for Erin's continued recovery. Pauline Ramsay has been teaching in Room 7 since Erin has been on leave and we are fortunate that she has agreed to continue in this role for the remainder of the year.

Next Friday, 24 September, we will be having a Non Uniform Day, where students can wear clothing of their choice. We ask that students bring a gold coin donation in support of the Geraldine Social Work Trust.

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

Andrew Leverton  
Principal | Tumuaki

## **School notices:**

### **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.

### **New Students**

A special welcome to Lacey, R3; Madelyn, R11; Piper, R13; Temperance, R12; Ngaire, R9 and Cohen 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.

### **Before School Care/Breakfast Club**

The Before School care starts at 7.15am in the morning and can be booked through [kidsalive.aimyplus.com](http://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](mailto:lorraine@kidsalive.co.nz) or text to 0274038126.

## **Calendar - Term 3**

### 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

## **Calendar - Term 4**

### Week 1

Monday 18 October              Term 4 begins  
Tuesday 19 October              Senior Syndicate trip to Peel Forest  
Wednesday 20 October              Senior Syndicate trip to Peel Forest

### Week 2

Monday 25 October	Labour Day – school closed
Wednesday 27 October	South Canterbury Mountain Biking
Friday 29 October	Methven Sports exchange
	pp 1 November

### Week 3

Wednesday 3 November	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6pm, Staffroom
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### Week 4

Tuesday 9 November	School Photos
Wednesday 10 November	Athletics Day, pp 16 November
Friday 12 November	School Closed – Staff Development Day

## **Term Dates**

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

<b>Term 4</b>	Mon 18 Oct - Tues 14 Dec
School closed:	Labour Day - Mon 25 Oct
School closed:	Teacher Development Day - Fri 12 Nov

## **Home & School**

The Home and School had a meeting on Monday night to discuss funding contributions to the school. We have been very fortunate that the school and wider Geraldine community hugely supported our Dancing with the Stars fundraiser making it the most successful event to date. As a result we have been able to contribute a significant amount towards a new swimming pool liner. We are so lucky to have this resource at our school when so many schools around New Zealand don't.

The H&S will also be making its usual end of year donation towards swimming lessons, ICT, classroom resources etc.

It's only with the commitment, teamwork and dedication of our H&S committee that we are able to provide all these extra resources for our tamariki. We would really love to see some new faces join us! Please contact [gpschoolandshome@gmail.com](mailto:gpschoolandshome@gmail.com) for more information on how you can help.

## **Sausage Roster:**

To keep this service going 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 [gpschoolandshome@gmail.com](mailto:gpschoolandshome@gmail.com)

## **Sausage Sizzle: SUSPENDED DURING LEVEL 2**

If you have paid through Kindo for the Term, refunds will be issued once we know how many weeks to refund.

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](https://support.mykindo.co.nz)

## **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](https://kidsalive.aimyplus.com) or contact Kids Alive on 0274038126 or email [lorraine@kidsalive.co.nz](mailto:lorraine@kidsalive.co.nz)

**Wai-iti Tennis Club** invites you to have a go at our Open days on Saturday the 18th and 25th September. We are a Tennis NZ registered club for Tennis Hot Shots. Juniors of all levels are welcome from 10:00 am-11:30 am. Assessments can be made regarding their Tennis level - beginner or competitive interclub. Drop in and have a go! Parents are welcome too!! We are located at West End Park - parking access off Maltby Avenue.

Visit our website for more information regarding times and subs

([www.sporty.co.nz/waiititennis](http://www.sporty.co.nz/waiititennis)) or phone/text Matt on 027 684 4071 or email us on [waiiti.tennis@gmail.com](mailto:waiiti.tennis@gmail.com)

**Hilton-Geraldine Tennis Club** are seeking juniors interested in playing in the 2021-22 season.

We have interclub play and professional coaching available on Fridays.

Please email Murray Bradshaw at [murlyn6971@gmail.com](mailto:murlyn6971@gmail.com) with names and ages.

State whether you would like to be involved in Saturday interclub play as well.

## **LILY & FREESIA BULBS**

The Geraldine Children Social Worker Trust has been offered an opportunity to sell lily bulbs (sold in bags of four bulbs, single varieties only) for \$10.00 per bag and Freesia bulbs (20 per bag) for \$5.00. If you would like some, please place your order as soon as possible. You can email [susanp@geraldine.school.nz](mailto:susanp@geraldine.school.nz) or leave your order form and payment at the GPS Office

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 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Lily Bulb Order Form (sold in bags of four bulbs, single varieties only)  
 \$10 per bag

Bags	No. Bags	No.
1. Largo (pink)	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Barossa (dark pink light pink edge) <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Casablanca (white)	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Concor D'or (yellow) <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Lexus (pink)	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Redford (dark pink/red) <input type="checkbox"/>
7. Robina (red)	<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Siberia (white) <input type="checkbox"/>
9. Signum (white)	<input type="checkbox"/>	10. Sorbonne (Pink/White edge) <input type="checkbox"/>
11. Surrender (pink)	<input type="checkbox"/>	12. Tabledance (pink) <input type="checkbox"/>
13. Tarrango (dark pink)	<input type="checkbox"/>	14. Tisento (white) <input type="checkbox"/>
15. Tourega (white) odourless	<input type="checkbox"/>	16. Vendome (pink) <input type="checkbox"/>
17. Viviana (dark pink)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**Freesias** (sold in bags of 20 bulbs, single varieties only) \$5.00 per bag

19. Lovely Cream

20. Soleil (Yellow)

21. Pink Passion

**Total Enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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**OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**  
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**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS**  
**10:30-11:30 AM AND 2:30-3:30 PM**  
To book, phone 03 687 7202 or email  
[anita.dawson@timdc.govt.nz](mailto:anita.dawson@timdc.govt.nz)

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Phone 03 687 7591 for more information

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To book: email [libger@timdc.govt.nz](mailto:libger@timdc.govt.nz)  
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