



# Geraldine Primary

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## Newsletter

**Week 7, Term 2**

**18 June 2021**

**From the Principal...**

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



What a wonderful evening Saturday night's Dancing With The Stars was! The stars certainly came out to entertain those in attendance. Well done and congratulations to all our couples who so willingly gave their time and effort with many hours of practice and commitment.

Special congratulations to our winners James Payne and Joseph Perez. To our parents in the wider Home and School group who



again coordinated an amazing evening, to our judges, dance tutors, MCs, sound and lighting team, sponsors and everyone involved - a massive thank you! I'd also like to acknowledge members of the Geraldine community who came along to support the evening. Geraldine Primary School is grateful for your support of this amazing event and of our school.

Earlier this week we were fortunate to be one of 50 schools nationwide to be selected for the Wood is Good programme. We were one of 10 schools who were lucky enough to be selected to do the Share the Road with Big Trucks Programme at the same time. It sought to raise awareness of the forestry industry and the importance of being aware of trucks on our roads. There was a high level of interest shown by the students, who spent time in the truck safety mobile classroom, behind the wheel of three trucks and learning about the forestry





sector. The day was delivered by the Wood is Good and Trucking Association educators, along with logging truck drivers from Wareings and forest managers from Port Blakely. It certainly generated a lot of buzz around the school! Many thanks to everyone involved in the coordination of a great day!

Over the last term Year 5 and 6 students who have been in the Mohio programme have been preparing for the EPro 8 Challenge, which involves teamwork, creative thought and technological skill. The teams were GPS Engineers - Chase, Olivia, Adele and Wilbur; GPS Creators - Charlotte, Abigail, Ethan and Ollie; GPS Jets - Ginny, George, Ben and Ruby. The Creators and Jets made it through to the South Canterbury finals, with the Creators coming 4th out of 12 teams and the Jets coming 2nd. The Jets now qualify for the next round in August. Well done to all teams for the engagement you have shown in this challenge.



The School Board is two years into their three year election cycle. While the next Board elections are not until May / June 2022, succession planning is being considered by the board. Being on a School Board is a wonderful way to contribute to your child's school at a governance level. It also gives you the opportunity to meet new people, learn more about the workings of the school, and undertake valuable professional development courses for free. Boards are made up of parents or community members, as well as the principal and staff elected representative. If anyone would like to know more about being on a School Board, you are most welcome to attend a meeting. Our next one is on 30 June at 6pm in the staffroom. Alternatively you can get in contact with me - [principal@geraldine.school.nz](mailto:principal@geraldine.school.nz), or contact our Board Chairperson Justin O'Brien ([jbobrien@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jbobrien@xtra.co.nz), 027 434 9272) to learn a bit more about being on a School Board.

Best wishes to our team of 20 cross country runners who will represent GPS at the South Canterbury Schools event, which will now be held next Wednesday at Waihi School. Hopefully the weather fines up a bit for this to be held!

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

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

Andrew Leverton  
Principal | Tumuaki

## School notices:

### **Paid Union Meeting for Teachers**

On Thursday 1 July, teachers will be attending meetings hosted by their union, the NZ Educational Institute. Most teachers will be attending an afternoon meeting, which will be held during school time. School will be open all day and buses will run as normal in the morning and afternoon. In the afternoon, there will be three teachers and teacher aides running an alternative programme (i.e. not class based) at school. Parents are welcome to collect their children at 12.15pm if they do not wish to have their children at school in the afternoon.

### **Ethnicities at GPS**

It is exciting to see that at school we have a growing number of ethnicities that our students relate to. Below is a list of ethnicities that we know about, if your child or family's ethnicity is not noted here please let your child's teacher or the school office know so we can add it to our list. Next term we are planning an Arts Festival to celebrate our cultural diversity within our school community. If you have any knowledge around your family's culture for example celebrations, food, traditions or song and dance that you would be willing to share we would love to hear from you. Please let your child's teacher know.

South African, West African, Argentinian, Australian, Brazilian, British, Chinese, Cook Island Māori, Czech, Dutch, Filipino, Finnish, Indian, Irish, Japanese, Māori, New Zealand European, Russian, Samoan, Thai, Tongan

### **New Students**

A special welcome to Oliver who started in Room 9 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	Macy	R2	Finn	R3	Abigail	R5	Caleigh
R6	Melody	R7	Twaney	R8	Daphne	R9	Nikau
R11	Jackson	R12	Liam	R13	Archie		

### **Desire/Aspire Certificates**

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

R1	Myra	R2	Ollie	R3	Matthew	R5	Ruby
R6	Zane	R7	Lilah	R8	Krystal	R9	Jackson
R11	Tom	R12	Jay	R13	Matilda		

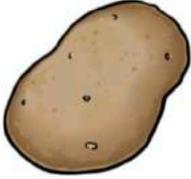
### **Gotcha Draw**

The lucky winners of the Gotcha prize draw were: Addie, R3; Aliza, R10; Lewis, R6; Fergus, R11; Flynn, R7; Macaulay, R2.

### **Kupu o te Wiki:**

In this newsletter we will introduce you to our new kupu o te wiki that our tamariki will be learning for the next two weeks. You may like to try some of these in your whare at kai time!

He aha tēnei kai? **Ngā Kai** He \_\_\_\_\_ tēnā kai  
 What is this food? That is \_\_\_\_\_

			
<b>rīwai</b> potato	<b>manarini</b> mandarine	<b>kotakota rīwai</b> potato chips	<b>wai</b> water/juice/liquid
			
<b>hanawiti</b> sandwich	<b>huamata</b> salad	<b>hēki</b> egg	<b>miraka tepe</b> yogurt

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### Sickness

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

### Calendar - Term 2

#### Week 8

Monday 21 June

Home and School Meeting, 7pm – all welcome

Wednesday 23 June

South Canterbury Cross Country – Waihi School

#### Week 9

Wednesday 30 June

Board of Trustees meeting, 6pm – all welcome

Thursday 1 July

Teachers Union Meeting

Friday 2 July

Muffi Day for Social Work Trust – gold coin donation

#### 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

### 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 flat out over the last 2 weeks....lots of people to thank. A lot of hard work but also heaps of fun!!

If you've been thinking about getting involved with what we do (it's 2 years until our next big event!), our next meeting is this Monday (21st June) at 7pm in the staffroom.

**Pasta Vera:** Thank you to our school community for supporting this fundraiser. We raised \$600 to go towards a new liner for the pool. And a big thank you to Gretchen Gould and Kayla Jones for organising!

**Dancing with the Stars:** Well, what a success! We have raised over \$20,000!!!! (final figure still being worked on)

Behind every great event are many committed people and behind every great auction and raffle are generous community-focused businesses and individuals. We wish to thank everyone involved in this successful event.

**Dancers:** Thank you so much for giving up your time and putting yourselves outside of your comfort zone!

Emma and Johnny Burnside

Frances and Aaron Coles

Claire and Scott Lovelock

Erin and Henry Bolt

Jess and James Bowan

James Payne and Joseph Perez

**Dance Teacher:** Julie Milne of Julie Neill Dance Academy in Timaru. Once again Julie has transformed everyday parents, teachers and community-minded locals into polished performers.

**MCs:** Chelley Leov and Lindsay Nelson wowed the crowd again with their wit and comedy!

**Judges:** Tracey Nelson, Stu Wilcox and Julie Milne thank you for your skill in awarding points to our dancers.

**Auctioneer:** Rod Sands and his ability to tease money from an audience is truly a superpower!

**Sound/Lighting:** Isaac and Kayla Jones and their able team really made the atmosphere electric. It is testament to Isaac's skills that the dancefloor was packed all night...and not just with the contestants! Thanks also to Dylan for videoing this event for posterity.

**Behind the Scenes:** We were led again by the amazing Helen England. Helen, you really are a superwoman and we are in awe of your event management skills and your calm, positive attitude. Thanks also to Helen's family who support her so she can focus on this big event.

**Kitchen:** Rachel Sutherland and her team turned out some delicious food. Thanks to Gretchen, Sharon, Rebecca, Kate, Wendy, Mina, Deana, Charlotte and Amy.

**Bar:** Marissa, Aaron, James, Steve, Jolie

**Auction/Raffle prizes:** Tina, Julie, Ange, Jane

**Hair and Makeup:** Claire and Rebecca

**Clean up:** We had a great turnout so thanks to everyone that lent a hand for this.

## **Our Sponsors - Dancing with the Stars**

### **Gold**

Adventure Ballooning

Gateway Vets

Ravensdown

Wholesale Seed/Catalyst Performance Agronomy

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### **Silver**

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McCains

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Land Logistics

Four Peak Transport

Kings Shoes

Woodleys Contracting

Peel Forest Horse Trekking

Hayden McKenzie Contracting

Fonterra

Property Brokers – Gretchen Gould

### **Bronze**

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Geraldine Butchery

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Kitchen Cupboard

The Cottage Pantry

Peter Young Apparel

Subway

Q Foods

Claire Balman

Verde

ANZ

ITM

Geraldine Pharmacy

Trio Boutique

North End Ford

Heartland Ricoh

PGG Wrightson

Flowers Inc

Joosh

Mes Amis

Farm Café

Grandpas Toys

Fallgate Farms

Proper Chips

Hanmer Springs Hotpools

Bella Salu

Talbot Silver

Running Duck

Ilu Dayspa

Independent Engineering

Tekapo Springs

Viva Hair

Parkside Dairy

Hammer Hardware

Geraldine Signs

Stonebridge

Rachel Sutherland and Grant Family

**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](mailto: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 once a term please email [gpsHOMEandschool@gmail.com](mailto:gpsHOMEandschool@gmail.com)

**Next meeting:** Monday 21st June, 7pm in the staff room. All Welcome!

## Community Notices



**Grab a free coffee and chat with other parents and carers who know what it's like to care for a disabled child, a neurodiverse child, or a child with health impairments.**

Parent to Parent hosts monthly Parent Support Groups in Timaru during the school term, to support carers and parents just like you. These groups are a safe space for family and whānau to share their experiences, their challenges, their triumphs, and to learn from each other in an open and 100% judgement-free environment. No topic is too 'weird', no question too 'out there'. We get it, and we are here to help.

So if you'd like to share a struggle, celebrate a success, raise a concern, or simply have a cuppa and chat with other parents and carers in your area, you are always welcome at our Parent Support Group. Children are welcome too! Drop in for as long or as short a time as you want. And did we mention there's free coffee??

### Upcoming dates:

**Dates:** Fri 11 June | Fri 9 July | Fri 13 Aug | Fri 10 Sep | Fri 5 Nov

**Time:** 1pm—2:30pm

**Venue:** PiqueNique Café, 300 Hilton Highway, Timaru

**Feel free to just show up on the day!**

**Or contact Jo for more info:**

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