



# Geraldine Primary

*Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve*

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## Newsletter

**Week 5, Term 4  
19 November 2021**

**From the Principal...**

*Kia ora Whānau.*

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

The end of the term is rapidly approaching, with a number of different activities planned for our students as well as end of year deadlines that staff are working towards. As noted in earlier newsletters, the Alert Level 2 requirements for schools will mean that our typical end of year events such as assemblies will need to be modified somewhat. We are currently working through the reorganisation of these and once we have a firmer idea, will be able to share how these will run with you all.

Our modified athletic sports have been held over the past two weeks. These occurred at school, over several days. It was wonderful to see the students in action, in what was the culmination of their practices over recent weeks. Our Whanau Group and WAVE leaders also organised an activities afternoon for the school last Thursday, which was enjoyed by the students and staff. It is a credit to these young leaders how they planned and implemented the activities, including providing the necessary instructions and support to the rest of the students - well done to you all!

Today our Year 5 and 6 students were involved in an in-school alternative to the cancelled Methven Primary sports exchange from earlier in the term. Many thanks to our wonderful parents who assisted with this, both with practices and on the day.

Next Friday we will be having a non uniform day to raise money for our sponsored child. Mohosina is a 5 year old girl from Bangladesh. The money raised will go towards assisting her with the necessities of life. Also on this day

is the Year 6 Festival of Fun. This is a modified version of our popular annual Breakfast BBQ. Again, Covid restrictions mean it will be run as an event for students only, during school time. Hopefully 2022 will bring more normality for this and other events! The Year 6 classes have been busy preparing for this and will no doubt be looking forward to the day next Friday.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable weekend.

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

Andrew Leverton  
Principal | Tumuaki

### **School notices:**

#### **Classes for 2022**

We have started the process of forming classes for 2022. If you have a 5 year old New Entrant child who will start with us next, year, or know of someone who this applies to, it is important that the office is informed as soon as possible and an enrolment form completed, if this hasn't been done already. This also applies to children in other year groups who will be attending GPS from 2021. Having an accurate understanding about new enrolments is important as it assists within the composition of classes.

#### **Early departure from school**

Parents or other family members will on occasions, need to collect their child(ren) from school for legitimate reasons during the school day. We ask that parents / whānau 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 / whānau then collect their child(ren) from the office. We also ask that parents / whānau 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.

#### **Gotcha Draw 11 November**

Congratulations to Gemma, R5; Shantalle, R2; Adele, R2; Elsie, R9; Nikau, R9; and Ngaire, R9 who all won a prize from the recent Gotcha draw.

#### **PB4L Certificates**

Well done to the following students who received a certificate:

R1	Sam Y	R2	Sophia	R3	Grace W	R5	Archie
R6	Mya	R7	Noah	R8	Lachlan	R9	Dahlia
R10	Aliza	R11	Ethan	R12	Temperence	R13	Levi
R15	Riley						

## School Vision Desire to Learn, Aspire to achieve Certificates

R1	Will	R2	Adele	R3	Talia	R5	Eleanor
R6	Jonty	R7	James	R8	Maisie	R9	Daniel
R10	Flynn	R11	Kaydynce	R12	Madison	R13	Kevin
R15	Emily						

### Sickness

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

### Last Day for Buses 2021

The buses will not be running on the afternoon of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

## Calendar - Term 4

### Week 6

Wednesday 24 November	Middle Syndicate Firewise afternoon
Friday 26 November	Non Uniform day \$2 for sponsored child Festival of Fun run by the Y6 children (replaces Breakfast BBQ)

### Week 7

Monday 29 November –	
Thursday 2 December	St John in Schools Programme running
Friday 3 December	Y6 GHS taster day

### Week 8

Wednesday 8 December	BOT Meeting, 6pm staffroom – all welcome
Friday 10 December	Principal's Assembly – details to be confirmed

### Week 9

Monday 13 December	Y6 Pool Party
Tuesday 14 December	End of year assembly – details to be confirmed Term 4 ends

## Term Dates

<b>Term 4</b>	Mon 18 Oct - Tues 14 Dec
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## Term Dates 2022

**Term 1** Wed 2 Feb - Thurs 14 Apr

School closed: Waitangi Day obs - Mon 7 Feb

**Term 2** Mon 2 May - Fri 8 July

School closed: Staff Development Day - Fri 3 June  
Queen's Birthday Day - Mon 6 June  
Matariki - Fri 24 June

**Term 3** Mon 25 July - Fri 30 Sept

School closed: South Canterbury Anniversary - Mon 26 Sept

**Term 4** Mon 17 Oct – Wed 14 Dec

School closed: Labour Day - Mon 24 Oct

### **Home & School**

We would really love to see some new faces join us! Please contact [gphomeandschool@gmail.com](mailto:gphomeandschool@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 [gphomeandschool@gmail.com](mailto:gphomeandschool@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](http://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](http://kidsalive.aimyplus.com) or contact Kids Alive on 0274038126 or email [lorraine@kidsalive.co.nz](mailto:lorraine@kidsalive.co.nz)

**Geraldine Domain Redevelopment 'Final Push' to \$100k:** Now is your chance to support this awesome community project to create a multi-purpose turf, playing field lights, cricket nets and more, for our young players and the whole community.. **Every little bit helps.** Donations receive a .33 c tax credit for every \$ given. Do it for Geraldine, go to <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/geraldine-domain-redevelopment> or for more info go to <https://geraldine.nz/domain/>

**Love Tennis:** Wai-iti Tennis Club is open and FREE!

Come and have a go!

Sunday 21st November, 10am-4pm

Whether you're a returning player or have never picked up a racquet, Love Tennis is for you!

-Equipment Provided

-Loads of Prizes and Giveaways

-Fun for the Whole Family

[www.tennis.kiwi/lovetennis](http://www.tennis.kiwi/lovetennis)

Any questions please phone Matt Cameron 0276844071

# TOOT FOR TUCKER

**Tuesday 30th Nov. from 6pm**

**SUPPORT THE FOOD BANKS**

*With The* **Geraldine Emergency Services**

*Proudly supported by:*  **GERALDINE SIGNS**

LISTEN OUT FOR THE SIRENS AND TOOTS  
ON TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER FROM 6pm  
POP ON OUT WITH YOUR DONATIONS  
FOR THE LOCAL FOOD BANK OR LEAVE AT  
YOUR MAILBOX FOR COLLECTION

DONATIONS CAN ALSO BE LEFT AT  
NORTH END MOTORS OFFICE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT