



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 3, Term 2

21 May 2021

From the Principal...

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

Today is Pink Shirt Day and it's certainly a sea of pink around school! We've been recognising this at GPS for some years now and it has been celebrated globally since 2007. Originating in Canada after a student was bullied for wearing a pink shirt, two of his peers took a stand and supported him by also wearing pink shirts and the worldwide phenomenon took off from there. In Aotearoa New Zealand, Pink Shirt Day works to create schools, workplaces, communities and whānau where everyone feels safe, valued and respected. Classes have been doing a variety of activities over the past week in the build up to Pink Shirt Day.

I had the privilege of attending the South Canterbury Schools' Rippa Tournament on Wednesday in Timaru. We entered two teams, both of whom performed very well and achieved the following results:

Geraldine Black -

won v Grantlea Downs 5-4

lost v Temuka 5-6

won v Waimataitai 4-3

lost v Gleniti 5-6 (1st place in pool playoff round)

Geraldine Green -

won v Albury 6-2

won v Winchester 7-4

lost v Gleniti 3-7

won v Beaconsfield 6-3 (2nd place in pool playoff round)

Congratulations to both teams for representing GPS at this event. Many thanks to our parent supporters on the day, especially to Aaron Coles and Mordecai Courage who coached the two teams.

We are currently hosting a GHS Year 13 student, Chiaynne Buswell, who is spending a day a week at GPS to see what goes on inside a primary school. She started in Room 8 this Tuesday and will spend time in most classrooms over the next nine weeks. Welcome Chiaynne!

Last week at assembly we were fortunate enough to view a performance by the South Canterbury Pipe Band. One of its members was ex GPS student Annabelle McArthur who, along with her fellow band members, performed extremely well. It's great to see our ex students pursuing interests and achieving in their chosen area. Our students showed a high level of interest in the performance and some even got the chance to have a go at the various drums that the band had.

Our students are into their preparation for the school cross country, which is scheduled for the afternoon of Monday 31 May at 1pm at the Domain. Parents and whānau are most welcome to attend this event. The postponement day is Wednesday 2 June.

Lastly, a final reminder to our families that school will be closed for staff development on Friday 4 June. All primary schools, as part of the teacher collective agreements, are entitled to eight days for staff development during term time for the length of the agreement, which runs from 2019 - 2022. This is the fourth day for GPS during this time. We will be working on our school curriculum and implementation of the Aotearoa NZ Histories curriculum on this day. All schools will be closed on Monday 7 June for Queen's Birthday.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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

Andrew Leverton
Principal | Tumuaiki

School notices:

The Ministry of Education (MOE) has released a draft document for the new Aotearoa New Zealand Histories Curriculum and they are seeking feedback from the public. The consultation period runs through until 31 May. The Histories Curriculum will be implemented in schools from the start of 2022 and as a school we are beginning to prepare for this. Below is a link that will take you to the MOE web page. Follow the survey link at the top of the page to have your say. The survey should take no longer than 10 minutes. On the page there is additional information which will be of interest.
<https://www.education.govt.nz/our-work/changes-in-education/aotearoa-newzealand-histories-in-our-national-curriculum/>

Gumboot Day- 28th May 2021

On the 28 May we will be holding a 'Gumboot Day' to raise money for the charity set up by Mike King for children's counselling. Mike King was announced New Zealander of the Year in 2019 and is raising awareness for children's wellbeing in New Zealand. For more information please see the link below.
<http://www.iamhope.org.nz/>

We ask that parents do not go and buy gumboots for their children especially for this day. Instead they can just wear their ordinary footwear or borrow off a friend or family member.

Our Whanau Group Leaders are planning some games for children to do on this day. These will be gumboot themed. Children are to wear their **whanau house colour** OR ordinary school uniform on this day with their gumboots, should they have some.

We ask that each child brings a good coin donation for this day.

Kupu o te Wiki: Te Huarere (the Weather)

This week we are learning the phrase:

He aha te ahua o te rangi? (What is the weather today?)

This has been great as we have had four seasons in each day most of this week!

Have a go with some of the common phrase shown here.





'Mauria te pono' (be the best you can be)



Te Huarere

He aha te ahua o te rangi?
What is the weather today?

He _____ te ahua o te rangi.
The weather is _____.

 paki fine	 mākū wet	 mahana warm	 makariri cold
 wera hot	 ua rainy	 kāpuapua cloudy	 hauhau windy

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New Student

A special welcome to Thea who started in R10 this week. 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	Sam	R2	Luca	R3	Addisyn	R5	Leo	R6	Noah
R7	Mac	R8	Lottie	R9	Sarah	R10	Caitlyn	R11	Bethany
R12	Ruby	R13	Harley						

Desire/Aspire Certificates

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

R1	Shantelle	R2	Damon	R3	Cameron	R5	Pera	R6	Dante
R7	Ivy	R8	Hazel	R9	Japneet	R10	Beau	R11	Jock
R12	Haries	R13	Tate						

Gotcha Draw

The lucky winners of the Gotcha prize draw were:

Ethan, R3; Jackson, R9; Kase, R12; Daisha, R3; James, R11; and Kase, R12.

Headlice

Headlice have been found at school. We ask that parents are extra vigilant checking and treating their children at the first sign. If staff spot headlice in a child's hair, we will contact their parents / caregivers and ask that they collect their children from school and return them after treatment.

Sickness

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

Lost

2 wheeler, Red Scooter with black handle and an orange lion sticker. Lost at the end of last term. If found, please return to the school office. Thank you

Calendar - Term 2

Week 4

Wednesday 26 May	Magician performance Board of Trustees meeting, 6pm, staffroom
28 May	Gum Boot Day – gold coin donation

Week 5

Monday 31 May	School Cross Country – Geraldine Domain (pp 2 June)
Friday 4 June	School Closed – Staff Development day

Week 6

Monday 7 June	School Closed – Queens Birthday
Wednesday 9 June	South Canterbury Jump Jam
Saturday 12 June	Dancing with the Stars

Week 7

Monday 14 June	South Canterbury Cross Country (pp 16 June)
Tuesday 15 June	Wood is Good programme

Week 8

Monday 21 June	Home and School Meeting, 7pm – all welcome
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Week 9

Wednesday 30 June	Board of Trustees meeting, 6pm
Friday 2 July	Muffi Day for Social Work Trust – gold coin donation

Week 10

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

School closed: Mon 3 May - Fri 9 July
Staff Development Day Fri 4 June
Queen's Birthday Day - Mon 7 June

Term 3

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

Term 4

School closed: Mon 18 Oct - Tues 14 Dec
Labour Day - Mon 25 Oct
Teacher Only Day - Fri 12 Nov

Home & School

The Home and School have a very busy few weeks ahead.....we would love to have more hands on deck to help support our amazing school!

Pasta Vera: It's back! Taking orders now until Tues 25th May with pick up Thurs June 17th from the school hall between 2.30pm and 5.30pm. These meals are delicious, good value and perfect to have in the freezer for this time of year. The link to order is on the School Facebook page, Home and School Facebook page or send an email gphomeandschool@gmail.com and we'll send the link directly to you. Alternatively you can copy and paste this which will take you straight to our order webpage.

<http://www.pastavera.co.nz/FROrder.aspx?Organisation=GeraldinePrimaryHomeSchoolFundraiser&fbclid=IwAR01Q0dRCI1Pa9eRQ8Momx3m5AmvtnZwuOUdra1Dl8lnadntQllND3Uh9CE>

Please feel free to share the link with friends and family. Thanks for your support!

Dancing with the Stars: We are starting to think about ways to raise money on the night with our auctions. Can you help?

Do you have a holiday home you could donate a weekend for as an auction item?

Do you have a trade or service you could offer for auction?

Something else that we haven't thought of that could be auctioned off?!

If you would like to contribute to our auctions please email:

gphomeandschool@gmail.com

We are also needing volunteers to help with this event. Some duties include: Kitchen prep, decorations/set up, tidy up the following day.

Please email gphomeandschool@gmail.com if you are able to assist in any way.

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

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

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

Community Notices

OCEANS Grief and Loss is a peer support programme for children, teens, and adults who have experienced loss in their life. The losses we work with usually come from the death of a significant person, or a personal experience of separation/divorce. The focus of this programme is providing a safe environment for participants to talk about their loss/es and the change/s that have occurred then look ahead to a preferred future living and coping with the loss/change. We meet once a week for eight weeks in the children's programme and six weeks for the teen and adult's programme. We have seen many people go through the programme and have numerous success stories of how it has helped (Over 500 since Oceans started in 2006).

To enrol in a grief and loss programme please visit the website: <https://www.anglicancare.org.nz>

Or, phone Matt on 0800 OCEANS or 027 4 OCEANS (ie. 623267) or

Email oceans.timaru@gmail.com for more information

Call Parent Help - take the guesswork out of parenting. We'll support and empower you to be the best parent you can be!

Parenting Helpline

Do you need specific parenting advice you can implement right away? Are you carrying a lot on your shoulders? Speak to our warm and supportive parenting experts. Call us for support on any parenting issue. Call now for free on 0800 568 856. Available from 9am – 9pm 7 days a week.

Affordable counselling

Do it for yourself and for your family. Our counsellors offer therapy in person and via Zoom. They have helped hundreds of families to restore peace and balance in their lives. Call 0800 568 856 to book an appointment or read more here: www.parenthelp.org.nz/counselling



Geraldine Netball Centre's Major Fundraiser

QUIZ & RAFFLES NIGHT **Lots of Great Prizes**

Tuesday 25th May

6.45pm

Village Inn Sports Bar

\$40 per team of 4

(LIMITED ENTRIES)

To register your team please contact

Leander on 027 465 6240

PLEASE COME ALONG AND HELP SUPPORT OUR CLUB





South Canterbury Highland Pipe Band Open Day!

**COME ON IN AND SEE WHAT WE'RE ALL
ABOUT.**

**HAVE A GO ON WHATEVER
INSTRUMENT YOU'D LIKE**

**BRIEFING AT
2PM**

**DATE: SUNDAY 23RD MAY
TIME: 1PM ONWARDS
WHERE: SOUTH CANTERBURY
HIGHLAND PIPE BAND HALL
2 TURNBULL TIMARU**

You can't make it? No problem!
Just get in contact to come in another time
Contact Tiffany Gilchrist
tiff.g@hotmail.co.nz or 0279159851

Safer Mid Canterbury presents

PARENT SEMINAR UNDERSTANDING AGGRESSION



Thursday 3rd June
6.30pm - 8.00pm
College Auditorium

**IN THIS SEMINAR PRESENTED BY
SANDY HITCHENS WE WILL LOOK AT:**

- **THE SOURCES OF AGGRESSION**
- **WHAT IS HAPPENING
UNDERNEATH THE BEHAVIOUR**
- **STRATEGIES TO WORK WITH THE
BEHAVIOUR**

Suitable for all parents, caregivers, teachers
Gold coin donation at door



Please note the Understanding Aggression parent seminar will be at the Ashburton College Auditorium



Presents



Tuesday
25th MAY
 Geraldine Primary School
 Geraldine
 7pm

Wednesday
26th MAY
 Craighead Diocesan School
 Timaru
 7pm

Tickets
\$40

**- Connection –
 Communication – Courage**

DOTS is a simple, fun, energetic and powerful communication tool which will help you transform all key relationships in your life. Bring your workmates, your family and your friends — bring everyone! Supper Included.

**A dynamic super fun night out!
 Come along to this Cancer Society
 Fundraiser and have a laugh a minute!**

**Get Your Tickets From:
 The Cancer Society, 32 Memorial Ave, Timaru**

Phone: 688 0124 or

Email: fundraisesc@cancercwc.org.nz

or book and pay online at:

Tuesday in Geraldine:

<https://events.humanitix.com/cancer-society-introduces-amy-scott-tuesday>

Wednesday in Timaru:

<https://events.humanitix.com/cancer-society-introduces-amy-scott-wednesday>



All funds raised go towards supporting those going through cancer within South Canterbury