



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 9, Term 3
24 September 2021

From the Principal...

Kia ora Whanau.

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

This time last week I had the opportunity to join the Year 5 and 6 classes at Roundhill for a day of skiing. The weather forecast leading up to the day was marginal to say the least, but the day we experienced at Roundhill was amazing! It was a privilege to see our senior children thrive in the mountain environment, push through the challenges they encountered and have a wonderful time together. Many thanks to parents who attended the day to either ski with groups of children or who were stationed on the learner slopes to pick them up when they fell over!





This term we are reviewing Behaviour Management and Concerns / Complaints policies. Parents are able to have input into the review by clicking on the link <https://www.geraldine.school.nz/school-info/36-school-policies> , which will take you to our website where you'll find further instructions. To read and review a policy doesn't take long and you are asked to rate the content and implementation of each policy.

I have sent out a survey link through class teachers to forward onto parents about digital device usage. GPS, along with other schools and early childhood centres in the wider Geraldine area are all part of a Community of Learning or Kahui Ako. Together we are gathering information from parents across the district about how devices are used by children and young people and for what purposes. The data gathered across the Kahui Ako will assist us in better understanding and addressing the needs of families in our area. Once you receive the link, if it could be completed by 1 October, that will be appreciated. I have also included the link here: <https://forms.gle/oaaAYd9dvspSW2io6> . If you would like a paper copy of the survey, please phone the office and we can arrange to get one sent home for you. The survey should take no longer than five minutes.

Each year some of our Year 4 - 6 students have the opportunity to attend the Woodbury School Pet Day, at the Woodbury Domain. This year, due to the uncertainty of Covid alert levels and subsequent limitations on numbers, we are not able to attend this event.

Another uncertainty that has arisen from Covid is our end of term celebration assembly. At Level 2 this won't be able to be held as normal but we will be able to do a modified Google Meet for the students. If we should move to Level 1 in the middle of next week, we will need to see what form this assembly will take. The host syndicate typically spends quite a bit of time together in

preparation for the assembly and at Level 2 this is unable to occur. We will keep you posted with further details.

A couple of reminders - clocks go forward one hour at 2am this coming Sunday morning as we begin daylight saving time. Also, this coming Monday (27 September) schools in South Canterbury are closed for the regional anniversary day. I wish all GPS families a safe and enjoyable long weekend.

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

Andrew Leverton
Principal | Tumuaki

School notices:

Library Books

There are some library books overdue from the lockdown period. Just a friendly reminder to please have a check to see if you have any at home and return them next week.

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.

Remember Your Sunhat for Term 4

A reminder that navy blue sunhats are compulsory for Term 4. Please remember to name your sunhat.

New Students

A special welcome to Hunter, George and Roman who have all started in R6 recently. We hope you enjoy your time at Geraldine Primary.

Thank you

We managed to raise \$412.20 for the Social Workers Trust from our Muffi Day. Thank you all.

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 10

Monday 27 September South Canterbury Anniversary – school closed
Friday 1 October 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

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

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 Development Day - Fri 12 Nov

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

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 with names and ages. State whether you would like to be involved in Saturday interclub play as well.

Geraldine Athletics Club



**Calling all Athletes!
The new season is here!**

**Athletics training is a fun way to maintain
fitness for winter sporting codes.**

2021/22 season will begin on 20th October.
Training is held Wednesday nights from 5.45pm
at the Geraldine Domain on Hislop St.

Athletes welcome to register from age 6yrs (as at 31st Dec 21)

'Have A Go' Nights for 2021

New athletes are welcome to 'try' athletics for **TWO**
Wednesdays for free before committing to the season.
Designated 'have a go' nights are 20th, 27th Oct & 3rd
Nov. After these dates all attendees will need to be
registered to participate.

Have you thought about Coaching?

We are always on the lookout for new coaching team
members to support our Athletes. If you would like to
join the team please contact the Club Secretary Paula
Campbell on 021 380 832 geraldineathletics@gmail.com

For more information on our Club visit:

W: <http://www.sporty.co.nz/geraldineathletics>

F: <https://www.facebook.com/geraldineathletics>

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 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. Soleil (Yellow)



20. Pink Passion



Total Enclosed \$ _____

TIMARU DISTRICT LIBRARIES PRESENTS

OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
GARDEN GOODNESS



TIMARU CHILDREN'S LIBRARY
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

TEMUKA LIBRARY
WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS | 10:30-11:30 AM
Phone 03 687 7591 for more information

GERALDINE LIBRARY
WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS | 10:30-11:30 AM
To book: email libger@timdc.govt.nz
or phone 03 693 9336

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