



Geraldine Primary

Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve
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Newsletter

Week 8, Term 1
26 March 2021

From the Principal...

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

In the last newsletter I mentioned our triathlon team who were competing in the South Canterbury Schools' Triathlon that day. They had a great day and came away with some fantastic results! We would like to thank the parents very much who were able to help get our students there and support them during the event.

Congratulations to:

- Grace (1st), Elin (3rd), Charlotte (32nd)
- Sam (12th), William (18th) and Sam (35th)

Our girls were placed 2nd overall and the boys came in 6th place. Well done to you all!



Our Year 5 camp was held at Raincliff last week and a wonderful time was had by students, staff and parents. Activities included archery, confidence course, flying fox as well as a visit to Pioneer Park. Residential camps provide students with the opportunity to learn outside of their normal classroom environment, form connections with their peers and develop skills and confidence. A big thank you to the staff and parents involved in both our Year 5 and 6 camps this term.



Classes are currently focusing their learning about the local area. This has seen Tāne Mahuta out and about exploring the local community and having their thirst quenched at Barkers along the way. Tāwhirimātea have been working with ECan and Fish and Game and Tangaroa will be working with local businesses and learning about what they do in our community.



Next week we will be holding 3 Way Conferences at the following times:

- Wednesday 31 March, 3.00pm - 5.30pm
- Thursday 1 April, 12.45pm - 6.00pm

Please note that classes will stop at 12.15pm on Thursday. Students will go home at this time and buses will be operating for GPS students at 12.15pm rather than the normal time of 2.45pm. Parents - please ensure you are able to collect your child(ren) from the bus at the earlier time.

Bookings for the 3WC can be accessed at: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz Please use the following code: **wyvth** when booking your child(ren)'s 3WC. All children are expected to attend their 3WC with parent(s) / whanau. If you need help with this, please contact the school office and they will make a booking for you.

Our school pool is now closed until next summer. It has been great to see the use that it has been getting, not just during the school day, but also by members of our school community outside of school hours. If you have purchased a key, please return this to the office to collect your \$10 bond.

A reminder that next weekend is Easter. All schools will be closed on Friday 2, Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 April. I wish all GPS families a safe and enjoyable weekend.

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

Andrew Leverton
Principal | Tumuaki

School notices:

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to Aoife, R12; Nevanah, R3; Nassi, R12; Maddi G, R3; Beau, R10; Adele, R2 who all won a prize from the Gotcha draw at assembly yesterday.

PB4L Certificates

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|-----|--------|-----|----------|-----|--------|-----|---------|
| R1 | Sophia | R2 | Kip | R3 | Ethan | R5 | Regan |
| R6 | Ozy | R7 | Lucy | R8 | Maisie | R9 | Rosealy |
| R10 | Sparsh | R11 | Gabriela | R12 | Meila | R13 | Pippa |

Desire/Aspire Certificates

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|-----|-------|-----|-----------|-----|--------|-----|-------|
| R1 | Jade | R2 | Adele | R3 | Maddi | R5 | Katie |
| R6 | Zack | R7 | Skylah | R8 | Millie | R9 | Meila |
| R10 | Sofie | R11 | Jonnadien | R12 | Jorja | R13 | Mason |

Swimming 2021 Results

Overall 10 year old champion girl is Addison Campbell

Overall 10 year old champion boy is Ethan Wilson

Overall 9 year old champion girl is Charlotte Taylor

Overall 9 year old champion boy is Finn Wilcox

Overall 8 year old champion girl is Alexandra Coleman

Overall 8 year old champion Boy is Jock Emmett

Overall 7 year old champion girls Joint Caitlin Nugent and Bethany Courage
Overall 7 year old champion boy Tamatea Sheed

ETHAN DAMPNEY MEMORIAL TROPHY (most points overall in Y5 - 2 length races) awarded to:
Charlotte Taylor and Finn Wilcox.

Netball

Some of our Y4-6 Netball girls were lucky enough to have a training session with Jane Watson and Te Paea Shelby Rickit from the Tactix team recently.



Y6 Camp at Lindisfarne

Our Year 6 students set off for camp in early March and have now had time to reflect on the wonderful time they had. The children took part in many different activities including river swimming, orienteering, agri sports and the gutbuster. For many it was their first time sleeping in a tent away or their first time away from home without their family.

We would like to thank our parent volunteers both those that stayed with us on camp, and those that took transport to and from Lindisfarne. Without you the camp would not have been possible. Your work in the kitchen and assistance with running our camp activities is much appreciated.

We would also like to acknowledge Talleys for donating ice cream and hash browns for our camp, and McCains for donating peas and corn. This helps keep our costs for camp down and ensures our students are provided with an excellent menu on camp.

Room 3 students have chosen a Moment in Time on camp that they enjoyed and some of these are shared below.

Orienteering

I heard people saying their going the wrong way! I saw the next clue to the orange basket. I looked at two people and they looked lost. I felt confused because the compass was not going to the spot that we wanted. I feel exhausted and boiling hot. I wondered where the last clue could be. By Kathy

THE GUTBUSTER!!!

As I climb up the steep hill all I could hear were cows mooing and kids groaning. The cows were staring at us waiting for us to get to the top. I saw what looked like a potato-rock but it was to big and to hard to be a potato. Off in the distance I saw a flock of sheep. I felt the sharp spikes on the bushes and the grass beneath my shoes as I walk. I also felt the water slosh and splash. I wondered if I would make it to the top.

By Adam

HOW STEEP
THIS WAS!!!!



The Gutbuster

I heard people whining about the gutbuster. I can hear people saying “you can do it”.

I saw lots of grass around me. Look there are cows! And look there are people are coming up.

I felt sour and sweaty and hot. But when I made it to the top I was glad.

I wondered when I was at the top. So I just sat down at the top so I could find shade.

By
Nirvana



I heard people running past me,
frantically trying to find a hiding
place.

I saw all of the people in front of me
making a plan and arguing quietly.

I felt the gentle breeze and the mossy
rough stone wall on my back.

I wondered if our plan of working
together would work, and if the people
that were in were goose guarding.



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Team Activities with Miss B
Tarpaulin Activity

Calendar - Term 1

Week 9

Wednesday 31 March

3 Way Conferences 3-5.30pm

BOT Meeting, staffroom, 6pm

Thursday 1 April

3 Way Conferences 12.45-6pm (classes stop at 12.15)

Friday 2 April

Good Friday – school closed

Week 10

Monday 5 April

Easter Monday – school closed

Tuesday 6 April

Easter Tuesday – school closed

Week 11

Friday 16 April

Open Assembly, 1.30pm – hosted by Middle Syndicate
Term 1 ends 2.45pm

Calendar - Term 2

Week 1

Monday 3 May

Term 2 commences, 8.50am

Week 3

Thursday 20 May

Playhouse Production Visit

Friday 21 May

Pink Shirt Day

Term Dates

Term 1

School closed:

Mon 1 Feb - Fri 16 Apr

Good Friday - Fri 2 Apr

Easter Monday - Mon 5 Apr

Easter Tuesday - Tues 6 Apr

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 Canty 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

Wow the year is really flying by! The Home and School have our AGM on Monday 29th March, 7pm in the staff room. We would love to see as many of the school Whanau as possible.

Dancing with the Stars: We are excited to be in a "Dancing with the Stars" year! We have our six couples locked in and are looking forward to another amazing event for the school and community. With the wonderful Helen England as our event manager, planning is well underway. We would really appreciate some more help for this event. There are a variety of jobs on offer and we can tailor something to suit your skills and availability.

If you would like to be involved in helping at this awesome event please

email: gpshomeandschool@gmail.com

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: AGM, Monday 29th March, 7pm in the staff room.

Community Notices

3 Way Conference. The **After school programme (Kids Alive)** are offering two sessions for Thursday 1st April. One will be from 12.15pm when we will pick the children up from the primary school till 3 pm. The other session will be from 12.15 to 5.30 pm. These can be booked through kidsalive.aimyplus.com. Please note that if you think you will be picking your child up after 3.00 pm then make sure you book the later session.

Before School/Breakfast Club: Kids Alive will be commencing Before School Care/Breakfast Club from the beginning of Term 2. This will run from the Geraldine Primary School Hall from 7.15 am to 8.35 am. It will cater for students aged 5-13 years. Breakfast will be provided. The cost will be \$10.00 per child (WINZ Subsidy available) or for more than 2 children in a family \$15.00. There are subsidies available for families if they do not qualify for WINZ. There will be a booking system and this will be through the Kids Alive page. If you are interested in this please contact Lorraine at lorraine@kidsalive.co.nz or text 0274038126 so we can find out the interest for this and organise staffing etc. Bookings will be able to be made at the end of term 1.

April School Holiday Programme

TIME TRAVEL

TIMARU CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd April; Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th April 2021

Session times: 10:30 - 11:30am with a repeat of the morning session at 2:30 - 3:30pm

TO BOOK: Email anita.dawson@timdc.govt.nz or call 03 687 7202

GERALDINE LIBRARY

Wednesday 21st and Friday 23rd April; Wednesday 28th and Friday 30th April 2021

Session times: 10:30 - 11:30am

TO BOOK: Email librarygeraldine@gmail.com or call 03-693 9336

TEMUKA LIBRARY

Wednesday 21st and Friday 23rd April; Wednesday 28th and Friday 30th April 2021

Session times: 10:30 - 11:30am

Call 03 687 7591 for information.

