



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 1, Term 3
30 July 2021

From the Principal...

Kia ora Whanau.

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

Welcome back to the start of Term 3 everyone! I hope that you've all had a safe, enjoyable and relaxing break. It was wonderful to see all the students back earlier this week, ready for the term ahead.

Our Celebration Assembly on the last day of term 2 was a real highlight and a great spectacle of our Tāne Mahuta tamariki and the work they have been doing across the term. A big congratulations to them and the staff in the junior school for all the work they put into the preparation for the assembly. It was great to see so many parents and whanau at the assembly, whose support we are always appreciative of.

In week 8 of this term we will be having our performance week. This year's theme is a Celebration of our Cultures - He waka eke noa. This will be an opportunity to recognise and celebrate our cultural diversity at GPS. We are planning to have a matinee performance on Tuesday 14 September at 10am, an evening performance that night and another evening performance on Wednesday 15th. This promises to be an exciting occasion for the students, staff and our whanau. Planning for this is well underway and we are looking forward to sharing the finished product with our school community later in the term.

This week we have been treated to visits from two special groups. On Wednesday we had the Royal NZ Navy band performing and they certainly kept us entertained with their music and dancing. This morning we had a visit from players and other staff from the NZ Warriors league team. This was another experience with a high level of engagement and enthusiasm from the students. They spoke about the importance of nutrition, hydration and sleep, along with some league-related quiz questions.

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 school grounds

Our Year 6 students will be visiting Geraldine High School next Thursday morning (5 August) for an orientation visit and we wish them well as they prepare for their transition to high school.

Bookings can now be made online for 3 Way Conferences, which will take place on Thursday 19th August from 3.00-6.00 pm and Friday 20th August from 12.45-5.45 pm. The website to book your child's 3WC is www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. Use the event code wcqk2 to access our school portal. If you need assistance with this, please contact the school office and we will book an interview for you. Please note that bookings will close on Monday 16th August and it is important that bookings are made by this day. As teachers will be involved in 3WCs all afternoon on Friday 20th August classes will stop at 12.15pm.

Non bus students will be sent home at this time, please ensure you either collect your child from school or are at home to receive them. If your child goes on a bus they will leave GPS at 12.15pm and the High School at 12.30pm. Please make sure someone is at the bus stop to meet children as the buses will arrive early because there will be no High School students on board.

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

Andrew Leverton
Principal | Tumuaki

School notices:

New Students

A special welcome to Reuben, R12; Riley, R15 and to Charlotte, Ariella, Ryan, Liam, Austin, and Maya who all started in R6 recently. We hope you enjoy your time at Geraldine Primary.

Gotcha Draw

The lucky winners of the end of term Gotcha prize draw were: Addison, R5; Flynn, R13; Katie, R5; Ethan, R3; Sandro, R11 and Flynn, R12.

Sickness

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

School Uniforms

We have been working with High Street Stitch & Print to supply GPS uniforms locally, through an easy-to-use web portal. All aspects of the uniform can be supplied, except the apple green polos, which are still purchased through The Warehouse in Timaru. Parents can access the HSSP portal through our website - www.geraldine.school.nz then click on the School Info tab followed by Uniform Store, or through <http://gps.hssp.co.nz>. To use the portal, parents will need to set up an account. From there it's super easy to use & the portal comes with sizing guides. Orders placed before the 15th of the month will be ready to collect from the school office at the end of the month. As well as our regular uniform items, there are also Whanau Group t shirts and winter beanies, which are both optional items.

Thank you High Street Stitch & Print!

Calendar - Term 3

Week 2

Life Education All Week

Week 3

Monday 9 August Y4 trip to Tekapo (postponement 11 August)
Thursday 12 August Sneeze Safe – Y0-4

Week 4

Wednesday 18 August School photos
Thursday 19 August 3 Way Conferences (3-6pm)
Friday 20 August 3 Way Conferences (12.45-5.45pm) Classes end at 12.15pm.

Week 5

Monday 23 August Home & School meeting, 7pm
Wednesday 25 August Board of Trustees meeting 6pm
Friday 27 August Daffodil Day – gold coin donation

Week 6

Thursday 2 September Tangaroa (Y5 & 6) Ski Trip (postponement 6 September)

Week 7

Week 8

Tuesday 14 September Celebration of our Cultures – matinee performance 10am
Celebration of our Cultures – evening performance 6.30pm
Wednesday 15 September Celebration of our Cultures – evening performance 6.30pm
Friday 17 September Flava Festival – Kapa Haka

Week 9

Friday 24 September Non Uniform day – gold coin for Social Workers Trust

Week 10

Monday 27 September South Canterbury Anniversary – school closed
Friday 1 October Celebration Assembly, 1.30pm hosted by Tangaroa (Yr 5 & 6)
Term 3 ends 2.45pm

Term Dates

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
School closed: Labour Day - Mon 25 Oct
School closed: Teacher Only Day - Fri 12 Nov

Home & School

Sausages - Are you available to help cook sausages? We are needing a least 5 parents to join the roster. If you are able to help out one Friday per term, 11.30pm-12.30pm it would be much appreciated. Please contact Marissa [021432326](tel:021432326)

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



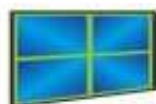
Fundraiser Community Disco All Primary aged children welcome

Friday 6th Aug 5.30pm – 7.30pm

\$2 Entry at Scout Den

Chips, popcorn, drinks, glow sticks for sale

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A grief education programme
for adults bereaved by suicide

Bereaved by Suicide?

WAVES A Bereaved by Suicide Group

This grief education programme is for adults 18+ who have been affected by the suicide of someone they know.

The group allows members to

- share their thoughts and feelings around what's happened
- discuss the nature of suicide
- gain information and ideas about how to care for themselves and others, including children and young people, after a suicide

The group of 6—8 people is facilitated by professional counsellors and educators and runs over 8 weeks. The date may need to be changed if there is an insufficient number of participants registered for the group.

Date: Start first week of August, 2021, meet each week for 8 weeks
Venue: To be advised
Time: 7pm - 9pm
Cost: Koha/Donation
Contact: Dr Annette Beautrais, Suicide Prevention Co-ordinator, South Canterbury DHB. Ph: 03 687 8192 or email: abeautrais@scdhb.health.nz

