



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 1, Term 1
5 February 2021

From the Principal...

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

Welcome everyone to the start of the 2021 school year. I trust that the summer break has gone well and that you all found the time to relax and enjoy a change of pace after what was an interesting and somewhat disrupted 2020!

On Monday we welcomed 19 new students and their whanau to our school with our traditional start of year powhiri. It's always exciting to welcome new families to our school and together with the staff, we look forward to building a connection with them over their time at GPS. A huge thank you to Elizabeth Murray and ex GPS student (now Year 7) Mya Henry for performing the karanga, to Gideon Snow for representing and speaking on behalf of the new students and whanau and to Addie Couch-Snow who again supported the powhiri and new whanau. It's great to start our year with a powhiri and for everyone to be together once again.

Classes have started swimming tuition, with Year 1 - 3 at school and Year 4 - 6 at the Community Pool. We are again grateful to the Home and School group for their support of swimming by paying for tutors and venue hire and know that our tamariki (children) get so much from the weeks of swimming.

GPS has a uniform that is distinctive and one that looks great when worn well. Please ensure that your child is wearing this correctly, as per our uniform requirements. Towards the end of 2020 and so far this year we have a small number of students / families applying their own variations to the uniform. Plain navy sun hats are to be worn in Terms 1 and 4. Shorts, trackpants, culottes and if worn, long sleeve thermal tops, need to be navy, not black or another colour. Please refer to our uniform expectations, which have been included with this newsletter. I thank you for your support in this matter.

Our next building project is due to start in just over a week after the planning stages, which ran through last year. The area that will be redeveloped is Room 3 and the adjacent spaces. The existing toilets will be remodelled into work, break out and storage areas. In time, Room 3 students will use the toilets at the other end of the senior block, which has been earmarked for future development. The work area around Room 3 will be fenced

off but the library will still be accessible for use. It is anticipated that the project will be completed by early - mid June.

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

Andrew Leverton
Principal | Tumukaki

School notices:

Uniform expectations

- Apple green polo shirt
- Navy blue sunhat - plain
- Polar fleece / Merino half zip jersey – with GPS logo. Must be embroidered prior to being worn at school.
- Track pants – can either be sports type track pants, which may have a small logo, or fleecy. Must be in navy, not black or denim.
- Shorts / Culottes / Skort – navy. Shorts can be sports brand type, cotton or fleecy. No checked pattern or denim.
- Tights, Leggings & Thermals – optional. Must be plain navy. These will typically be worn in winter terms or on colder days late Term 1 / early Term 4. No stripes / other colours.
- Socks – plain white, black or navy short sports-type socks. Shoe or low calf length. Girls may wear navy knee highs or tights.
- Shoes – sports shoes or black school shoes all year. Sports sandals may be worn in Terms 1 and 4.
- Jackets - optional, may be worn to and from school and in the playground if it is cold. They are to be removed in class.

Not part of the school uniform, but suitable for mufti days:

Brightly coloured socks, jeans, riding boots, sports club uniforms / gear, striped thermals, general mufti

New Students

A special welcome to Caleigh, R5; Jock, Fergus and Asher, R11; Liam, R2; Sparsh and William, R10; Twaney and Coby, R7; Michaela and Ella, R8, Agata , R9 and Sophie, Juniper, Melody, Ozy, Emily, Lewis and Felicity who all started in R6 this week. We hope you enjoy your time at Geraldine Primary.

School Pool

Our swimming pool is up and running and it is wonderful to see and hear children getting so much enjoyment from it. Please make sure that all of your child's clothing and belongings are named.

Leaving after school from Wilson Street

We would ask that after school parents leaving the school grounds with their children on the Wilson Street side, please use the pool gate entrance by Room 14. This is a request for safety reasons to avoid confusion for children getting on the buses and also to ensure that no one crosses the road between the buses.

Sick Bay

We are currently updating our medical information. If your child has a medical issue or has medication at school, and there have been any changes or you have not completed a form, could you please contact the office.

Emergency Contact Details

If you have had a change of address or phone number recently, please make sure the office has up to date details.

Please feel free to ask at the office to check the information we currently hold for you.

Clearing Bell at 3pm

After each school day a clearing bell will ring at 3pm. The school grounds need to be vacated by this time so staff can be sure that all children have been collected.

Buses

All students travelling on a bus must wear a bus vest. These are available from the school office for \$5.00.

Friday Sausages

We are needing more volunteers to help cook Sausages on Fridays at School during the term. If you have a spare half an hour on a Friday morning - after school drop off OR would be able to help cook - 11.30-12.30 please contact Marissa Grant 021 422 326.

Sunhats

A reminder that during Terms 1 and 4 a navy sunhat must be worn when children are outside. If they forget their sunhat they will have to stay under the shade of the big tree at morning tea and lunch play.

Online payments

For those who wish to pay school donations (\$60) and activity fees (\$20) online, our account number is: ANZ 01 - 0841 - 0024832 - 10

Wanted

Baby clothing for a boy 6+ months. Drop off at the school office please.

Many thanks

Deana, Student and Family Support

House to rent

3 bedrooms, within the Geraldine township, \$370.00 per week. Enquiries to the school office. 4 weeks bond.

Calendar - 2021

Week 2

Monday 8 February Waitangi Day observation – school closed

Week 3

Thursday 18 February Senior Triathlon, 10am

Week 4

Monday 22 February pp Senior Triathlon

Tuesday 23 February Y6 Tent pitching on field

Wednesday 24 February BOT meeting, Staffroom, 6pm

Thursday 25 February Swimming Sports, Y4-6, 10am
Friday 26 February Last Day Y4-6 swimming

Week 5

Monday 1 March Swimming Sports postponement
Tuesday 2 March – Y6 Camp at Lindisfarne
Friday 5 March
Wednesday 3 March Middle Syndicate Triathlon

Week 6

Tuesday 9 March pp Middle Syndicate Triathlon
Friday 12 March SC Triathlon

Week 7

Thursday 18 – Y5 Camp at Raincliff
Friday 19 March

Week 8

Week 9

Wednesday 31 March BOT Meeting, staffroom, 6pm
Wednesday 31 March 3 Way Conferences 3-5.30pm
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
Term 1 ends 2.45pm

Term 1

Mon 1 Feb - Fri 16 Apr
School closed: Waitangi Day observation - Mon 8 Feb
Good Friday - Fri 2 Apr
Easter Monday - Mon 5 Apr
Easter Tuesday - Tues 6 Apr

Term 2

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

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
Teacher Only Day - Fri 12 Nov