



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 3, Term 4
5 November 2021

From the Principal...

Kia ora Whānau.

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

Many thanks to those who completed our local curriculum survey recently. This survey sought to gauge ideas about what skills, knowledge and learning experiences parents see as valuable for their children as well as local resources that we can utilise. It follows recent work the staff have been doing on developing our school curriculum to further meet the needs of all learners. If you didn't get to complete the survey before close off and would like to have input into this, please feel free to phone or email me - 693 8208 / principal@geraldine.school.nz .

Since our last newsletter there have been further developments around Covid and the Health Order that has been implemented. With this, there are some significant implications and challenges for schools to work through. One of the key areas is that all staff who are likely to or will have contact with children, will need to have a first Covid vaccination by 15 November in order to continue in their current role. The second vaccination needs to have occurred by 1 January 2022. This includes principals, teachers, teacher aides, administration staff, caretakers and cleaners. If a first dose hasn't occurred by 15 November, then contact with children, i.e. continuing in a staff member's normal role, ceases at this point. For us, the overall impacts of this aspect look to be minimal.

A further significant change resulting from the Health Order, which has also been confirmed by the Ministry of Education, is that parents who volunteer for class trips, camps and other Education Outside The Classroom activities will also need to be vaccinated as per the above dates. I understand that this will

have implications for a number of activities that we do both at and beyond school. Parents / caregivers collecting students, attending meetings with staff, or events on site where they are not in a volunteer role do not need to be vaccinated.

This term we are reviewing two policies and we would like parent input into this review. The policies that are scheduled for review through our School Docs portal this term are Maori Educational Success and Religious Education. To review these policies, please use the link through our school website <https://geraldine.school.nz/school-info/36-school-policies>. The review will be open until the end of term.



Last week three of our students - Kohei, Abigail & Olivia represented GPS at the South Canterbury Schools' Tennis Tournament. They all won their first games 6-0. Abigail and Kohei lost their second games. Olivia was in the semi final but lost in a super tie break. She then went on to win the third and fourth play off. Congratulations to these students and for representing our school so admirably at this event.

As a consequence of participating in the SC Schools' Tennis Tournament, Olivia has been selected to travel to Dunedin to represent South Canterbury at the South Island Schools tournament this weekend.

As noted in the last and earlier newsletters, Friday 12 November has been set aside for a teacher only day. School will be closed on this day. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable weekend.

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

Andrew Leverton

Principal | Tumuaki

School notices:

Classes for 2022

We will soon begin the process of forming classes for 2022. If you have a 5 year old New Entrant child who will start with us next, year, or know of someone who this applies to, it is important that the office is informed as soon as possible and an enrolment form completed, if this hasn't been done already. This also applies to children in other year groups who will be attending GPS from 2021. Having an accurate understanding about new enrolments is important as it assists within the composition of classes.

As part of the class formation process, if parents have any factors that they would like senior staff to consider regarding their child(ren), please put these in writing to me by way of a letter or email – principal@geraldine.school.nz as soon as possible or by Monday 15 November at the latest. Whilst we will take these factors into consideration, we are unable to guarantee each request. Please note that this is not an opportunity to request a particular teacher or being placed with particular friends. If you know now that your child is not going to be attending GPS in 2022 (other than Year 6's), please let me know in writing as soon as possible.

School Photos

Our school photos have been re-scheduled for Tuesday **9th November**. We have kept the list of requests for a family photo from last time, but if you wish to add your name to the list, please let the office know by email or phone.

Cox Street crossing yellow no parking lines

From time to time we notice, or have reported to us that cars are being parked on the yellow lines adjacent to the Cox Street crossing. This restricts the view of the student road patrol monitors, as well as being illegal. We respectfully ask that cars are parked in the designated spaces and not on the yellow lines.

Early departure from school

Parents or other family members will on occasions, need to collect their child(ren) from school for legitimate reasons during the school day. We ask that parents / whānau 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 / whānau then collect their child(ren) from the office. We also ask that parents / whānau 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.

WAVE and Whanau Group Afternoon

On Thursday 11th November 2021 the WAVE team alongside our Whanau Group Leaders are hosting an afternoon of activities set out for the whole school to participate in to promote healthy well-being.

Children can wear their school polo shirt to school and bring along their Whanau Group colour t-shirt to get changed into at lunchtime, for the afternoon's activities.

New Students

A special welcome to Akacia, R15; Carlos and Patrick, R6. We hope you enjoy your time at Geraldine Primary.

Gotcha Draw 28 October

Congratulations to Sam, R1; Vincent, R12; Jade, R1; Tate, R5; Ollie, R13 and William, R10 who all won a prize from the recent Gotcha draw.

PB4L Certificates

Well done to the following students who received a certificate:

R1	Adrian	R2	Elliot	R3	Daisha
R5	Harry	R6	Cohen	R7	William
R8	Violet	R9	Ollie	R10	Rua
R11	Blair	R12	Isla	R13	Oliver
R15	James				

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R1	Sam	R2	Shantelle	R3	Lacey
R5	Sophie	R6	LiM	R7	Flynn
R8	Fletcher	R9	Ngaire	R10	Indi
R11	Abigail	R12	Kase	R13	Esme
R15	Sophie				

Sickness

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

Last Day for Buses 2021

The buses will not be running on the afternoon of 14th December 2021.

Calendar - Term 4

Week 4

Tuesday 9 November	School Photos
Wednesday 10 November	Y3-6 Athletics measurement at school
Thursday 11 November	Whanau Group Activities afternoon
Friday 12 November	School Closed – Staff Development Day

Week 5

Tuesday 16 November	Y3-6 Athletics measurement day at school
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Week 6

Wednesday 24 November	Middle Syndicate Firewise afternoon
Friday 26 November	Non Uniform day \$2 for sponsored child Festival of Fun run by the Y6 children (replaces breakfast bbq)

Week 7

Monday 29 November – Thursday 2 December	St John in Schools Programme running
Friday 3 December	Y6 GHS taster day

Week 8

Wednesday 8 December	BOT Meeting, 6pm staffroom – all welcome
Friday 10 December	Principal's Assembly – details to be confirmed

Week 9

Monday 13 December	Y6 Pool Party
Tuesday 14 December	End of year assembly – details to be confirmed Term 4 ends

Term Dates

Term 4	Mon 18 Oct - Tues 14 Dec
School closed:	Labour Day - Mon 25 Oct
School closed:	Teacher Development Day - Fri 12 Nov

Term Dates 2022

Term 1	Wed 2 Feb - Thurs 14 Apr
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School closed: Waitangi Day obs - Mon 7 Feb

Term 2 Mon 2 May - Fri 8 July

School closed: Staff Development Day - Fri 3 June
Queen's Birthday Day - Mon 6 June
Matariki - Fri 24 June

Term 3 Mon 25 July - Fri 30 Sept

School closed: South Canterbury Anniversary - Mon 26 Sept

Term 4 Mon 17 Oct – Wed 14 Dec

School closed: Labour Day - Mon 24 Oct

Home & School

We would really love to see some new faces join us! Please contact gphomeandschool@gmail.com for more information on how you can help.

Sausage Roster:

To keep this service going we really need 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 gphomeandschool@gmail.com

Sausage Sizzle: SUSPENDED DURING LEVEL 2

If you have paid through Kindo for the Term, refunds will be issued once we know how many weeks to refund.

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

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



Timaru Altrusa Scholarship

In memory of Olwen Norton

This scholarship is intended for:

- **undertaking vocational study in order to return to the workplace**
- **training for a new vocational career**
- **anyone who as a result of circumstance has been unable to take up study until now.**
- **payment of tuition fees**
- **South Canterbury residents**

Further Information:

- **\$1500 will be available for distribution**
- **More than one recipient may share this award**

For application forms and further information please contact

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Closing Date: Friday, 19 November 2021

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community**
