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Newsletter

Week 1, Term 2

7 May 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 2! I trust that the term break has gone well for our families. There's definitely an autumnal feel to the air, but it's great that we are able to enjoy some relatively warm sunny days. That said, we are also in need of some rain if the irrigation storage lakes that I pass on my way to school each day are anything to go by.

The end of Term 1 ended positively with our celebration assembly on the last day of term. Congratulations to Tāwhirimātea Syndicate (Years 3 and 4) for some wonderful presentations of their term's work that they shared with the audience. Well done also to Whero Whanau Group for winning the WG trophy for the term with 63 points. They were followed by Kakariki on 59, Kahurangi on 54 and Kowhai on 45. While each term is a stand alone competition, the points gained by Whanau Groups each term count towards the overall trophy at the end of the year.

In the newsletter at the end of last term I noted the public consultation on the Aotearoa New Zealand Histories Curriculum. The Ministry of Education (MOE) has released a draft document for the new Aotearoa New Zealand Histories Curriculum and they are seeking feedback from the public. The consultation period runs through until 31 May. The Histories Curriculum will be implemented in schools from the start of 2022 and as a school we are beginning to prepare for this. Below is a link that will take you to the MOE web page. Follow the survey link at the top of the page to have your say. The survey should take no longer than 10 minutes. On the page there is additional information which will be of interest.

<https://www.education.govt.nz/our-work/changes-in-education/aotearoa-new-zealand-histories-in-our-national-curriculum/>

Progress on the Room 3 and adjoining spaces redevelopment is coming along well and on schedule. The Room 3 students (who are currently in Room 15), will no doubt be looking forward to moving to their new classroom, we hope sometime soon after Queen's Birthday Weekend.

At the end of last term, Hannah Beynon, our teacher in Room 5, announced that she had won a position at Fairlie Primary School, commencing at the start of Term 3. The parents and students of Room 5 were notified at the end of Term 2. We are currently working through the appointment process for another teacher and will share the outcome of this with you when we are able to.

The Beautiful Valley Trail Ride, a Home and School fundraiser which was held over the term break, was very successful by all accounts. A big thank you to the local farmers who allow this to occur on their properties and to the organisers of the event. We appreciate their support of our school by allowing the Home and School group the opportunity to be involved and raise funds. Many thanks to the Home and School group members and other parents / whanau who assisted on the day to make it the success that it was.

A reminder to our families that school will be closed for staff development on Friday 4 June. We will be working on our school curriculum and implementation of the Aotearoa NZ Histories curriculum on this day. This day was first noted in a school newsletter in March. All schools will be closed on Monday 7 June for Queen's Birthday.

Later in the newsletter there are details about a Cancer Society fundraiser to be held in the school hall on Tuesday 25 May. Amy Scott will be presenting about better communication and understanding others. Having attended one of her sessions before, I can thoroughly recommend this as a worthwhile and fun opportunity that is not to be missed.

I wish all our GPS mothers a wonderful day on Sunday; have a wonderful weekend everyone!

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

Andrew Leverton
Principal | Tumuaki

School notices:

Mufti Day for Pink Shirt Day- Friday 21st May 2021

On Friday 21st May 2021 the school is going to take part in a nationwide 'Pink Shirt Day' to show that we are in support of schools stamping out bullying and making schools safe and enjoyable places to be. This day links closely to our school values of being respectful and caring to all. On 'Pink Shirt Day' your child is able to wear pink mufti clothing to show they are in support of this cause (they do not have to have every single item in pink).

We will not ask for a gold coin donation on this day but if you wish to donate to this cause run by the Mental Health Foundation you can visit the website below and make a \$3 donation. <http://www.pinkshirtday.org.nz>. Pink Shirt Day t-shirts can also be purchased from this site if you are interested.

If your child does not wish to take part they should wear normal school uniform on this day.

Kupu o te Wiki: Āhua (feelings)

Kia Ora Whānau,

Each fortnight we will be telling you about what we are learning in 'Kupu o te wiki' (word of the week) with our te reo Māori learning. This way, you can also learn what your tamariki (children) are learning and practise with your own whānau (family) in your whare (house).

This week we are learning the phrase:

'kei te pehea koe?' (how are you feeling?).

This is a great way to greet someone after you have said Mōrena or tena koe.

Some common responses are:

'kei te pai ahau' (I am fine)

'kei te harikoa ahau' (I am really good/ happy)

'kei to ngenge ahau' (I am tired!)

and a common parent response from time to time, 'kei te hōhā ahau!' (I am fed up!)

Have a go with some of the common phrase shown here.

'Mauria te pono' (be the best you can be)

Kei te Pehea koe?

Kei te pehea koe?
How are you feeling?

Kei te _____ ahau.
I am feeling _____ .

pai good

pouri sad

pukukino grumpy

ngenge tired

āwangawanga worried

ora well

hōhā fed up

māuiui sick

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Bible in Schools

This will started on Thursday 6 May and will be held at lunchtimes. Parents who wish have their child involved in this programme will need to opt in via email :

office@geraldine.school.nz Only children who have been opted in by a parent will be able to attend. The programme will be available for viewing from the school office.

New Students

A special welcome to Aaleyah, R3 and to Jack, James and Alexis who all started in R6 this week. We hope you enjoy your time at Geraldine Primary.

Calendar - Term 2

Week 2

Monday 10 May Home & School meeting, 7pm

Week 3

Wednesday 19 May Rippa Rugby Tournament for selected Y5 & 6 students

Thursday 20 May Playhouse Production Visit

Friday 21 May Pink Shirt Day

Week 4

Wednesday 26 May Magician performance
Board of Trustees meeting, 6pm, staffroom

Week 5

Monday 31 May School Cross Country – Geraldine Domain (pp 2 June)

Friday 4 June School Closed – Staff Development day

Week 6

Monday 7 June School Closed – Queens Birthday

Wednesday 9 June South Canterbury Jump Jam

Saturday 12 June Dancing with the Stars

Week 7

Monday 14 June South Canterbury Cross Country (pp 16 June)

Tuesday 15 June Wood is Good programme

Term Dates

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 Cnty 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

Welcome back to Term 2. The Home and School have a busy term ahead.....we would love to have more hands on deck to help support our amazing school!

Pasta Vera: It's back! Taking orders now until Tues 25th May with pick up Thurs June 17th from the school hall between 2.30pm and 5.30pm. These meals are delicious, good value and perfect to have in the freezer for this time of year. The link to order is on the School Facebook page, Home and School Facebook page or send an email gpschool@homeandschool.com and we'll send the link directly to you. Alternatively you can copy and paste this which will take you straight to our order webpage.

<http://www.pastavera.co.nz/FROrder.aspx?Organisation=GeraldinePrimaryHomeSchoolFundraiser&fbclid=IwAR01Q0dRCI1Pa9eRQ8Momx3m5AmvtnZwuOUdra1Dl8InadntQlIND3Uh9CE>

Please feel free to share the link with friends and family. Thanks for your support!

Dancing with the Stars: We are starting to think about ways to raise money on the night with our auctions. Can you help?

Do you have a holiday home you could donate a weekend for as an auction item?

Do you have a trade or service you could offer for auction?

Something else that we haven't thought of that could be auctioned off?!

If you would like to contribute to our auctions please email:

gpschool@homeandschool.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 gpschool@homeandschool.com

Next meeting: Monday 10th May, 7pm in the staff room. All Welcome!

Community Notices

OCEANS Grief and Loss is a peer support programme for children, teens, and adults who have experienced loss in their life. The losses we work with usually come from the death of a significant person, or a personal experience of separation/divorce. The focus of this programme is providing a safe environment for participants to talk about their loss/es and the change/s that have occurred then look ahead to a preferred future living and coping with the loss/change. We meet once a week for eight weeks in the children's programme and six weeks for the teen and adult's programme. We have seen many people go through the programme and have numerous success stories of how it has helped (Over 500 since Oceans started in 2006).

To enrol in a grief and loss programme please visit the website: <https://www.anglicancare.org.nz>
Or, phone Matt on 0800 OCEANS or 027 4 OCEANS (ie. 623267) or
Email oceans.timaru@gmail.com for more information



Safer Mid Canterbury presents

PARENT SEMINAR UNDERSTANDING AGGRESSION



Thursday 3rd June
6.30pm - 8.00pm
College Auditorium

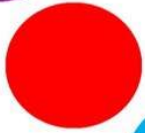
**IN THIS SEMINAR PRESENTED BY
SANDY HITCHENS WE WILL LOOK AT:**

- **THE SOURCES OF AGGRESSION**
- **WHAT IS HAPPENING
UNDERNEATH THE BEHAVIOUR**
- **STRATEGIES TO WORK WITH THE
BEHAVIOUR**



Suitable for all parents, caregivers, teachers
Gold coin donation at door

Please note the Understanding Aggression parent seminar will be at the Ashburton College Auditorium



Presents



Tuesday
25th MAY
 Geraldine Primary School
 Geraldine
 7pm

Wednesday
26th MAY
 Craighead Diocesan School
 Timaru
 7pm

Tickets
\$40

**- Connection –
 Communication – Courage**

DOTS is a simple, fun, energetic and powerful communication tool which will help you transform all key relationships in your life. Bring your workmates, your family and your friends — bring everyone! Supper Included.

**A dynamic super fun night out!
 Come along to this Cancer Society
 Fundraiser and have a laugh a minute!**

**Get Your Tickets From:
 The Cancer Society, 32 Memorial Ave, Timaru**

Phone: 688 0124 or

Email: fundraisesc@cancercwc.org.nz

or book and pay online at:

Tuesday in Geraldine:

<https://events.humanitix.com/cancer-society-introduces-amy-scott-tuesday>

Wednesday in Timaru:

<https://events.humanitix.com/cancer-society-introduces-amy-scott-wednesday>



All funds raised go towards supporting those going through cancer within South Canterbury