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Newsletter

Week 10, Term 1 19 April 2021

From the Principal...

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

I trust that you all had an enjoyable and safe Easter weekend. Every three or four years Easter falls outside of the normal school term holidays and when this is the case, Easter Tuesday is an extra day in the weekend for all schools. For the next couple of years at least Easter falls within the term one holiday and the term will end on the day before Good Friday.

Last Wednesday we had a group of students attend the South Canterbury Schools Swimming Event at CBay. Congratulations to all those who represented our school so well and many thanks to our parents who supervised and supported the team. The races were hotly contested and in many the margins between each swimmer were very narrow. The placings for Geraldine Primary were as follows:

Addison, Grace, Ben	and Ethan	2 nd 10 yr relay
Addison	10 yr	2 nd 50m breaststroke
		3 rd 100m individual medley
		2 nd 25m freestyle
		2 nd 50m backstroke
Ethan	10yr	3 rd 25m butterfly
Grace	10yr	2 nd 25m backstroke
Charlotte	9yr	3 rd 40m freestyle

Many thanks to parents and whanau who were able to attend the 3 Way Conferences last week and for bringing your children to these. 3WCs are an important connection between the child, teacher and parent(s) and, over time, for the child to be able to increasingly discuss their learning openly and with confidence. 3WC Goal sheets will be sent home before the end of term. Please take time through term 2 to review these with your child and see how they are going.

Next Friday (16 April) is the last day of term 1. Our end of term celebration assembly, which starts at 1.30pm on this day, will be hosted by Tāwhirimātea (Year 3 and 4) and all parents and whanau from across the school are welcome to attend this. Term 1 has certainly been a term that has gone quickly, with many examples of wonderful learning and experiences

both inside and out of the classes. Thank you to everyone who has supported various events over the past term. Thank you also for the support you give to your children's education and our school. It is much appreciated by the staff and myself.

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

Andrew Leverton Principal | Tumuaki

School notices:

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to Mila, R9; Kathy, R3; Adele, R2; Luken, R12; Reed, R8; Archie, R5 from the Gotcha draw at assembly yesterday.

PB4L Certificates

R1	Justina	R2	Finn	R3	Chase	R5	Olivia	R6	Lydia
R7	Leo	R8	Fletcher	R9	Agata	R10	Ryleigh	R11	Ruby
R12	Luken	R13	Deanna						

Desire/Aspire Certificates

R1	Logan	R2	Myka	R3	Sam	R5	Cameron	R6	Felicity
R7	Mackenzie	R8	Bethany	R9	Marcel	R10	Renée	R11	James
R12	Theo	R13	Caio						

Dental Care during the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing dental care for children enrolled with our service during the upcoming school holidays. The clinics will offer check-ups, treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only. To make an appointment please call/email our Contact Centre which operates between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday throughout the holidays.

The Timaru Clinic, Level 1, 18 Woollcombe Street, Timaru will be open during these school holidays

If your child has dental pain because of an accident, please contact your dentist in the first instance.

To book an appointment at one of our clinics please: call 0800 846 983

Or email commdental@cdhb.health.nz

Calendar - Term 1 <u>Week 11</u> Friday 16 April	Open Assembly, 1.30pm – hosted by Middle Syndicate Term 1 ends 2.45pm
Calendar - Term 2 <u>Week 1</u> Monday 3 May	Term 2 commences, 8.50am
<u>Week 2</u> Monday 10 May	Home & School meeting, 7pm
<u>Week 3</u> Thursday 20 May Friday 21 May	Playhouse Production Visit Pink Shirt Day

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 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

Bible in Schools

This will start 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 : <u>office@geraldine.school.nz</u> 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.

Home & School

The Home and School had a successful **AGM** last week. With the President (Lou Ochsner), Secretary (Jolie Mockford) and Treasurer (Ange Milne) all elected on for another year. We are looking forward to another successful year of fundraising to benefit our school. We would love to see some new faces at our next meeting on Monday 10th May.

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:

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 <u>gpshomeandschool@gmail.com</u>

Trail Bike Ride Sunday 18 April, The Spurs, Beautiful Valley, Geraldine.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the BBQ on the day of the Trail Bike ride please contact Hamish on 027 298 2607 if you can help.



Community Notices

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 <u>lorraine@kidsalive.co.nz</u> or text 0274038126 so we can find out the interest for this and organise staffing etc. Bookings will be able to made at the end of term 1.

GHS NETBALL CHEESE ROLLS ARE BACK!!

After a year away, the famous Geraldine High School netball cheese roll fundraiser is back.

\$6 a Dozen or 3 dozen for \$15



To order please e-mail ghscheeserolls@gmail.com



or contact : Sarah - 0276974965 Anna - 0273602832 Orders and payment must be made by 5th May

