



# Geraldine Primary

*Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve*  
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## Newsletter

**Week 6, Term 2**

**9 June 2021**

**From the Principal...**

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

The last week has given us another reminder about how vulnerable we are to the forces of Mother Nature as our area was again hit with flooding. Our thoughts go out to families from our school or wider community whose homes and property were affected by the floods. While the river levels are returning to normal, the clean-up continues for these families and the build-up of debris is still very noticeable around bridges and river beds.

If any school families are finding the current situation difficult, please feel free to get in touch with either myself or our school Social Worker - Deana Averill.

I'd like to raise the issue of student safety on the roads around town. From time to time we get reports from parents or members of the community about some of our students not thinking when they cross the road on the way to or from school. This could include crossing without looking, or riding a bicycle inappropriately. I have spoken with the students at a recent assembly about this, noting that it takes considerable time and distance for a driver to react and slow down if a child crosses the road without thought for themselves or drivers, as well as the inevitable consequences of this happening. It will be appreciated if this message could be reinforced at home with your child(ren) too.

With school being closed for two days last week, our cross country was postponed and then the Domain grounds were too wet for our back up day last Wednesday. As the South Canterbury Cross Country is next Friday and names having to be decided very soon, staff will be determining who will represent GPS at this event from the efforts demonstrated at practices and will announce names from there. Please note the South Canterbury event is for students in Year 5 and 6.

The School Board is two years into their three year election cycle. While the next Board elections are not until May/June 2022, succession planning is being considered by the Board. Being on a School Board is a wonderful way to contribute to your child's school at a governance level. Boards are made up of parents or community members, as well as the principal and staff elected representative. If anyone would like to know more about being on a School Board, you are most welcome to attend a meeting. Our next one is on 30 June at 6pm in the staffroom. Alternatively you can get in contact with me through the

school office or via email: [principal@geraldine.school.nz](mailto:principal@geraldine.school.nz), or contact our Board Chairperson Justin O'Brien ([jbobrien@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jbobrien@xtra.co.nz), 027 434 9272) to learn a bit more.

We welcome Olivia Chittock, a student teacher from the University of Canterbury to GPS. Olivia is completing her first two-week placement in Room 9 (Year 1) and will then return in early Term 4 for four more weeks in Room 9. Welcome Olivia!

I wish our two Jump Jam teams all the best for their event today, which will be held at Mountainview High School. They have been doing lots of training in the lead up and will be looking forward to the culmination of all their hard work.

Best wishes to everyone involved in the Dancing with the Stars on Saturday night. There has been a lot of behind the scenes organisation for this, as well as all the dance practices and coaching that has been occurring for a number of weeks now. We are all looking forward to a wonderful Saturday night.

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

Andrew Leverton  
Principal | Tumuaki

## **School notices:**

### **New Students**

A special welcome to Oriah and Paige who started in R6; Isaac, R3; Blair R11; Rianna, R5; Daniel, R9; and Nate R8. We hope you enjoy your time at Geraldine Primary.

### **Gumboot Day- 28th May 2021**

Our children looked great in the house colours and gumboots recently. Games were enjoyed until the rain came. Together we raised \$367.60 for the Charity set up by Mike King for children's counselling.

### **PB4L Certificates**

Congratulations to the following students who received a PB4L certificate at assembly recently:

R1	Alex	R2	Ollie	R3	Sophie	R5	Eli
R6	Juniper	R7	Skyla	R8	Lachlan	R9	Josh
R10	Alex	R11	Asher	R12	Maddi	R13	Noah

### **Desire/Aspire Certificates**

Well done to the following children received a Desire/Aspire certificate at the last assembly:

R1	Mason	R2	Rubie-Rose	R3	Maddi	R5	Pera
R6	Alexis	R7	Zac	R8	Ella	R9	Oliver
R10	Camilo	R11	Caitlin	R12	Ruby	T13	Taig

### **Gotcha Draw**

The lucky winners of the Gotcha prize draw were: Maddi, R3; Jules, R11; Noah, R13; Renee, R10; Ashlee, R11; Ben H, R5.

**Kupu o te Wiki:** This week we are learning the phrase: **Ngā Tohu - Instructions**

Recently at our kura we have been learning these instructions to use more te reo Māori in our classrooms.

You may like to have a go at these in your whare. You can use an online dictionary to substitute words for things you say at home.

Mauria te pono - be the best you can be.

Ma wai te karakia?  
Who will do our prayer?

# Ngā Tohu



**Tangohia tau...**  
Take off your ...



**Komohia tau...**  
Put on your ...



**Huakina te kuaha**  
Open the door



**Kati te kuaha**  
Shut the door



**Rārangi**  
Line up



**E noho i te porowhita**  
sit in a circle



**Whakapaipai**  
tidy up



**Haere mai ki te whariki**  
Come to the mat

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### Sickness

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

### Calendar - Term 2

#### Week 6

Saturday 12 June

Dancing with the Stars

#### Week 7

Tuesday 15 June

Wood is Good programme

Friday 18 June

South Canterbury Cross Country, Waihi School

#### Week 8

Monday 21 June

Home and School Meeting, 7pm – all welcome

#### Week 9

Wednesday 30 June

Board of Trustees meeting, 6pm – all welcome

Friday 2 July

Muffi Day for Social Work Trust – gold coin donation

## Week 10

Friday 9 July

End of term celebration assembly hosted by Tane Mahuta  
Syndicate (Y1 and Y2), 1.30pm – all welcome  
Term 2 ends 2.45pm

## **Term Dates**

### **Term 2**

Mon 3 May - Fri 9 July

### **Term 3**

School closed:

Mon 26 July - Fri 1 Oct

South Canty Anniversary- Mon 27 Sept

### **Term 4**

School closed:

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Mon 18 Oct - Tues 14 Dec

Labour Day - Mon 25 Oct

Teacher Only Day - Fri 12 Nov

## **Home & School**

**Pasta Vera:** Thank you to the school community for all your support. Don't forget pick up is Thurs June 17th from the school hall between 2.30pm and 5.30pm.

**Dancing with the Stars:** This Saturday is the big night! If you are available to help either on the night or clean up the next day please email: [gpschoolandshome@gmail.com](mailto:gpschoolandshome@gmail.com)  
We would love some more hands on deck.

**Dancing with the Stars:** if you were lucky enough to get a ticket to this event, a reminder - please bring cash with you just in case the eftpos doesn't work.

**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](mailto:hello@mykindo.co.nz)

[support.mykindo.co.nz](mailto: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 [gpschoolandshome@gmail.com](mailto:gpschoolandshome@gmail.com)

Next meeting: Monday 21st June 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](mailto:oceans.timaru@gmail.com) for more information

**Call Parent Help - take the guesswork out of parenting. We'll support and empower you to be the best parent you can be!**

### Parenting Helpline

Do you need specific parenting advice you can implement right away? Are you carrying a lot on your shoulders? Speak to our warm and supportive parenting experts. Call us for support on any parenting issue. Call now for free on 0800 568 856. Available from 9am – 9pm 7 days a week.

### Affordable counselling

Do it for yourself and for your family. Our counsellors offer therapy in person and via Zoom. They have helped hundreds of families to restore peace and balance in their lives. Call 0800 568 856 to book an appointment or read more here: [www.parenthelp.org.nz/counselling](http://www.parenthelp.org.nz/counselling)



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## NIGHT MARKET

- MULTI-CULTURAL FOOD VENDORS + CRAFT STALLS  
(COURTESY TIMARU ARTISAN FARMERS MARKET)
- LIVE MUSIC (THE GROOVE)
- KAPA HAKA PERFORMANCES
- KIDS PAVEMENT ART
- FIRE DANCE PERFORMERS

ROYAL ARCADE, TIMARU,  
**FRIDAY 9TH JULY 5:00PM - 8:00PM**

...IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE  
CONTACT VISH GUPTA ON (03 687 2682) OR  
EMAIL [vish@venturetimaru.nz](mailto:vish@venturetimaru.nz)

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