



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 7, Term 2

1 July 2022

From the Principal...

Kia ora Whānau.

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

I trust you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Matariki weekend. While Matariki is definitely not a new concept, the learnings around the significance of it are much more recent. I think it's great that our children are learning what Matariki is about in their classes and over time, building further understandings. Prior to last weekend, I posted on our school Facebook page, the meaning behind Matariki:

- * Remembrance - honouring those we have lost since the last rising of Matariki,*
- * Celebrating the present - gathering together to give thanks for what we have,*
- * Looking to the future - looking forward to the promise of a new year.*



As a school we are very much looking forward to sharing the art that our tamariki have been creating next week at our Matariki Festival. They are very proud of their creations! The festival will be open to our school whānau next Wednesday evening (see adjacent flyer). Our Home and School group are providing some kai for everyone and we are extremely grateful to them for supporting this evening. I would encourage you all to come to the festival if you are able to and join us to celebrate both Matariki and some amazing Matariki-themed art.

In previous newsletters I have written about the School Board elections in September. The nomination process starts well before this though, and if you would like to know more about the Board, please feel free to contact either myself at school - 693 8208 / principal@geraldine.school.nz or our Board Chair, Justin O'Brien - 027 434 9272 / jbobrien@xtra.co.nz. There is also a website that will be able to assist: <https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz>. The nomination period opens on 15 July and closes on 3 August. More details will be emailed to families in the holidays.

We have recently welcomed Rhonda Easton and Alicia Pridham to the Board, through until the election. Another Board member, Kim Whitman has signalled

that she will be coming off the Board. Kim has been on the Board for the past three years and I thank her for the time and wisdom she has provided, along with her support for our school. We wish Kim and her family well for the future.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Haere ora, Haere pai - Go with wellness, Go with care.

Andrew Leverton
Principal / Tumuaki

School Notices

Policy review

Our policy review topics for this term are around the broad topics of Healthcare and Behaviour Management. Our policies can be found on the School Docs portal. The instructions for submitting a review can be found under the School Info section of our website - <https://www.geraldine.school.nz/school-info/36-school-policies>. The School Docs link can also be accessed here. Click on Current Review, read over the review instructions and then click in the review links for the individual policies.

Student Achievement Outside School

We regularly hear about the achievements of our students in their out of school activities. We would like to be able to further recognise these achievements in our newsletters and / or on our school Facebook page. If your child or a GPS student you know of has done well in an out of school pursuit, please let us know! A written explanation of their achievement, along with a photo would be appreciated. Please send details to me - principal@geraldine.school.nz .

School Photo update

The photographer has advised that within the next 2 weeks you will receive an email with a key code and instructions on how to view your child's photos online. The photos will then need to be proofed, approved, and printed before being sent to the school for distribution. It is expected that the photos will be sent to us in the first few weeks of Term 3.

Community Dental Clinic

The Community Dental Service will be providing limited appointments during the school break.

*For assistance over the holidays Contact Centre on **0800 846 983**, noting that priority is given to children with immediate dental needs.*

For any dental advice please call the Contact Centre on **0800 846 983** or email commdental@cdhb.health.nz

Term 2 Calendar

Week 10

Wednesday 6 July

Matariki Festival (evening from 5-7pm)

Friday 8 July

Term 2 ends

Term 3 Calendar

Week 1

Monday 25 July

T3 commences

Wednesday 27 July

BOT Election Information Evening for potential BOT Members, 7pm

Thursday 28 July

BOT Information morning for potential BOT Members, 9am

Week 2

Tuesday 2 August

Middle Syndicate SC Museum trip, Y4

Wednesday 3 August

Middle Syndicate SC Museum trip, Y3

Week 6

29 August –

2 September

Book Week

2 September

Tangaroa Ski Trip, Roundhill

Term Dates 2022

School is open for instruction on the following dates in 2022:

Term 3

Monday 25 July - Friday 30 September

School closed: South Canterbury Anniversary - Monday 26
September

Term 4

Monday 17 October - Wednesday 14 December

School closed: Labour Day - Monday 24 October
Staff Development Day – Friday 11 November

Home & School

The Geraldine Primary Home and School committee and helpers are busy getting ready for the Matariki celebration next Wednesday 6th July. We will be in the hall from 1pm for anyone that wants to come along to help prepare food etc.

Sausage Sizzle: A reminder about the weekly Sausage Sizzle. Sausages are available for our children every Friday lunchtime at a cost of \$2 each. **Orders and payment are through the Kindo app.** Gluten free sausages are available for purchase for \$2.00. Please assist your children to ask for a gluten free sausage when they collect their cooked sausage.

Next meeting: Monday 1st August, 7pm in the staff room. All Welcome!

Community Notices



Before School/Breakfast Club and After School Programme

Now that we are in Orange Alert Level all programmes are running as normal. The Before School Programme starts at 7.00 am till school starts. The After School programme runs from 2.45 pm (we meet the children at school) till 5.30 pm at the Pavilion. We request that all parents wear masks when they drop their children off and also on pick up.

For more information please contact Scotty Nelson on 027 2413226 or go to kidsalive.aimyplus.com to register



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