



Geraldine Primary

Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve
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Newsletter

Week 2, Term 1
11 February 2022

From the Principal...

Kia ora Whānau.

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

I trust you are all well and that your children have settled back into school routines over the past couple of weeks. The staff and I have appreciated the support you have given our children to readjust after the holiday break.

Many thanks for the way you have responded to being on school grounds only if necessary. We have always valued the connection with parents and wider whānau and we know that the Red Covid Level brings some adjustments for us all at this time. I'm especially proud of the way the staff have and will continue to respond to the varying needs of our children and support them as necessary. A consistent learning environment at school that responds to the wellbeing needs of those within it is important.

As a staff we have recently started to delve into the Te Whare Tapa Whā model that looks at wellbeing from four different perspectives: physical health, activity and nutrition (Tinana), self esteem and belonging (Wairua), mental health and accomplishment (Hinengaro) and social connections and community (Whānau). This is a model developed by Sir Mason Durie in the mid eighties and is widely used and valued across schools and organisations today as they address the wellbeing needs of their people. As our learning at GPS about this model grows, we will share it within classrooms, so that our children are familiar with the various aspects of it.

We have also begun to plan for what learning and school operations could look like should there be cases of Omicron in our community and if staff and students are affected by this, by either being sick themselves or being a close contact. Depending on levels of absence, we could be in a “business as usual” mode, like we are now, or where we move to a blended learning approach at home and school, or learning from home if staff sickness levels are high. We will keep you informed of any developments.

We are aware of varying challenges facing families at this time, for both parents and children. If you need any support, please reach out & discuss with either myself, your child's teacher or our school social worker Deana Averill. Deana works Monday - Wednesday.

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

New Student

A special welcome to Samuel who has started in R6. We hope you enjoy your time at Geraldine Primary School.

Term 1 Calendar

Week 3

Friday 18 February Water Skills for life Y1-3

Week 4

Tuesday 22 February Y4-6 width swimming (students only)

Wednesday 23 February Y6 tent pitching practise
Board of Trustees Meeting, 6pm

Week 5

Monday 28 February Y4-6 length swimming (students only)

Tuesday 1 March Middle Syndicate Triathlon

Thursday 3 March-

Friday 4 March Y5 camp at Raincliff

Week 6

Tuesday 8 March –

Friday 11 March Y6 camp at Lindisfarne

Week 9

Thursday 31 March

Friday 1 April

3 Way Conferences 3-6pm

3 Way Conferences 12.45-6pm
(classes finish 12.15)

Week 10

Wednesday 6 April

Board of Trustees Meeting, 6pm

Week 11

Thursday 14 April

Term 1 ends 2.45pm

Term Dates 2022

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

Term 1

Wednesday 2 February - Thursday 14 April

During term break:

Good Friday - Fri 15 April

Easter Monday - Mon 18 April

Easter Tuesday - Tues 19 April

Anzac Day - Mon 25 April

Term 2

Monday 2 May - Friday 8 July

School closed:

Queen's Birthday - Monday 6 June

Staff Development Day - Thursday 23 June

Matariki - Friday 24 June

Term 3

Monday 25 July - Friday 30 September

School closed:
September

South Canterbury Anniversary - Monday 26

Term 4

Monday 17 October - Wednesday 14 December

School closed:

Labour Day - Monday 24 October

Staff Development Day - Friday 11 November

Community Notice:



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**6-HOLE EVENT SERIES STARTING
SUN 13 FEB | 9AM - 11AM
FOUR EVENTS AT FOUR COURSES
AROUND SOUTH CANTERBURY**

Can't wait to get on the golf course? Team Golf brings kids together for a fun golf experience. It's a great format for young beginners who want to build confidence on-course and It's OKAY relaxed rules ensure it's all about having fun. Open to girls and boys 14 years & under, and mum and dad can come along to caddy. If you need to borrow equipment, we've got you covered!

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Cost: \$5 per event | Pay on the day.
Be in with a chance to win spot prizes.
Scan the QR Code to view dates/venues
and sign up. Team Golf contact -
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