



Geraldine Primary

Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve
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Newsletter

Week 6, Term 1
11 March 2022

From the Principal...

Kia ora Whānau.

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

We are now at the halfway stage of the term and it's certainly been a term with a difference! Over the past week we have seen Covid cases and household contacts gradually increase across the school. Many thanks to parents who are keeping us up to date with details that relate to their family. You will all have received letters noting cases in year groups and most year groups have now had at least one positive case. We have also been made aware of cases of students on most bus runs now too. A reminder that once the isolation period ends, children can return to school if they have had a negative Day 7 test (this changes from a Day 10 test as of midnight tonight) and if they are well and symptom free. The day of return to school is Day 8. Please do get in touch if you are unsure of the returning requirements. We are looking forward to seeing our tamariki who are currently isolating returning soon!

One of the casualties of the Omicron spread were our Year 5 and 6 camps. This was a decision that wasn't made lightly at all and one that I believe was the right one given the evolving circumstances. I can understand the disappointment of both students and parents; I also know how much the teachers had put into camp planning and how much they too were looking forward to the experience with their respective year groups. Many thanks to parents / whānau who had indicated their ability to come to the camps. Work is currently underway to confirm postponement dates, which we will share with the Year 5 and 6 classes and parents as soon as we are able to.



Students will have seen new tennis net poles on the main court over the past couple of weeks. This allows for tennis to be played on a larger court space and it's great to see this getting some use. Many thanks to Jarrod Marsden (Marsden Engineering) for donating these to the school. We look forward to seeing some tennis skills developing.

Year 4 - 6 classes have been involved in width and length swimming carnivals over the last couple of weeks. This year we trialled having separate events, partly due to challenges around Covid, but also to create an occasion that allows swimmers of all abilities to shine at their own event, rather than spending significant time watching from the side of the pool while other events take

place. Thank you to the Geraldine Swimming Club for the use of their lane ropes and flags. Thanks also to tutors Sue Sheed, Adrienne Ross and Jo Cummings, as well as the teachers, for another successful school swimming season. We appreciate the support of the Home and School committee for funding these lessons. Congratulations to all swimmers who took part and really challenged themselves



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

Andrew Leverton
Principal / Tumuaki

School Notices

3 Way Conferences

Our **3 Way Conferences** are scheduled for 24 March from 3pm - 6pm and on 25 March from 12.45pm - 5.30pm. Classes will end at 12.15pm on 25 March and buses will depart at this time. The booking website is now live and you can book your 3 Way Conference at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. The code is 94cds. Currently face to face 3WCs remains our preference, but we will continue to monitor the evolving Omicron situation and keep you updated. Adults and children in Years 4 - 6 will need to wear masks at the 3WCs. If this is not suitable, staff can arrange a 3WC by Zoom. You will still need to book your slot online and then email your child's teacher with your time and request a Zoom. Please contact the office if you are not able to book online.

Board of Trustees vacancy

We currently have a vacancy on the **School Board**. The Board of elected parents oversees the governance and strategic direction of the school, along with myself as Principal and our staff-elected representative Jo Drake. The Board has elected to fill this vacancy by selection. If more than 10% of the school's eligible voter roll (parents) wish for a bi election to be held, the relevant procedures will then occur. The deadline for this request is 3pm Friday 25 March (28 days after this notice). Requests must be put in writing to the school office by post, in person or by email - office@geraldine.school.nz.

The Board is also currently looking at succession planning ahead of the triennial elections in September. If you would like to know more about the workings of the Board, or attend a future meeting, please get in touch with:

Justin O'Brien, Presiding Member (Chair) - 027 434 9272 / jbobrien@xtra.co.nz
and / or

Andrew Leverton, Principal - 693 8208 / principal@geraldine.school.nz

Swimming results:

Our year group champions are as follows:

U9 Girl: Jamie Waldron and Lillia Chapman

U10 Girl: Abigail Marsden

U10 Boy: Jock Emmett

U11 Girl: Charlotte Taylor

U11 Boy: Finn Wilcox

Final group whānau results for the Length Swimming Carnival

4th place - Kahurangi

3rd place - Whero

2nd place - Kowhai

1st place - Kakariki.

PB4L Certificates

Well done to the following students who received a certificate:

R1	Aoife	R2	Alice	R3	Pepper Mae	R5	James
R6	Samuel	R7	Riley	R8	Agata	R9	Charlie
R10	Theo	R11	Neve	R12	Lucy	R13	Mac

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R1	Justina	R3	Alex	R5	Kaydynce		
R6	Paddy	R7	Mila	R8	Harry	R9	Cohen
R10	Isla	R11	Matilda	R12	James	R13	William

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to Lucy, R12; Myka, R2; Caio, R11; Henry M, R13; Madison, R11 and James R11 who all won a prize from the recent cotcha draw.

Bus Students Reminder

Parents need to be at the bus stop in the afternoons or the children will be returned to Geraldine Primary School and you will be called to collect them.

All Year 4-6 Primary School children are required to wear a mask while travelling on the bus.

Skool Loop app Sponsors

We would like to thank the following businesses supporting Geraldine Primary school on our Skool Loop App:

- Geraldine Pharmacy
- Hobbs & Banks Ltd
- Mackenzie Supply Services
- Quality Tyre & Auto Services
- Dowell's Office Products Depot
- Aorangi Veterinary Services
- Mayfield Transport
- Patterson Plumbing & Drainage
- Geraldine Signs
- Barkers Food store & Eatery
- Woodley's Transport & Contracting
- Geraldine LJ Hooker
- Qizzle
- Lynn River

Southfuels Fuel for Schools Programme

Our school has been nominated by local businesses/farms that receive bulk fuel deliveries from Southfuels, meaning that for every 2 litres of bulk fuel they purchase 1 cent is donated to GPS.

We would like to take the time to mention who those members of the community that have nominated our school for this programme:

SR & LM Geary
HJB & SJ Sheed
K R Christie
Michael Holmes Holdings Ltd
Clay Downs Farming Company Limited
G B Hammond-Pleasant Valley Road
Talbot Paterson Family Trust
Belrori Farm Ltd
M J & J N Denton
BC & TE Brown Limited

Term 1 Calendar

Week 8

Thursday 24 March

3 Way Conferences 3-6pm

Friday 25 March

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: 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

Community Notices:



Before School and After School @ Kids Alive

We are still operating under COVID Red Level with safety measures in place.

The programmes are:

Before School 7.15 am to 8.45 am

After School 2.45 pm to 5.30pm (Geraldine Primary School children are met at school and walked over to the Pavilion. Afternoon tea is provided. Children must bring their own drink bottles. Geraldine High School students walk over to the programme.

Due to the current restrictions we are unable to run an open afternoon for new parents but we are more than happy to have a chat and meet you on site to answer any queries otherwise please email lorraine@kidsalive.co.nz or ring/text 02703 8126 for more information or to arrange a time to meet



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HOUSEKEEPERS

Hours are school friendly, between 9.30am to 2.30pm and vary from 2-5 hours each day, including weekends, depending on the number of rooms to prepare.

You will be helping to clean and present up to six luxury super-king rooms and sitting rooms for our discerning guests.

We pay above the living wage in order to create special experiences for our guests.

If you are physically fit and well-organised with good attention to detail, we are very keen to hear from you.

We are a small close-knit team that enjoys working together.

You are most welcome to call Brigitte to discuss on 027 223 8681

Please apply by email to:
admin@thevicaragegeraldine.co.nz

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