



# Geraldine Primary

*Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve*  
*Whāia e koe te iti Kahurangi*

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## Newsletter

Week 7, Term 2  
17 June 2022

From the Principal...

*Kia ora Whānau.*

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

On Wednesday this week GPS was represented by a team of 17 cross country runners at the South Canterbury Schools' Cross Country. Our school did very well again this year, coming 1st in the teams event for Year 5 Girls, Year 5 Boys and Year 6 Girls. Top 10 individual placings were achieved by Ashlee (1st), Justina (1st), Camilo (1st), Logan (2nd), Sophia (4th) and James (5th). We had two other runners inside the top 20 (Sophia - 11th, Bethany - 15th) with most of the rest of the team finishing inside the top 30. Congratulations to all our runners - they all did so well and put in a huge effort, in both their training and on the day. Many thanks to our whānau who provided transport, supervision and support at this event.





Last week our Year 5 and 6 classes ventured to Tekapo to visit the Dark Skies Experience. They had an amazing time both at Dark Skies and exploring around the township, braving some very chilly and / or wet weather in doing so! This trip connected well with the work that is taking place across the school in the lead up to Matariki and our end of term Matariki celebration on the evening of Wednesday 6 July. Please note this date in your calendars and watch out for flyers that will be circulating about this soon.

Our Jump Jam teams are also busy preparing for the South Canterbury schools event, which is two weeks away. They and staff co-ordinating the teams

have been busy practising at lunchtimes as they build towards the event at the Southern Trust Events Centre on 30 June. We wish them all the best for this extravaganza!

Next week is a short week at school. We are closed on Thursday 23 June for staff development. We will be working with Joseph Driessen, an internationally recognised educator and speaker. School is also closed on Friday 24 June for New Zealand's first ever Matariki holiday.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable weekend.

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

Andrew Leverton  
*Principal / Tumuaiki*

## **School Notices**

### **Board of Trustees Triennial elections**

The Board of Trustees triennial elections will be taking place next term. All parents of Geraldine Primary School will be eligible to vote in this election and this is a good time for parents to consider if they wish to stand for election as a School Trustee. We will be calling for nominations in the first two weeks of next term. We will keep you informed regarding this process. If you have any queries

about being a Board member, please contact me by phoning the school, or emailing – [principal@geraldine.school.nz](mailto:principal@geraldine.school.nz)

### **Policy review**

Our policy review topics for this term are around the broad topics of Healthcare and Behaviour Management. Our policies can be accessed through the School Docs portal - <https://gps.schooldocs.co.nz> . 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](mailto:principal@geraldine.school.nz) .

### **School Photo update**

The photographer has advised that within the next 2-3 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.

### **Term 2 Calendar**

#### Week 8

Thursday 23 June

Friday 24 June

School Closed – Staff Development Day

Matariki – school closed

#### Week 9

Monday 27 June

Wednesday 29 June

Thursday 30 June

Home & School Meeting, 7pm

Board of Trustees Meeting, 6pm

SC Schools Jump Jam

#### Week 10

Wednesday 6 July

Friday 8 July

Matariki Festival (evening from 5-7pm)

Term 2 ends

### **Term Dates 2022**

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

## **Term 2**

Monday 2 May - Friday 8 July

School closed      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/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](http://kidsalive.aimyplus.com) to register

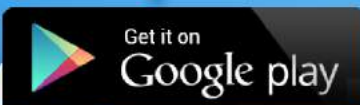


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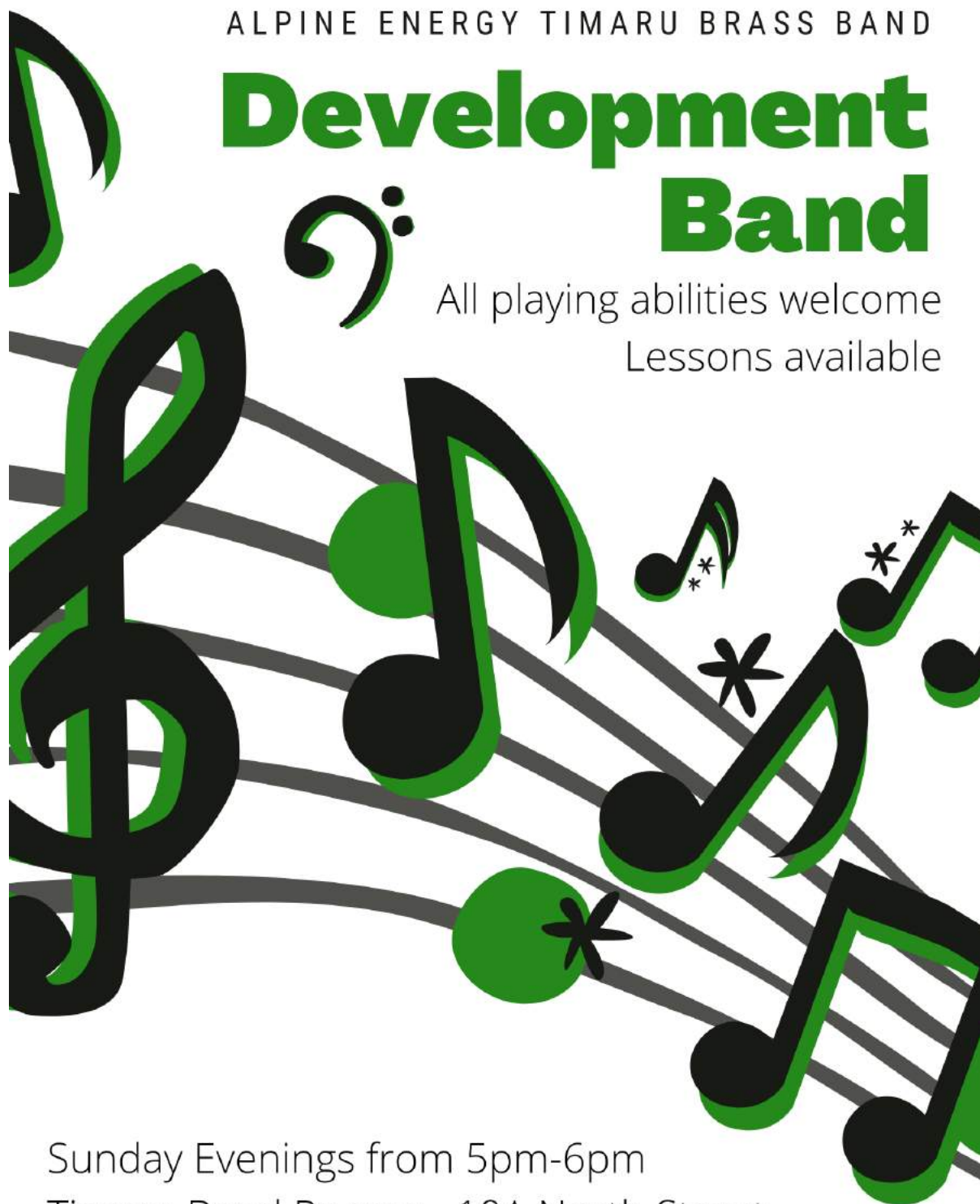


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ALPINE ENERGY TIMARU BRASS BAND

# Development Band

All playing abilities welcome  
Lessons available



Sunday Evenings from 5pm-6pm  
Timaru Band Rooms - 10A North Street  
Contact - [secretary@timarubrass.co.nz](mailto:secretary@timarubrass.co.nz)

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