



# Geraldine Primary

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

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## Newsletter

**Week 5, Term 4**  
**18 November 2022**

**From the Principal...**

*Kia ora Whānau,*

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

This Wednesday we held our annual athletic sports at the Geraldine Domain in perfect conditions - little wind, a bit of cloud cover and not too hot. This was the first time we have held the sports at the Domain for several years, due to Covid restrictions and it was good to have some normality to this event once again. The last time we were at the Domain in 2019 the day was affected by hail!

I'd like to congratulate all students who competed in the athletics, especially for the way they managed themselves throughout the day. Our staff have commented how enjoyable it was. Thank you to the staff who ran various activities and especially to Kirsty Smith, Jo Drake and Malcolm Campbell who did much of the organising for the event. Thank you also to our amazing Home and School group who ran the sausage sizzle and took orders for the Whānau Group towels. As always, we appreciate the involvement of our school whānau who attend such events, to support their child(ren) and the school as well.



Congratulations to our Kids Lit team (Caitlin B, Tom, Holliey and Kohei) who took part in the nationwide finals in Wellington last weekend against 15 other schools. They came a very commendable 8th and did so competing against intermediate-aged students as well! The questions were quite

demanding, and the team responded well to the challenge of the event. Well done to you all - you represented GPS very well.

Last Friday Kohei, Tamatea, Ashlee and Abigail represented Geraldine Primary at the Southern Region Primary School tennis tournament in Dunedin. They all played really well, and there were lots of tough matches. Everyone improved and enjoyed themselves. In the Primary Boys Year 6 and under grade Kohei came 9th and Tamatea 11th. In the Primary Girls Year 6 and under grade Abigail came 7th and Ashlee 10th.



On Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th November Abigail, Ashlee and Tamatea represented South Canterbury in the 10 and under team. South Canterbury played Southland, Otago and Lakes District. They all played really well and improved over the weekend.

As previously notified, next Tuesday morning from 11:15 to 12 noon we are having an open morning, followed by a picnic lunch at school. Parents and whānau are most welcome to attend these. In the afternoon teachers will be attending a union meeting, with an alternative programme being provided at school for children who remain at school. Please see the email sent home earlier this week for further details. If you haven't yet contacted your child's teacher about the arrangements for your child for next Tuesday afternoon, it will be appreciated if this could be done over the weekend.

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

Andrew Leverton  
Principal / Tumuaki

## School Notices

### School Disco - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Thursday 24th November 2022

Years 0-3 6.00 – 7.15pm

Years 4 -6 7.15 – 8.45pm

The disco will be supervised by staff. Parents need to drop their children off and pick them up again at the end of the sessions. For safety and organisation reasons can children please be dropped off and picked up from the school playground side of the hall. Please note this disco is for Geraldine Primary School children only.

Thank you to the Home and School for providing us with the money to purchase food, drink, prizes and decorations.

If the children would like to purchase a glow stick, they need to bring \$2 on the morning of the disco to the table we will have set up outside Room 9. They will then get a stamp on their hand which they will show to a staff member when they come to the disco in the evening and they will receive their glow stick.



### Whānau Activity Afternoon

On Thursday afternoon the 24<sup>th</sup> November, Whānau Leaders have planned activities for students to take part in. Children are able to bring a whānau coloured T-shirt to change into at lunchtime. Otherwise they are to wear their normal school uniform.

### New Students

A special welcome to Shalom-Hope who started in R6 recently. We hope you enjoy your time at Geraldine Primary.

### Breakfast BBQ - Friday 2nd December 2022, 8am

We are delighted to be planning the fabulous Breakfast BBQ Extravaganza with the Year 6 tamariki. They are busy planning some fun stalls for you all to enjoy. Watch this space for some teasers of what is to come via Facebook and Skool Loop.

### Donations needed please:

The baking stall will be back so we would **love some donations of baked goods** that we could please sell to **raise money for our sponsored child.**

If there are any gluten free etc items, could these please be clearly labelled?

Donations to Room 1 or 2 on Thursday 1 December please.

**Donations of pre loved/ good condition toys please to sell at our table top sale.**

**These can be brought in at any time from now please. To Rooms 1 or 2.**

Please contact Chelley Leov or Fiona Wilcox if you need any further information

### **Library Stocktake**

It's that time of year that a Library Stocktake will be done in about a fortnight. Could you please return all Library books and have a look at home for any ones that are overdue or missing.

We don't like charging people for missing books but are finding we are having to as it costs us a great deal of money each year to replace them. Thank you for your understanding in this area. If you have any questions please contact Chelley Leov [chelleyl@geraldine.school.nz](mailto:chelleyl@geraldine.school.nz)

### **PB4L Certificates**

Well done to the following students who received a PB4L certificate at assembly last week:

R1	Nathaniel	R2	Kip	R6	Grace	R7	Josiah
R8	Oliver	R9	Jonty	R10	Oakley	R11	Jamie
R12	Daphne	R13	Lilah	R15	Samuel		

The following children received a Desire to Learn/Aspire to Achieve certificate:

R1	Zac	R2	Jayden	R6	Ayla	R7	Lewis
R8	Judah	R9	Hunter	R10	Theo	R11	Ruby
R12	Liam	R13	Hazel	R15	Ted		

### **Gotcha Prizes**

Congratulations to the following students who won a prize in the gotcha draw last week: Maddie, R11; Maeve, R13; Kate, R11; Shanae, R2; Liam, R9; Flynn, R2

### **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 - [principal@geraldine.school.nz](mailto:principal@geraldine.school.nz) .

## **Term 4 Calendar**

### Week 6

Tuesday 22 November	SC Schools Relay competition
Thursday 24 November	School Disco
Friday 25 November	Science Roadshow Y5 & 6

### Week 7

Friday 2 December	Breakfast BBQ before school
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### Week 8

Tuesday 6 December	SC Athletics (pp 8 December) Junior games and picnic at the Domain
Wednesday 7 December	School Board meeting, 6pm

### Week 9

Monday 12 December	Principal's Assembly, 9.15am
Tuesday 13 December	Y6 Pool Party
Wednesday 14 December	End of Year Assembly, 9.15am Morning Tea for Y6 students and parents Carols at the Domain, 11.15 am Whānau Picnic at school, 12noon Term 4 ends 2.45pm

## **Term dates 2023**

### **Term 1**

Monday 30 January - Thurs 6 April

School closed: Waitangi Day - Mon 6 Feb

During April term break: Good Friday - Friday 7 April  
Easter Monday - Monday 10 April  
Easter Tuesday - Tuesday 11 April

### **Term 2**

Monday 24 April - Friday 30 June

School closed: Teacher Only Day - Monday 24 April  
Anzac Day - Tuesday 25 April  
King's Birthday - Monday 5 June

During July term break: Matariki - Friday 14 July

### Term 3

Monday 17 July - Friday 22 September

During September term break:

South Canterbury Anniversary - Monday 25  
September

### Term 4

Monday 9 October - Friday 15 December

School closed:

Labour Day - Monday 23 October

Teacher Only Day - Friday 17 November

### Home & School

**Whānau Group Tea Towels** are being sold again this year. An order form went home with children yesterday.

**Second Hand Uniform:** Donations of second-hand GPS uniform can be handed in to the school office. A stall will be at the Breakfast BBQ (Friday 2 Dec) for families wishing to purchase second hand uniforms for a donation, come have a cup of tea/coffee with us also.

### Community Notices



**Don't miss the bus!**

Download Skool Loop

**Simple free download:**  
In Google Play & App Store  
search 'Skool Loop' &  
choose our school once installed.





## Before School and After School Programmes

Kia ora Geraldine Primary Whanau. Term 4 is now in full swing, this is just a quick reminder that Kids Alive is available if you need childcare before, after-school and/ or in the Christmas holidays.

The Before School Programme starts at 7.00 am till school starts, this is located in the school hall. The After School programme runs from 2.45 pm (we meet the children at school) till 5.30 pm at the Pavilion. Breakfast and afternoon tea is provided to all attending.

Our Christmas holiday program will be running from the 16<sup>th</sup> till the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December (Excluding weekends). We close over the Christmas break and will be starting up again on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January. Keep an eye on the website as bookings will be open soon.

For all of those that are interested in what we are all about, we will be having an open day in the coming weeks. More details to come shortly.

\* WINZ subsidies may be available to some families, just ask before you book, and we will support you as best we can. \*

For more information, please visit our website [www.kidsalive.co.nz](http://www.kidsalive.co.nz) or contact Scotty Nelson on 027 2413226.

## NZHL XRACE

**2023 XRACE** is the perfect experience to strengthen your child's self-esteem and empower them to be the best kids they can be. Best of all, you get to be their team mate, racing together side-by-side to the best finish-line ever: Our school gets a \$20 per family entry discount. Use this promo code at the checkout to claim your discount: **MONSTER**

**What is XRACE?** [www.xrace.co.nz](http://www.xrace.co.nz)

XRACE is a fun-filled family event – where mum or dad must team together with one of the kids and take on the XRACE course and 10 mystery challenges.

A team is one parent and one child aged between 6 and 14.

Teams can choose their own pace, flat out from the start or a fast walk – the choice is yours.

Challenges range from physical like tug-of-war to puzzling puzzles to artistic challenges like the paint challenge.

**TIMARU THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 6PM**

Buy tickets at [www.xrace.co.nz](http://www.xrace.co.nz)

Use this promotional code to get an additional \$20 off your family entry: **MONSTER**



Newstalk  
**ZB**

# Be in to win!

The opportunity to professionally record a Christmas song with Nathan King

### The grand prize

Professionally record a Christmas song with Nathan King, return flights to Auckland for two (if you live outside of Auckland), hotel accommodation for one night and a studio tour.

### To enter

Must be under 13 years old. Email yourself singing a Christmas carol to [christmas@newstalkzb.co.nz](mailto:christmas@newstalkzb.co.nz) before entries close 12 December.

Listen to Newstalk ZB on Christmas morning at 6am to find out if you've won!





**CAN YOU HIT HOME RUNS?  
SHOW US YA SKILLS!!**

**\$20 PER PERSON,  
10 WARM UP BALLS  
10 COMPETITION BALLS**

*GET YOUR CORPORATE/ WORK MATES  
TOGETHER AND SETTLE THE SCORE!!*

**SIR BASIL ARTHUR PARK  
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20th 2022 11 am  
BBQ PROVIDED!!**

**ZINGARI SOFTBALL ASSN FUNDRAISER**

# SIR BASIL ARTHUR PARK

NOVEMBER 20th 2022, 11 AM

BBQ PROVIDED



## GUMBOOT TOSS

**\$10 FOR 5X GUMBOOT TOSS**

ALL MONIES DONATED TO THE I AM HOPE FOUNDATION

*Alison James*