



# Geraldine Primary

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

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## Newsletter

Week 3, Term 2  
20 May 2022

From the Principal...

*Kia ora Whānau.*

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

Today is Pink Shirt Day! Our school has been a sea of various shades of pink as we recognise the significance of Pink Shirt Day. This day is celebrated annually worldwide and began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against bullying, after a peer was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. In Aotearoa New Zealand, Pink Shirt Day works to create schools, workplaces, communities and whānau where everyone feels safe, valued and respected. Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. It's about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected.



At Geraldine Primary we use our four school values - Caring / Manaakitanga, Achieving / Takakawe, Respectful / Whakaute, Responsible / Takohanga to reinforce the important messages behind Pink Shirt Day, in order to grow caring and respectful people.

On Wednesday we had two Year 5 and 6 teams competing in the South Canterbury Schools Rippa Tournament in Timaru. It was a fantastic day for Rippa! Geraldine Black won 3, drew 1 and lost 1. Geraldine Red won 4 and lost 1. Both teams played extremely well and each finished second in their pool.

Many thanks to our GHS Yr 13 coaches Brodie England, Caleb Orange and Logan Sowden for being with the teams on the day and for their support at practices. Thanks also to our whānau who transported and supported the teams. Congratulations to South Canterbury Rugby for hosting such a wonderful event for our region's tamariki.



Last Friday our Whānau Group Leaders ran their first activities afternoon for the school. This saw students being able to interact with others from different year groups and take part in a range of exciting activities that got them moving! It was great to be able to see our WG Leaders organising their WGs and encouraging them along the way. Well done to all involved!

Early next week parents will be emailed regarding how we will manage our school cross country this year. With various works being carried out around the township at the moment, we have had to consider alternatives to the traditional event, which has been held at the Domain.

I draw your attention to three dates when the school will be closed for instruction, two of which are public holidays: Monday 6 June - Queen's Birthday, Thursday 23 June - staff development day, Friday 24 June-Matariki.

I wish all Geraldine families 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 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) .

### **Gotcha Draw**

Congratulations to Acacia, R8; Coby R13; Krystal, R13; Paddy, R6; Liam, R11 and Henry, R3 who all won a prize in the gotcha draw last week.

### **PB4L Certificates**

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

R1	Sam	R2	Sam	R3	Jules	R5	Renee
R6	Thomas	R7	Ariella	R8	Kaiser	R9	Isabel

R10 Phoebe      R11 Levi                  R12 Eva                  R13 Bethany

The following students received an Aspire to Achieve/Desire to Learn Certificate:

R1	Travis	R2	Macy	R3	Tom	R5	Jock
R6	Tyla	R7	Gunnar	R8	Elise	R9	Jonty
R10	Haries	R11	Maddi	R12	Emerson	R13	Mac

## **Term 2 Calendar**

### Week 4

Monday 23 May	Home and School meeting, 7pm
Wednesday 25 May	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6pm

### Week 6

Monday 6 June	Queens Birthday – school closed
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### Week 7

Tuesday 14 June	South Canterbury Cross Country
Thursday 16 June	pp South Canterbury Cross Country

### Week 8

Thursday 23 June	School Closed – Staff Development Day
Friday 24 June	Matariki – school closed

### Week 9

Wednesday 29 June	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6pm
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### Week 10

Wednesday 6 July	Matariki Festival (evening)
Friday 8 July	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:	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

## **Home & School**

**Sausage Sizzle and Roster:** Our weekly sausage sizzle has resumed  
To order for your child please download the Kindo app. Very easy to use and no more  
searching for coins every Friday morning.

### **HELP NEEDED!!**

To ensure our sausage sizzle can go ahead we desperately need volunteers. This  
involves either a morning shift (chopping onions and removing the amount of sausages  
ordered to defrost) only 10 mins or so. Or a cooking shift (2 people cooking sausages  
and serving to children) this is about an hour from 11.45 until 12.45.  
If we have enough people on the roster this is only a once a term duty.

Please contact Jolie on 021 628 460 or [joliemockford@gmail.com](mailto:joliemockford@gmail.com) if you would like  
your name added to the roster or to find out more info.

**Next meeting:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 7pm in the staff room. All Welcome!

## **Community Notices**

The beginners classes for Seido karate will take place on each THURSDAY evening  
from 6-00pm until 7-00 pm throughout the month of May at the GERALDINE  
BOWLING CLUB rooms on Wright Street. We welcome all members of the  
community to come and try a martial art that develops fitness, confidence,  
coordination and self defence skills in a friendly, supportive and warm environment.  
Contact Gisell on 02102287049 or Peter on 0275068135

# DITCHING THE BIRDS AND THE BEES

- Seminar for the Community: Parents, Caregivers and Whanau
- For adults raising and supporting kids aged 1 -12 years
- On shame-free, confident and safe conversations about sex and bodies.



**Date: Thursday 16 June 2022**

**Time: 7.00pm-9.00pm**

**Where: Geraldine Primary  
School Hall**

Cost: Tickets are free thanks to  
funding by Geraldine Benevolent  
Fund.

Please **book your seat** at Geraldine  
Primary Reception or by emailing  
[claireplaytherapy@yahoo.com](mailto:claireplaytherapy@yahoo.com)

This is **not** a puberty,  
contraception or safe sex  
workshop.

**It is** a seminar focussed on  
how removing shame can  
keep kids safe and  
providing skills to adults to  
make what can be  
awkward and tricky  
conversations, into  
confident, curious  
conversations. It also looks  
at some of the content  
being taught in the new  
curriculum.

Join Claire Millichamp, from Side by Side Therapy NZ, for a fun and informative session. This seminar will help you feel more confident to support your children experience healthy and safe relationships. It will also give you skills facilitate open and curious conversations about sex and bodies.

[www.sidebysidetherapy.co.nz](http://www.sidebysidetherapy.co.nz)



Fun/Play with your friends/festival /learn new skills/belong

# GIRLS RUGBY FESTIVAL



Lets  
**go**  
girls

PRE SEASON

**Tuesday 7 June**

VENUE: **Ashbury Park**

TIME: **4 to 5 PM**

Under 11 & 13 grades, join us as a team or come along individually and we will help you join a team!



U11 & U 13 GRADE  
**GIRLS RUGBY  
SEASON**

**Kick off 13 June for 8 weeks  
until 15 August.**

(Season kick off delayed due to  
Basketball also on Monday nights)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION: CONTACT CARO RHODES, CARO@SCRFU.CO.NZ**



## **FUTURES GIRLS LEARN AND PLAY PROGRAMME**

**GERALDINE GOLF CLUB**

Futures Girls is an introductory learn and play golf programme aimed at girls 7 to 14 years.

Starts Sat 14 May | 10 - 11am

Cost: \$25 includes Term 2 coaching programme and Futures Girls Team Golf event.

Golf Coach: Jess Reid

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SIGN UP



LOVE GOLF.  
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**futures**

**aorangi golf**



### **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](mailto:lorraine@kidsalive.co.nz) or ring/text 02703 8126 for more information or to arrange a time to meet





PRIMARY YEARS 5-11

**TOOL  
BOX**

# Build a great family team and have fun along the way!

Over six fun, practical and inspirational sessions, a trained facilitator will guide you through topics including:

- The importance of aroha and connection
- Different parenting styles
- Discipline and boundaries
- Understanding your child's big emotions
- And lots more!

**Every THURSDAY 10:30am to 12:30pm**  
**26 May 2022 to 30 June 2022**  
**Gleniti Baptist Church**  
**58 Gleniti Road, Timaru 7910**

For more info, please contact:  
Wendy Geerling - 021 023 76585  
Anna Yanga - 022 392 8581 /  
annayanga.connectcc@gmail.com

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