



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 1, Term 4
21 October 2022

From the Principal...

Kia ora Whānau,

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

Welcome back to term 4 everyone! I hope you have all had an enjoyable term break, which was made a bit more intriguing with a touch of snow in the first week! Term 4 is just 8 ½ weeks long, and the first week is now over! As a result, in what is typically a very busy term, there is a lot to do in a short period of time, for both staff and students.

One of the key areas of focus for all schools is around student achievement. This is not limited to the core areas of academic learning, while these are obviously very important. Achievement also covers a wider range of curriculum and co-curricular areas. Student achievement can be team-centred as well as based around the individual and their own uniqueness, talents and strengths. What achievement looks like for one, will be different for another. Sometimes achievement is about just giving something a go, maybe for the first time and building on this. We get to witness a wide variety of achievements daily in our school and this is always rewarding for us all.

Late last term we had two teams entered in the South Canterbury Kids Lit Quiz. There were nine teams competing and this was alongside Yr 7-8 teams as well. Our Yr 6 team (Elliot, Adele, Charlotte, Alex) came 6th. Our Yr 5 team (Tom, Holliey, Caitlin, Kohei) came 1st and qualified for the NZ final, which will be held

in Wellington in mid November!! They will be going up with their parents and Mrs Leov and Strowger will be accompanying the team also. An amazing result! Well done to both teams for representing GPS so well.



The following day we had three students representing South Canterbury at the Regional Cross Country, held in Nelson. There were teams from Wellington, Tasman, Canterbury and South Canterbury. James came 10th in his Yr 5 race, Bethany 30th in Yr 5 and Justina 17th in her Yr 6 race. To be chosen to represent the province is a real honour - congratulations to these runners.

On the first weekend of the holidays, we had three teams entered in the Future Farmers Agri Sports Competition held at the Temuka and Geraldine A and P Show. Abigail, Alex and Ashlee came second in this event and our other two teams, Beau, Fergus and Blair and Jock, Aliza and Ruby also did a wonderful job of representing GPS.



The Geraldine Children Social Work Trust is aiming to be chosen to be the local recipient of the Z petrol station's Good in the Hood campaign. The Trust is actively involved in raising funds to employ two social workers in local schools and early childhood centres. These social workers do wonderful work with Geraldine children and their families and many have benefitted from the expertise and support of the social workers over the years. Parents can help the Trust by buying petrol over this weekend from Z Geraldine and putting a plastic token in the Social Work jar. The promotion closes on 24 October.

We will soon begin the process of forming classes for 2023. If you have a New Entrant child who will start with us next year, or know of someone who this applies to, it is important that the office is informed as soon as possible and an enrolment form completed, if this hasn't been done already. This also applies to children in other year groups who will be attending GPS from 2023. Having an accurate understanding about new enrolments is important as it assists within the composition of classes.

As part of the class formation process, if parents have any factors that they would like senior staff to consider regarding their child(ren), please put these in writing to me by way of a letter or email – principal@geraldine.school.nz by Tuesday 15 November at the latest. Whilst we will take these factors into consideration, we are unable to guarantee each request. Please note that this is not an opportunity to request a particular teacher or be placed with particular friends. If you know now that your child is not going to be attending GPS in 2023 (other than Year 6's), please let me know in writing as soon as possible.

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

Andrew Leverton
Principal / Tumuaki

School Notices

On Friday 28 October GPS is proudly supporting Melanoma New Zealand's annual "Get Spotted" campaign – to help raise awareness of skin cancer in New Zealand. Did you know that more people die from skin cancer than on our roads? And that New Zealand has the worst rate of melanoma in the world? The good news is that if skin cancer is caught early, it is almost always curable. To support Melanoma NZ, Friday 28 October will be a non-uniform day and students are encouraged to "get spotty" (i.e. wear spots!) as a reminder to friends and family to protect their skin and to regularly check skin for any changes. **"Slip, slop, slap, seek, slide!"** Spot prizes for creative costumes will be awarded. Students are kindly asked to bring a gold coin donation or \$3 for a colour-changing UV Band – these bands change colour (from white to purple) when exposed to UV light as a reminder to protect your skin from the sun.

All UV Band sales will be matched by John and Amanda Johnston and Lynn Stratford and all proceeds will go to Melanoma NZ's life saving work. Amanda, (Jonty's Mum), has a personal history of melanoma and is on the Melanoma NZ board. Lynn, Amanda's mother, is a founding patron of Melanoma NZ. Amanda would love to connect with any GPS families who have a history of melanoma - amandajohnston.nz@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your support. <https://www.melanoma.org.nz/>

Save the date - School Disco

Friday 25th November 2022

Years 0-3 6.00 – 7.15pm

Years 4 -6 7.15 – 8.45pm

More information will be given closer to the time.

New Students

A special welcome to Lautaro, R5; Oriah, R1 and to Leon who started in R6 recently. We hope you all enjoy your time at Geraldine Primary.

Cox Street crossing yellow no parking lines

From time to time we notice, or have reported to us that cars are being parked on the yellow lines adjacent to the Cox Street crossing. This restricts the view of the student road patrol monitors, as well as being illegal. We respectfully ask that cars are parked in the designated spaces and not on the yellow lines.

Early departure from school

Parents or other family members will on occasions, need to collect their child(ren) from school for legitimate reasons during the school day. We ask that parents / whānau phone the office prior with a time they expect to be at school. We can then arrange for the child(ren) to be at the office waiting. Parents / whānau then collect their child(ren) from the office. We also ask that parents / whānau sign a brief register to say that they have collected their child(ren) from school. This is so that we have a clear understanding of which children are on site (done through twice daily registers) and who has left the grounds.

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 .



Macy recently competed at the New Zealand Highland Dancer of the Year competition held in Nelson at the start of the holidays. She did extremely well gaining a 3rd place medal in the 10 year old Sailors Hornpipe. She competed against fellow dancers from all over New Zealand. Macy also received a Highly Commended in the 10 year old Irish Hornpipe and the 10 year old Highland Fling. She really enjoyed dancing at this large competition and catching up with all her dancing friends from different centres.

Congratulations Macy - it's wonderful to be able to share your achievements with our school community!

Term 4 Calendar

Week 2

Monday 24 October

Wednesday 26 October

Friday 28 October

Labour Day – school closed

SC Mountain biking

Pourakahua performance

School Board meeting, 6pm

Melanoma Awareness non uniform day

Week 3

Monday 31st October

Tuesday 1 November –

Friday 4 November

Home and School meeting, 7pm

Year 6 Camp

Week 4

Wednesday 9 November -

Thursday 10 November

Friday 11 November

Year 5 Camp

School closed – South Canterbury Anniversary

Week 5

Monday 14 November School closed – Teacher Only Day
Wednesday 16 November Athletic Sports (pp 23 November)

Week 6

Friday 25 November School Disco

Week 7

Friday 2 December Breakfast BBQ

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
Whānau Picnic at school, 12noon
Term 4 ends 2.45pm

Term dates 2023

We will be able to confirm these next week.

Community Notices

Before School and After School Programmes



It's time to start planning your childcare options for term 4. If you find yourself looking for care before and/or afterschool, then Kids Alive is for you.

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.



For more information, please visit our website www.kidsalive.co.nz or contact Scotty Nelson on 027 2413226.

St Andrew's Church is running the **Light Party** again this year on Monday the 31st of October, 5-7.30pm, a **free community event for children and their families**. As in the past, we have a range of activities for all ages - bouncy castles, arts and crafts, sideshows, along with free food.


Sunday 30th October 10am - 12pm
at South Canterbury Eco Centre

Introduction to INaturalist

Learn how to use the INaturalist app and help the SC Eco Centre's knowledge of the local biodiversity.

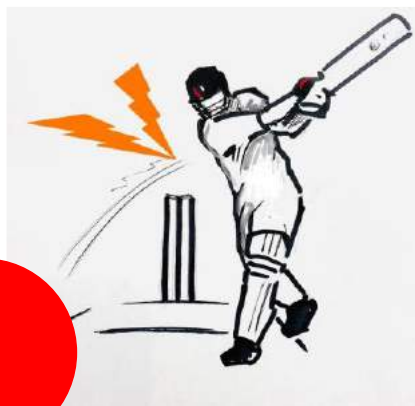


Facebook event



SOUTH CANTERBURY
ECO CENTRE

GERALDINE CRICKET CLUB



"GIVE IT A SHOT!"

Geraldine Cricket Club are taking registrations for cricket this summer 2022/23

"Have a Go" Every Monday 3:15pm at the Geraldine domain. 17th October to 28th November. Learn skills and have fun with all welcome, gear supplied. \$30 for 6 weeks

REGISTER @ Facebook: Geraldine Cricket Club

Contact: Jolenne Sowden: **027 656 4115**

Email: geraldinecricketclub@gmail.com



Connected Parenting Group Course

With Claire Millichamp. Social Worker and
Child Therapist, Side by Side Therapy NZ

Join Claire and other caregivers on this rollercoaster ride of parenting to explore a new way to manage child behaviour. Rooted in neuroscience, the brain, connection and relationship. This group is for those who have tried star charts, time out, and feeling like the typical things just don't work.

Come away feeling empowered with tools and knowing how to deepen your connection with your child/ren.

Aimed at parents/caregivers of children aged 3-10

**8 participants needed
for group to run**

Register now

www.sidebysidetherapy.co.nz
027 3710784
claireplaytherapy@yahoo.com

**Geraldine Academy of
Performing Arts, 77 Talbot
St, Geraldine**



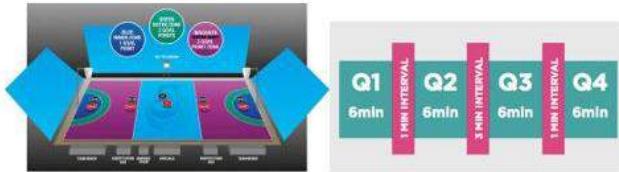
**7.00-8.30pm
Tues 1 November
Tues 8 November
Tues 15 November
Tues 22 November**

\$150 PP



Mixed Fast 5 Netball

First Game Thursday 20th October
Last Game Thursday 15th December
\$250 per Team - Umpire Supplied
Geraldine Netball Courts



**For more information or to register a team
please contact Trudy on 027 330 9381**

Registrations need to be in by Friday 7th October

Follow us on FACEBOOK



Geraldine Netball Centre

Only two men allowed on the court at one time



LOVE TO SWIM?

JOIN GERALDINE SWIM SQUAD!

Registrations Open for 2022 – 2023 Summer Season
New focus on fitness, fun & technique with high quality coaching

“Join us on Friday 18th November to see what it’s all about
and have some fun”

For all enquiries please contact:

geraldineswimming@gmail.com

Facebook – Geraldine Amateur Swimming Club