



# Geraldine Primary

*Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve*

*Whāia e koe te iti kahurangi*

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## Newsletter

**Week 9, Term 3**

**23 September 2022**

**From the Principal...**

*Kia ora Whānau,*

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

Followers of our school Facebook page will have read the following note this past week about the changes to the South Canterbury Anniversary Day: You'll all be aware of the Queen's Memorial Day on Monday 26 September. Schools will be closed on this day. This has meant that the South Canterbury Anniversary Day has been moved to Friday 11 November for 2022. School will be closed on this day. This day in November, as previously signalled, was to be the date for our Teacher Only Day.

In order to adhere to the new South Canterbury Anniversary date and also allow for the Teacher Only Day to occur, the Teacher Only Day has been moved to the following Monday - 14 November and school will be closed on this day.

In staff news, one of our teacher aides Anna Clubb and her partner Chris recently announced the arrival of their daughter Eve at 6:13am on 12 September, weighing 6lb 12oz. Congratulations to you both and welcome to the world Eve!

With Anna being on maternity leave, I'd like to take the opportunity to extend a warm GPS welcome to Sheree Carter. Sheree will cover for Anna in her teacher aide role while she is away. It's wonderful to have you join us, Sheree!

Interschool Year 3 - 6 basketball has recently started and we have five teams competing in the South Canterbury competition each week. A huge thank you to coaches and team managers who are running the teams, as well as parents who are providing transport and supporting the teams courtside. This past week our Year 5 and 6 Whānau Group lunchtime basketball competition concluded. Both games were very closely contested and it was encouraging to see so many students giving it a go. Whero and Kakariki played, drawing 4-all. Kahurangi and Kowhai also drew in their game 5-all.



We will soon begin our planning for the 2023 school year. If you have, or know of any children who are going to enrol at Geraldine Primary during 2023, we ask that this is done as soon as possible. Enrolment packs are available from the school office and there is a note further into this newsletter about this and out of zone enrolments. If you have any queries about enrolment at GPS, or transition to school, please do get in touch.

Next Friday at 1:30pm we will be having our end of term assembly. While a particular syndicate won't be hosting the assembly, parents and whānau from across the school are most welcome to join us.

I wish all of our GPS whānau a safe and enjoyable long weekend.

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

Andrew Leverton  
Principal / Tumuaki

## **School Notices**

### **Enrolments for 2023**

We are accepting applications from parents / caregivers who wish to enrol their child in 2023. Enrolment packs are available from the school office. As well as in-zone places, a limited number of out of zone places will be available. An enrolment scheme or zone is in place and details of this can be obtained from the school office.

**The deadline for out of zone applications for 2023 is 3pm, Friday 15 October.**

Application forms for out of zone enrolments are available from the school office - phone 693 8208, or by email - [office@geraldine.school.nz](mailto:office@geraldine.school.nz) .

Parents / caregivers of children living within our enrolment zone who intend to enrol their child at Geraldine Primary School during 2023, should also notify the school office by Friday 15 October.

We invite parents to contact the office if they wish to learn more about our school and arrange a tour.

### **Policy review**

Each term we review certain policies on a three - year cycle. Parents are invited to be part of the review process. The policies that are for review this term are student and staff wellbeing and safety. Instructions for how to take part in the review are found on our webpage - <https://geraldine.school.nz/school-info/36-school-policies>. The review period remains open until the end of term.

### **PB4L Certificates**

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

R1	Myra	R2	Naomi	R3	Holliey	R5	Flynn
R6	Blake	R7	Melody	R8	Ollie W	R9	Cohen
R10	Lilia	R11	Noah	R12	Jonathan	R13	Lottie
R15	Isabelle						

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

R1	Logan	R2	Ollie C	R3	Cooper	R5	Aliza
R6	Jamie	R7	James	R8	Josh	R9	Levi
R10	Jay	R11	Archie	R12	Ivy	R13	Ava
R15	Mason						

### **Gotcha Prizes**

Congratulations to the following students who won a prize in the gotcha draw last week: Levi, R13; Lilia, R10; Ollie C, R2; Sophie J, R5; William, R11; Skylah, R10.

### **New Students**

A special welcome to Ayla and Charlotte who started in R6 recently. We hope you enjoy your time at Geraldine Primary.

### **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 3 Calendar**

### Week 10

Monday 26 September	Queen's Memorial Day – school closed
Wednesday 28 September	School Board meeting, 6pm
Friday 30 September	End of Term Assembly – 1.30pm
	Term 3 ends, 2.45pm

## **Term 4 Calendar**

### Week 1

Monday 17 October	Term 4 commences
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### Week 2

Monday 24 October	Labour Day – school closed
Wednesday 26 October	SC Mountain biking
	School Board meeting, 6pm

### Week 3

Tuesday 1 November – Friday 4 November	Year 6 Camp
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Wednesday 9 November	
Thursday 10 November	Year 5 Camp
Friday 11 November	School closed – South Canterbury Anniversary

### Week 5

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

## **Term Dates 2022**

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

### **Term 4**

Monday 17 October - Wednesday 14 December

School closed:	Labour Day - Monday 24 October
	South Canterbury Anniversary - Friday 11 November
	Teacher Only Day – Monday 14 November

## Community Notices



Geraldine Family & Youth Trust

# 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](http://www.kidsalive.co.nz) or contact Scotty Nelson on 027 2413226.

## After School & Holidays @ Kids Alive

Geraldine Primary School hall, Geraldine.

## Holiday Programme

Full Day (3pm)	08:30 a.m.-03:00 p.m.	\$27.00
Full Day (5.30pm)	08:30 a.m.-05:30 p.m.	\$42.00
Morning Session	08:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	\$19.00
Skipton	08:30 a.m.-03:00 p.m.	\$40.00
7.30am-8.30am	07:30 a.m.-08:30 a.m.	\$10.00

<b>Mon 03 Oct</b> <b>Craft day</b> <p>A wide range of crafts available today, with help from some lovely locals. Bring along your imaginations.</p>	<b>Tue 04 Oct</b> <b>Skate day</b> <p>Due to being Rained off last holidays we will retry our Skating day. A day of skating and fun. BVO skating equipment. Helmets are a must</p>	<b>Wed 05 Oct</b> <b>Dinosaur day.</b> <p>A day dedicated to dinosaurs. Dress up like explorers and embark on a day of fun, games and learning.</p>	<b>Thu 06 Oct</b> <b>Harakeke Weaving</b> <p>Come along and learn a new skill today, Harakeke (Flax) weaving. Normal crafts, fun and games will happen before and after the workshop.</p>	<b>Fri 07 Oct</b> <b>Talent Show</b> <p>After the success of last terms Talent show, We have decided to host a once per term talent quest. Channel your inner superstar!</p>
<b>Mon 10 Oct</b> <b>Kids Alive Quiz</b> <p>Team trivia/ quiz afternoon at Kids Alive. Join your friends and work as a team to win the Quiz competition.</p>	<b>Tue 11 Oct</b> <b>Teddy bears picnic</b> <p>Bring your favourite soft toy for a walk in our local native bush. Ending with a picnic. Geocaching will be available for the older kids.</p>	<b>Wed 12 Oct</b> <b>Wearable Arts</b> <p>Come along and create amazing costumes and compete in our wearable arts competition. Bring your imagination, design and team work skills.</p>	<b>Thu 13 Oct</b> <b>Pajama Party.</b> <p>The Kids alive Pajama party! Wear your Pj's, make pancakes, eat popcorn and watch a movie in the afternoon. A day of fun and relaxation.</p>	<b>Fri 14 Oct</b> <b>Skipton Animal park.</b> <p>We are retrying our trip to the Skipton Animal park! Warm jackets and Lunch are a must. 3pm Finish for this day.</p>

Geraldine's local holiday program is here for October. Early Bird prices available until the 1st of October. Prices will increase after this date.

For more information, call +64-272413226 or email [scotty@kidsalive.co.nz](mailto:scotty@kidsalive.co.nz)

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# ENROLLED.

Following on from our Open Day for interested families from our feeder schools, we would like to invite you to consider Geraldine High School for next year.

We are currently receiving enrolments and encourage you to enrol now so that we can ensure we are planned for the start of 2023.

We do have out-of-zone places available for anyone outside our zone and can discuss transport options if needed.

Please contact us in the school office to arrange a tour, meeting, enrolment form or further information so that your child can have access to a high quality education at Geraldine High School next year.

I look forward to showing you around our beautiful school in the coming weeks.

Regards  
Simon Coleman | Principal



Geraldine High School

**Enquire today for Out of Zone Spaces**

## COMMUNITY DENTAL SERVICE

*Priority for Community Dental Service appointments during the school break will be for immediate dental needs at the following clinics:*

*Woolston Community Dental Clinic, 11 Hopkins Street, Christchurch*

*Hornby Community Dental Clinic, 2 Hei Hei Road, Christchurch*

*Timaru Community Dental Clinic, 18 Woolcombe Street, Timaru*

*To access these appointments, call our Contact Centre on 0800 846 983 noting that priority is given to children with immediate dental needs.*

*For any dental advice please call the Contact Centre on 0800 846 983 or email [commdental@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:commdental@cdhb.health.nz)*



## TIMARU DISTRICT LIBRARIES

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OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

# On The Farm

**GERALDINE LIBRARY    TEMUKA LIBRARY**

**10:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

**10:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

**Wednesdays and Fridays**

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To book, call 03 693 9336  
or email  
libger@timdc.govt.nz

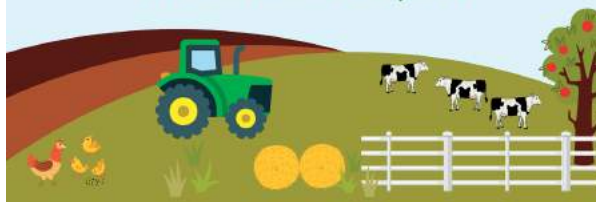
For more details phone  
03 687 7591

### TIMARU CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

**10:30 AM - 11:30 AM and 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays**

To book, call 03 687 7202 or  
email anita.dawson@timdc.govt.nz



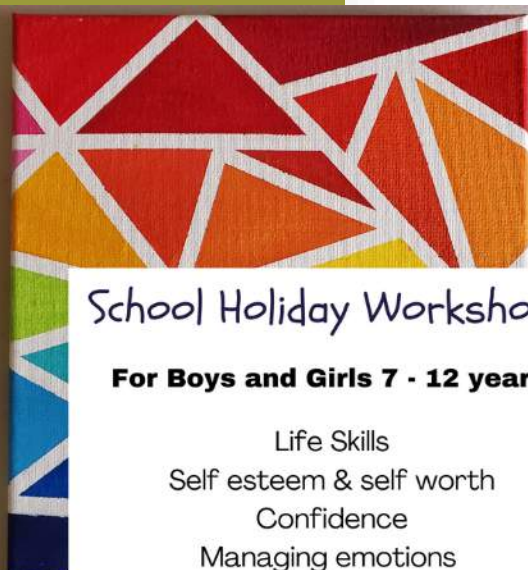
## RUN, JUMP OR THROW?

**GIVE IT  
A GO AT**

Geraldine  
Athletics Club

Season commences: Wed 19th Oct 5:45pm @ Geraldine Domain  
Email: geraldineathletics@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook

Thanks to our partners



## School Holiday Workshops

**For Boys and Girls 7 - 12 years**

Life Skills  
Self esteem & self worth  
Confidence  
Managing emotions

**Time: 9am - 12pm**

**When:**

**Monday 3 Oct**

**Wednesday 5 Oct**

**Monday 10 Oct**

**Wednesday 12 Oct**

**Shearers Quarters  
924 Seadown Rd, Temuka  
\$50  
Morning Tea provided!**

To book:

Email, message on social media or ring  
Email: warriorprincessworkshops@outlook.com

Phone: 0272248499



Free webinar series

# What's Going On for My Child or Teen?



**Do you want to help your child or teen who may be exhibiting challenging behaviours or experiencing distress?**

Join us for this series of free webinars, presented by expert facilitators to learn strategies to support your child or teen. Parents, caregivers, teachers, and those working with children can gain the confidence and tools to address a range of issues that may affect children and teens.

Attend the entire series or choose which webinars you'd like to attend.

- 1 The Importance of Self-Care and Self-Regulation**  
**Wednesday 19 October, 7.00pm – 8.30pm**  
Gain an understanding of the importance of looking after yourself first, and learn tips and tools for self-care. Facilitated by Mel Johns.
- 2 Strategies for Challenging Behaviour**  
**Tuesday 25 October, 7.00pm – 8.30pm**  
Explore what might drive challenging behaviour, and develop strategies that can be used when this behaviour arises. Facilitated by Catherine Gallagher.
- 3 Anxiety in Children and Teens**  
**Tuesday 1 November, 7.00pm – 8.30pm**  
Develop your knowledge and understanding of anxiety in children and learn ways you can support them. Facilitated by Catherine Gallagher.
- 4 School Avoidance**  
**Tuesday 8 November, 7.00pm – 8.30pm**  
Explore the issue of children avoiding school, discover how this is often linked to anxiety, and gain tools to address school avoidance. Facilitated by Catherine Gallagher. *(It is highly recommended that you also attend the session on anxiety as this is often a key driver of school avoidance).*
- 5 Supporting Children and Teens Through Big Emotions**  
**Wednesday 16 November, 7.00pm – 8.30pm**  
Gain an understanding of how you can support your child or teen who may be experiencing intense feelings. Facilitated by Sarah Drummond.
- 6 The Importance of Healthy Sleep Habits**  
**Wednesday 23 November, 7.00pm – 8.30pm**  
Explore the importance of sleep habits and learn ways to establish healthy routines. Facilitated by Ruth Troughton.
- 7 Supporting Children and Teens in a Digital World**  
**Wednesday 30 November, 7.00pm – 8.30pm**  
Consider the effects on children and teens living in a digital world and explore tools and strategies which can be used to have discussions about wellbeing and safety online. Facilitated by NetSafe.

Register at [mherc.org.nz](https://mherc.org.nz)

For more information contact [education@mherc.org.nz](mailto:education@mherc.org.nz) or 0800 424 399

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Mental Health Education & Resource Centre





# Geraldine High School



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## Harold has a new book!

Who ever heard of a stripey giraffe!

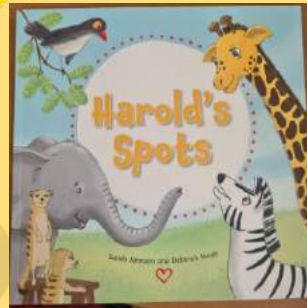
Harold has always had spots.  
Until Oxpecker decides to do something about them.

Will Harold still be Harold without his spots?

An uplifting story about learning to love the skin you are in - spots and all

**\$20 per book**

Profits from the sale of this book go to Life Education Trust Mid & South Canterbury, to keep Harolds Wheels Turning!



A great book for all ages!!

For orders contact Mel -  
ph 0273085561  
[admin@lifeedmsc.org.nz](mailto:admin@lifeedmsc.org.nz)



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Rhona Day Kindergarten Presents



Adult \$15

Child \$10

Geraldine Theatre

Sunday 2nd October 2022

10:30am

For tickets contact

Rhona Day Kindergarten or Committee Members 6880850

Proceeds will go towards new outdoor play equipment.

\$1 raffle tickets available on the day and spot prizes



*Remembering*

**HER LATE MAJESTY  
QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

**1926 - 2022**



*Memorial Service for Her Late Majesty*  
***Queen Elizabeth II***

**MONDAY  
26 SEPTEMBER  
@ 5PM**

**ST MARY'S CHURCH 77 TALBOT STREET**

*Medals may be worn*