



# Geraldine Primary

*Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve*

*Whāia e koe te iti Kahurangi*

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## Newsletter

**Week 4, Term 1  
25 February 2022**

**From the Principal...**

*Kia ora Whānau.*

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

Since the start of term all classes have been involved in **swimming lessons**, with Years 1 - 3 being taught at school by our staff and Years 4 - 6 at the Community Pool by swim tutors. Again this year the cost of tutors and pool hire has been generously funded by our Home and School group, for which we are very grateful. Teachers have reported some pleasing levels of progress within the lessons. Year 4 - 6 classes are doing a two day swimming carnival (one for widths, one for lengths) and Years 1 - 3 have had a Water Skills for Life programme as part of their lessons.

Followers of our school Facebook page and Skool Loop app will have received an update about the **Covid Phase 3 announcement** yesterday afternoon. Through the Ministry of Education, schools were informed that the country moved into Phase 3 of the response to Omicron from 11:59pm yesterday, Thursday 24 February. In Phase 3, only household contacts of confirmed cases are required to self-isolate. All positive cases will need to isolate at home for 10 days, as will everyone else in the household. All other contacts of Covid-positive people are not required to isolate, but they will need to closely monitor for any developing symptoms and stay at home if these escalate. While this is a significant change from previous responses, we remain confident that we have the necessary systems in place at school to minimise any spread across year groups.

We remind all staff, students, parents and caregivers to monitor for symptoms at all times. If your child is sick with Covid-like symptoms, please keep them away from school and get a Covid test. They can return to school with a negative test. If a parent / caregiver / child tests positive, please inform the school immediately - 693 8208 between 8:15am and 3:15pm, or email the Principal - Andrew Leverton: [principal@geraldine.school.nz](mailto:principal@geraldine.school.nz) outside of these office hours.

If you are unsure about how to respond to this changing situation, please get in touch with me.

Our **3 Way Conferences** are scheduled for 24 March from 3pm - 6pm and on 25 March from 12.45pm - 5.30pm. Classes will end at 12.15pm on 25 March and buses will depart at this time. The booking website is now live and you can book your 3 Way Conference at [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz). The code is 94cds. Currently face to face 3WCs remains our preference, but we will continue to monitor the evolving Omicron situation and keep you updated. Adults and children in Years 4 - 6 will need to wear masks at the 3WCs. If this is not suitable, staff can arrange a 3WC by Zoom. You will still need to book your slot online and then email your child's teacher with your time and request a Zoom. Please contact the office if you are not able to book online.

Over the next one to two weeks we have our Year 5 and 6 classes attending **camps at Raincliff and Lindisfarne** respectively. These are currently proceeding and we will continue to monitor the Omicron situation and how it relates to us and these camps.

We currently have a vacancy on the **School Board**. The Board of elected parents oversees the governance and strategic direction of the school, along with myself as Principal and our staff-elected representative Jo Drake. The Board has elected to fill this vacancy by selection. If more than 10% of the school's eligible voter roll (parents) wish for a bi election to be held, the relevant procedures will then occur. The deadline for this request is 3pm Friday 25 March (28 days after this notice). Requests must be put in writing to the school office by post, in person or by email - [office@geraldine.school.nz](mailto:office@geraldine.school.nz).

The Board is also currently looking at succession planning ahead of the triennial elections in September. If you would like to know more about the workings of the Board, or attend a future meeting, please get in touch with:

Justin O'Brien, Presiding Member (Chair) - 027 434 9272

[/jbobrien@xtra.co.nz](mailto:/jbobrien@xtra.co.nz) and / or

Andrew Leverton, Principal - 693 8208 / [principal@geraldine.school.nz](mailto:principal@geraldine.school.nz)

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

Andrew Leverton  
Principal / Tumuaki

## School Notices

### New Student

A special welcome to Thomas who has started in R6. We hope you enjoy your time at Geraldine Primary School.

### Bus Students Reminder

Parents need to be at the bus stop in the afternoons or the children will be returned to Geraldine Primary School and you will be called to collect them.

All Year 4-6 Primary School children should wear a mask while travelling on the bus.

## Term 1 Calendar

### Week 5

Monday 28 February

Y4-6 length swimming (students only)

Tuesday 1 March

Middle Syndicate Triathlon

Thursday 3 March-

Friday 4 March

Y5 camp at Raincliff

### Week 6

Tuesday 8 March –

Friday 11 March

Y6 camp at Lindisfarne

### Week 8

Thursday 24 March

3 Way Conferences 3-6pm

Friday 25 March

3 Way Conferences 12.45-6pm  
(classes finish 12.15)

### Week 10

Wednesday 6 April

Board of Trustees Meeting, 6pm

### Week 11

Thursday 14 April

Term 1 ends 2.45pm

## Term Dates 2022

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

### Term 1

Wednesday 2 February - Thursday 14 April

During term break:

Good Friday - Fri 15 April

Easter Monday - Mon 18 April  
Easter Tuesday - Tues 19 April  
Anzac Day - Mon 25 April

**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

## Community Notices



### **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



## Geraldine JAB Registrations 2022

Calling all 5-13-year-old girls and boys for the 2022 season, please come along to one of our sign-up days

**Friday 4 March | Monday 7 March**

At GRFC Clubrooms on George St  
3pm-5.30pm both days

**ALL PLAYERS THIS YEAR RECEIVE**  
Rugby Ball and Mouthguard

**\$60.00 sub | EFTPOS available on registration days**  
Please email [geraldinejabrugby@gmail.com](mailto:geraldinejabrugby@gmail.com) for further information or if you can't make it to either day

## **BOOT SWAP/DONATE**

Bring your old boots, make them go another season

**IMPORTANT NOTE: THERE IS A REGISTRATION CUT-OFF SUNDAY 27 MARCH - FINAL DAY TO REGISTER**

Registrations are now open for **Youth Hockey**. Registrations are now via the google form on our Geraldine Hockey Club facebook page.

Any queries to [geraldinehockeyclub@gmail.com](mailto:geraldinehockeyclub@gmail.com)

# **GERALDINE FOOTBALL**

## **Player Registrations 2022**

Football is a game for any ability ,any age.

**4 -6 yr olds - First Kicks , Thursdays ,Term 2 & 3**

have fun while learning (reg by May 1<sup>st</sup> , late reg's taken)

**7 - 18's - we have mixed teams in all age groups . ( 7 to 18<sup>th</sup>)**

**16's plus who want to play Senior football , we have**

**Div 2 (Semi Competitive) & Div 3 (Social)**

**(practices Tuesday & Thursday 6.30pm , Geraldine Domain)**

**For all registrations please contact Paula Irvine 027 637 4775**

**or email [geraldinefootballclub@gmail.com](mailto:geraldinefootballclub@gmail.com)**

### **Registrations close**

**Senior's- March 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Juniors/Youth - March 26<sup>th</sup>**

**(late registrations taken if space )**

**Vaccine Pass is required to participate**

**(for those age eligible ,12yrs 3mnths +)**




**COME ALONG AND SING!**



**GERALDINE CHILDREN'S CHOIR**  
 FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN YRS 2-6  
 TUESDAYS DURING TERM TIME, 3.15-4.15PM  
 GERALDINE ACADEMY FOYER  
 STARTING 15 FEBRUARY 2022



CONTACT CHARLOTTE TALBOT, CEE BEE TEATIME  
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 FIND ME ON FACEBOOK OR SPOTIFY: CEE BEE TEATIME

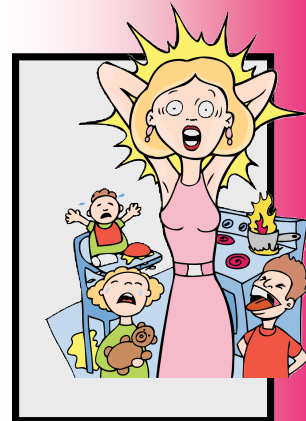
COST WILL DEPEND ON NUMBERS  
 APPROX \$3-\$12 PER CHILD PER WEEK  
 PAYMENT BY TERM  
 ENROLMENTS REQUIRED BY 4 FEBRUARY

## NEXT CHAPTER PARENTING

Offering

The **PARENT SURVIVAL KIT**

## PARENTING COURSE



- Do you find yourself yelling at your child more often than laughing with your child
- Do you feel you have lost touch with your child
- Do you feel frustrated and find yourself saying the same things over and over again with no result

### TOPICS COVERED

COMMUNICATION	CHOICES/CONSEQUENCES	COMPLIANCE
EMPATHY	SIBLING RIVALRY	TEENAGERS AND BOUNDARIES
SETTING LIMITS	PAUSE	TIME IN
PERSONALITY TYPES	PRAISE VS ENCOURAGEMENT	ARE YOU DOING TOO MUCH
		QUALITY TIME

IDEAL FOR  
 GROUPS  
 INDIVIDUALS OR  
 A BUNCH OF  
 FRIENDS



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**WINZ ASSISTANCE WHERE APPLICABLE**