



Geraldine Primary

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Newsletter

Week 8, Term 1

25 March 2022

From the Principal...

Kia ora Whānau.

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

Many thanks to parents and students who were able to attend our 3 Way Conferences over the past two days. I understand that a number of our families are currently in isolation and were therefore unable to attend. If you wish to make contact with your child's teacher when you are able to, please do so. The Zoom 3WC option proved to be popular for some of our families too. The impact of Covid over the past two plus years has brought Zoom and Google Meets into our practice a lot more and it's something that I've become more used to and confident in using.

We continue to have gradual increases in our Covid case and household contact numbers, with most of our students who were affected earlier on now back at school. The Covids even managed to reach me early last week, which put the Levertons in isolation and an additional family member contracting it. It is good to be back at school, seeing everyone again!

I'd like to acknowledge the work that the staff are doing to keep learning programmes continuing at school and also by providing home learning for those who have been away from school. Also, we are grateful to our parents and school whānau who continue to follow key protocols around pick up / drop off, contacting school regarding family isolation and wearing of masks inside the school grounds. Mask wearing still applies to parents / whānau on school grounds unless they have a genuine exemption.

There have been recent further announcements from Government around Covid protocols. Once we receive more detailed information from the Ministry of Education and how these announcements impact on schools, we will share this with you. I have included some information about isolation further in the newsletter, including changes to the re-isolation period.



The prevalence of Covid has heightened the importance of our own wellbeing and that of those around us. www.allright.org.nz is one website that has some useful ideas for families / parents to use. One neat idea is about having G.L.A.D korero (conversations) with your whānau about your day - one thing you are **G**rateful for? Did you **L**earn something new? What did you **A**ccomplish? What brought you **D**elight today? Thinking about what we're grateful for magnifies positive feelings and helps to reduce negative ones.

The Home and School group have their AGM on Monday 11 April, 7pm in the staffroom. All new and existing members are most welcome to attend and learn more about what the group does to support the school and our tamariki.

I would like to acknowledge a generous donation that the school recently received from Rosies Charitable Trust. This was to support swimming lessons, which took place earlier in the term. We are very grateful for the support of Rosies, the volunteers who work there and the work they do in our local community.

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

Andrew Leverton
Principal / Tumuaki

School Notices **Board of Trustees**

The Board is 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 and / or Andrew

Leverton, Principal - 693 8208 /principal@geraldine.school.nz . The 28-day Board selection period ended today and we will share details of the outcome of this process with our community soon.

Covid Protocols

- If someone becomes a confirmed COVID-19 case, then that case and all other people in their household must isolate for seven days.
- If **someone else** in the household then tests positive for COVID-19 during those seven days:
 - the isolation period for **that person only** re-sets – that person must isolate for an additional seven days from the day they test positive or symptoms begin
 - other household contacts who do not test positive are still able to leave isolation after the original case has completed their seven days isolation.
- For the **next 10 days** after a household completes seven days isolation, evidence shows that due to their exposure to COVID-19 they are less likely to catch or transmit the virus. This means:
 - if someone else in the household tests positive **within those 10 days**, the whole household will not have to re-isolate, only the positive case
 - if someone else in the household tests positive and it has been **more than 10 days** since the household completed isolation, household contacts **should re-isolate** along with the new case for seven days.
- Any person who has had COVID-19 within the last 90 days/three months **will not need to isolate** as a household contact unless they become symptomatic and test positive again. This is because reinfection rates for people who have had COVID-19 are low for the three months after they have the virus.

Remember, Day 0 for isolation is the day symptoms began or the day the positive test was taken (whichever came first). You should then count your seven days from there.

New Students

A special welcome to Jaden, R6 and Jonathan R10 who both started at our school recently. We hope you enjoy your time at GPS.

Skool Loop app Sponsors

We would like to thank the following businesses supporting Geraldine Primary school on our Skool Loop App:

- Fresh Choice
- Geraldine Pharmacy
- Hobbs & Banks Ltd
- Mackenzie Supply Services
- Quality Tyre & Auto Services
- Dowell's Office Products Depot
- Aorangi Veterinary Services
- Mayfield Transport
- Patterson Plumbing & Drainage
- Geraldine Signs
- Barkers Food store & Eatery
- Woodley's Transport & Contracting

- Geraldine LJ Hooker
- Qizzle
- Lynn River

Southfuels Fuel for Schools Programme

Our school has been nominated by local businesses/farms that receive bulk fuel deliveries from Southfuels, meaning that for every 2 litres of bulk fuel they purchase 1 cent is donated to GPS.

We would like to take the time to mention who those members of the community that have nominated our school for this programme:

SR & LM Geary
 HJB & SJ Sheed
 K R Christie
 Michael Holmes Holdings Ltd
 Clay Downs Farming Company Limited
 G B Hammond-Pleasant Valley Road
 Talbot Paterson Family Trust
 Belrori Farm Ltd
 M J & J N Denton
 BC & TE Brown Limited

Term 1 Calendar

Week 10

Wednesday 6 April
 Sunday 8 May

Board of Trustees Meeting, 6pm
 Mothers' Day

Week 11

Monday 11 April
 Thursday 14 April

Home and School AGM/meeting, 7pm
 Term 1 ends 2.45pm

Term 2 Calendar

Week 1

Monday 2 May

Term 2 commences 8.50am

Week 3

Friday 20 May

Pink Shirt Day

Week 4

Wednesday 25 May

Board of Trustees Meeting, 6pm

Week 6

Monday 6 June Queens Birthday – school closed

Week 7

Tuesday 14 June

South Canterbury Cross Country

Thursday 16 June

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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

Week 10

Friday 8 July

Term 2 ends

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

Home & School

The Geraldine Primary Home and School have been a bit quiet lately due to Covid restrictions.

We do have our big Trail Ride fundraising event coming up though and any help would be appreciated.

We are also having our AGM soon and would love to see some new faces. Give as much or little time as you have to help raise funds for our school. Meetings are usually once a month on a Monday evening.

Trail Ride: Sunday 10th April.

A motorbike event held locally. All gate sales come to the school and it's been an amazing fundraiser for us in the past. The Home and School will be running a BBQ at the event and need some able volunteers to help. Please email gpshomeandschool@gmail.com if you are able to help or would like to know more details.

Sausage Sizzle: Still on hold due to Covid restrictions. We will assess over the next few months.

Sausage Roster: We are really hoping to get this up and running again when Covid restrictions are eased. It's a great service offered on a Friday lunchtime but we need parents and whanau to volunteer their time. If you would be willing to cook on a Friday lunchtime once a term we would love to hear from you so we can get cooking again as soon as we have the all clear.

Please contact gpshomeandschool@gmail.com if you think you can help or to find out more info.

Home and School Committee AGM

We would love to see some new faces join us. The Committee meets once a month on a Monday at 7pm in the Staffroom. Meetings are full of good humour but productive.

Our next meeting (AGM) is Monday 11th April at 7pm in the Staffroom.

For more info please contact Jolie on 021 628 460,
gpshomeandschool@gmail.com



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 or ring/text 02703 8126 for more information or to arrange a time to meet

The advertisement for The Vicarage Geraldine Housekeepers features a decorative initial 'V' in a square frame with floral patterns. To the right, the text reads 'THE VICARAGE GERALDINE'. Below this, the word 'HOUSEKEEPERS' is written in large, red, serif capital letters. The main body of text describes the job as school-friendly, with hours from 9.30am to 2.30pm, and mentions a living wage and attention to detail. It includes contact information for Brigitte and an email address for applications. At the bottom, a dark blue banner contains the text 'BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATION' and the website 'www.thevicaragegeraldine.co.nz'.

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HOUSEKEEPERS

Hours are school friendly, between 9.30am to 2.30pm and vary from 2-5 hours each day, including weekends, depending on the number of rooms to prepare.

You will be helping to clean and present up to six luxury super-king rooms and sitting rooms for our discerning guests.

We pay above the living wage in order to create special experiences for our guests.

If you are physically fit and well-organised with good attention to detail, we are very keen to hear from you.

We are a small close-knit team that enjoys working together.

You are most welcome to call Brigitte to discuss on 027 223 8681

Please apply by email to: admin@thevicaragegeraldine.co.nz

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