



Geraldine Primary

Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve

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Newsletter

Week 5, Term 3

26 August 2022

From the Principal...

Kia ora Whānau.

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

This week marks the halfway point of the term and like any other, it has gone by reasonably quickly. While our Covid cases are currently very few, we, like other schools, have been quite heavily impacted by student absence, most of which is due to sickness. We appreciate the support of our school whānau in keeping children home if they are unwell, or collecting them during the day if they become unwell. The staff and I understand that parents' work can be affected when their children are at home sick.

Alongside this, we have seen an increase in absences that are explained but unjustified or where no reason is given. The reasons for such absences can be many and varied. Irregular attendance can have an impact on the continuity in student learning and gaps can then start to appear. Attendance at school is a nationwide issue and has been since 2015. Covid has further impacted on this in the last two years. This week the Ministry of Education has launched a resource to highlight the importance of regular attendance at school, with a section specifically for parents and whānau - <https://temahau.govt.nz/tips-for-parents-and-whanau> . A short You Tube clip has been produced as well - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8uh41ReonKs> , which I will post on the school Facebook page.

If you are concerned about your child's attendance, and would like some further support, please feel free to contact either myself or your child's teacher.

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.

A reminder that next week is Book Week - a week that falls between our Culturally Aware topic ending and our Globally Aware topic commencing. Please see the flyers later in this newsletter for more information. The Home and School group are running a Pre-loved children's book sale next Tuesday and Wednesday after school in the hall and are seeking book donations to sell. Please have a look at home and bring any unwanted / unused books to the office. Parents and whānau are invited to come along and support the book sale. There is also a book character dress up day next Thursday.

Last week one of our amazing teacher aides Anna Clubb started her maternity leave. We all wish Anna and Chris well for the safe arrival of their baby in the not too distant future. We have appointed Sheree Carter to cover Anna's position while she is away and congratulate Sheree on her appointment. We look forward to welcoming her to the GPS staff soon.

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

Andrew Leverton
Principal / Tumuaiki

School Notices

School Photos

If you have not received an email from Photolife advising of your keycode to log in to view your photos, please contact the school office. They will be able to help you with this.

PB4L Certificates

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

R1	Nathaniel	R2	Ollie	R3	William	R5	Sandro
R6	Mason	R7	Mila	R8	Ollie	R9	Liam
R10	Kase	R11	Piper	R9	Flynn	R13	Coby
R15	Anaia						

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

R1	Aoife	R2	Eve	R3	Riley	R5	Ashley
R7	Riley	R8	Dom	R9	Ryan	R10	Tayla
R11	Harley	R12	Ella	R13	Krystal	R15	Paddy

Gotcha Prizes

Congratulations to the following students who won a prize in the gotcha draw last week: Lottie, R13; Sophie J, R5; Hosanna, R13; Justina, R1; Ava, R13; and Lilia, R10.

New Students

A special welcome to Poppie, Brianna and Mason 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 .

2022 SC Swimming Competition

Well done to Alex Coleman, Flynn Slater, Charlotte Taylor, Abigail Marsden, Macaulay Cleverley, James Bell, Kohei Wada, and Finn Wilcox who all qualified to compete in the SC Swimming competition last week. Finn came 2nd in the 25m breaststroke for under 10 year boys and 1st in the 50m Breaststroke under 10 year boys. Congratulations to you all!

Rakaia Lily and Freesia Bulbs

The Geraldine Children Social Work Trust are selling packets of four lily bulbs for \$11.00 and packets of 20 freesia bulbs for \$6.00. Please check out the Geraldine Primary School Website under newsletters for pictures and the order form. All profits from this fundraiser will go to the Geraldine Children Social Work Trust.

Daffodil Day

Thank you for dressing in yellow and donating a coin. Together we raised a total of \$288.20 for the Cancer Society.

Rotary Vegetable Garden Competition

The Rotary Club of Temuka-Geraldine is once again running the student Vegetable Garden competition for students aged 7-11. Students are given seed potatoes and pea, carrot, radish, lettuce and beetroot seeds to grow in

their own garden at home. Parent permission must be granted beforehand and it is expected that parents will assist the children with the project.

If you wish to participate in this competition please collect a form from the school office. Completed forms must be returned to the office by 16 September so seeds can be handed out before the end of term.

Term 3 Calendar

Week 6

Thursday 1 September Book Character Dress Up Day
29 August –

Monday 29 August Home and School meeting, 7pm
Tuesday 30 August –
Wednesday 31 August Home and School Book Sale in hall
2 September Book Week
2 September Tangaroa (Y5 & 6) Ski Trip, Roundhill

Week 7

Friday 9 September Transition to School Big Choosing 9.15 am

Week 8

Friday 16 September postponement Tangaroa Ski Trip

Week 9

Friday 23 September Non Uniform day, Gold Coin donation for
Geraldine Children Social Worker Trust

Week 10

Monday 26 September SC Anniversary – school closed
Wednesday 28 September School Board meeting, 6pm
Friday 30 September Term 3 ends, 2.45pm

Term 4 Calendar

Week 3

Tuesday 1 November –
Friday 4 November Year 6 Camp

Week 4

Wednesday 9 November
Thursday 10 November Year 5 Camp

Term Dates 2022

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

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

We always welcome new members and would love to see some new faces! We meet once a month and support the school with various fundraisers. We're a friendly bunch so please come along if you would like to find out more about what we do. If you have any questions prior please feel free to email us at gpshomeandschool@gmail.com

Our next meeting is **Monday 29th August at 7pm** in the School Staff Room.

BOOK SALE

Please don't forget to bring in any spare books you no longer want for our book sale next week to help celebrate book week. These can be taken to the classroom or school office by the end of Monday 29th August.



BOOK WEEK

AUGUST 29th - SEPTEMBER 1st

- Whole school colouring competition – beautiful books to win as prizes. Thank you to Property Brokers Geraldine for donating these.
- Author visit from Christine Taylor
- Belinda from the Page & Post Booksellers will be reading to us.
- Teacher swap – different teachers will come and read to you each day.
- Whanau Group art activity
- Fun classroom activities
- **Thursday September 1st Book Character Dress Up Day** – come dressed as your favourite book character. Parade at 1.30pm.



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Geraldine Primary Home And School Preloved Book Sale



Tuesday 30th And Wednesday 31st August

2:45 pm - 4:00 pm

Geraldine Primary Hall

Please Drop Off Before
29th August At The Office
Or In The Classroom

Books Wanted

Picture Books

Chapter Books

**Books Suitable For
Children Aged 0 - 12**



Community Notices



Before School/Breakfast Club and After School Programme

Now that we are in Orange Alert Level all programmes are running as normal. The Before School Programme starts at 7.00 am till school starts. The After School programme runs from 2.45 pm (we meet the children at school) till 5.30 pm at the Pavilion. We request that all parents wear masks when they drop their children off and also on pick up.

For more information please contact Scotty Nelson on 027 2413226 or go to kidsalive.aimyplus.com to register



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

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