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Newsletter

Week 1, Term 3

29 July 2022

From the Principal...

Kia ora Whānau.

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

Welcome back to the start of Term 3 everyone! I hope you have all had a safe and enjoyable term break. It was wonderful to see our tamariki back at school on Monday. It has been quite an eventful week, largely due to circumstances beyond our control. The flooding experienced in the middle of the week was possibly expected. This saw the cancellation of buses on Wednesday, but we were fortunate in that we were able to stay open for learning. Some staff had to make detours on their way to school to find roads that were accessible.

The bomb threats that a small number of schools throughout New Zealand received during the week, but particularly yesterday, was certainly unexpected.

We have a series of procedures that guide us if we need to evacuate children and staff from buildings and conversely if we need to keep children and staff inside buildings (i.e. lockdown). These are available through our School Docs portal. Instructions on how to access these are through our school website - <https://www.geraldine.school.nz/school-info/36-school-policies>. In this instance if you search under Emergency Management you will be taken to a range of procedures on how such emergencies are handled. We regularly review, revisit these and practice drills at school with the staff and children.

It is important to note that if we are under Police instruction, e.g. for a bomb threat, or lockdown, parents and the school will need to follow Police requirements. At all times, the staff will have the safety of our students as their priority, and for some, this is over the safety of their own children who may attend other schools.

Earlier in the week I emailed parents about the need to retake class photos. The new day for this is Tuesday 9 August. Any new sibling photos will be taken in the hall from 8:30am. These will be due to new siblings starting at school or if this opportunity was missed last term. Please let the office know by Friday 5 August if this applies to you. Once the sibling photos have been taken, we will move through the classes, typically juniors first, then middles and seniors.

There is a note below regarding this term's 3 Way Conferences. These are scheduled for 17 and 18 August. Please note that classes will stop at 12:30pm on the 18th, to allow for a 1pm start for the 3WCs. Buses will leave shortly after 12:30pm and will only have GPS students on them. If your child is on the bus, please be at the bus stop to collect them. All other students will leave the school at 12:30pm to bike / walk home, or to be collected. If they are departing school independently, please be at home to meet them.

Lastly, a reminder that nominations for the School Board close on Wednesday 3 August at 12 noon. Details were emailed out to all parents during the holidays. If you would like to know more about the Board, please feel free to contact either myself at school - 693 8208 / principal@geraldine.school.nz or our Board Chair, Justin O'Brien - 027 434 9272 / jbobrien@xtra.co.nz. There is also a website that will be able to assist:

<https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz> .

I wish all Geraldine Primary School families a wonderful weekend!
Haere ora, Haere pai - Go with wellness, Go with care.

Andrew Leverton
Principal / Tumuaki

School Notices

3 Way Conferences

Our 3 Way Conferences are scheduled from 3pm – 5.30pm on Wednesday 17 August and 18 August from 1pm – 5.30pm. Classes will end at 12.30 on Wednesday 18 August 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 The code is hkds3.

Adults and children in Years 4-6 are strongly encouraged to wear masks at the 3WCs. Please contact the office if you are not able to book online.

New Students

A special welcome to Olivia, R3 and to Siya, Blake, Sydney, Ava, Bowie, Valentina, Grace, and Jamie who all started in Room 6 this week, Xavier, Jaxon and Aania who have started in Room 15. 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 .

Adele entered the South Canterbury Drama League speech and poem competition over Matariki weekend.

She wrote a speech about why we should use horses for transport again and recited a poem, "Excuses Excuses" by Alison Moyle. Adele came first in the speech and third in the poem for the 10-12 year old group. Congratulations. Adele



Term 3 Calendar

Week 2

Monday 1 August

Tuesday 2 August

Wednesday 3 August

Home and School meeting, 7pm in staffroom

Middle Syndicate SC Museum trip, Y4

Middle Syndicate SC Museum trip, Y3

Week 3

Tuesday 9 August

Class photos re-taken

Week 4

Wednesday 17 August

Thursday 18 August

3 Way Conferences 3pm-5.30pm

3 Way Conferences 1pm-5.30pm

Classes stop at 12.30pm. Buses – 12.30pm

Week 5

Wednesday 24 August

School Board meeting, 6pm Staffroom

Week 6

29 August –

2 September

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Book Week

Tangaroa (Y5 & 6) Ski Trip, Roundhill

Week 8

Friday 16 September

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Week 10

Monday 26 September

Wednesday 28 September

Friday 30 September

SC Anniversary – school closed

School Board meeting, 6pm

Term 3 ends, 2.45pm

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

Sausage Sizzle: A reminder about the weekly Sausage Sizzle. Sausages are available for our children every Friday lunchtime at a cost of \$2 each. **Orders and payment are through the Kindo app.** Gluten free sausages are available for purchase for \$2.00. Please assist your children to ask for a gluten free sausage when they collect their cooked sausage.

Next meeting: Monday 1st August, 7pm in the staff room. All Welcome!

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

Fundraising Community Disco.

All primary aged children welcome.

Friday 12th August.

5.30pm-7.30pm.



ADVENTURE PLUS!

\$2 entry at Scout Den.

Chips, drinks, glow sticks for sale.

Cash only.

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Featuring

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