



# Geraldine Primary

*Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve*  
*Whāia e koe te iti Kahurangi*

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## Newsletter

**Week 5, Term 2**  
**3 June 2022**

**From the Principal...**

*Kia ora Whānau.*

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

We are now at the halfway point of the term. The last five weeks have certainly gone quickly! Classes have been involved in training for cross country and this week has seen the culmination of their efforts. With developments at the Domain ruling our normal venue out, most of our students did their final race around the block between one and three times. A group of Year 5 and 6 students ventured into Talbot Forest for some more challenging terrain on Wednesday. From this race, we will select a group of students who will represent the school at the South Canterbury Schools' Cross Country on June 14. I was impressed with the efforts of all our children who gave their best on either the block or forest run and the satisfaction gained from their achievements once it was all over.

Many thanks to everyone who took part in the recent Bible in Schools survey. We had 83 responses and just over a quarter of respondents indicated that they would send their children to the classes. Nearly two thirds indicated that they would not. The survey results and programme was discussed by the Board of Trustees at their meeting last week. Following on from the outcome of the consultation and discussion by the Board, it has been decided not to continue with the programme at GPS.

School photos will be taking place next Wednesday. If you would like to have a family photo taken of your children, please contact the office - phone: 693

8208 / email: office@geraldine.school.nz to let us know by 3pm, Tuesday 7 June. The family photos will take place between 8:30am and 9:00am, followed by class photos. A form will come home with your order code for you to order online.

As we move into the second half of the term, classes will soon commence a new theme of topic learning, broadly based around cultural awareness. In the last week of term, on the evening of Wednesday 6 July we will be having a celebration of Matariki in the school hall, which parents and whānau are most welcome to attend with their children. More details about this will follow closer to the date.

I wish all Geraldine Primary families a safe and enjoyable Queen's Birthday Weekend. A reminder that school is closed on Monday.

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

Andrew Leverton  
Principal / Tumuaiki

## **SCHOOL NOTICES**

### **School Photos - Wednesday 8 June, 2022**

This year photographs will be available for you to view and order online with Photo Life Studios.

Your son or daughter will shortly bring home an online slip with their unique Access Key detailed on it. This Access Key will display all the photographs of your child. It is then an easy process for you to shop on-line and purchase the photographs you want.

If you place your order within three weeks of receiving your Access Key you will receive free delivery for your photo orders. Photo Life has agreed to despatch all the orders back to the school and your child will bring their photographs home.

Any orders placed after this three-week period will be sent directly to your specified delivery address and will incur a \$6.00 Postage & Packing charge. You will see this message when you go Online to view and order your photographs.

## **Policy review**

Our policy review topics for this term are around the broad topics of Healthcare and Behaviour Management. Our policies can be accessed through the School Docs portal - <https://gps.schooldocs.co.nz> . Click on Current Review, read over the review instructions and then click in the review links for the individual policies.

## **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 me - [principal@geraldine.school.nz](mailto:principal@geraldine.school.nz) .

## **Gotcha Draw**

Congratulations to Lucy R12; Fletcher R12; Eva R12; Archie R11; Harley R11; Taylah R10, who all won a prize in the gotcha draw last week.

## **PB4L Certificates**

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

R1	Liam	R2	Kip	R3	Madelyn	R5	Ryleigh
R6	Isabelle	R7	Lewis	R8	Sophie	R9	Maya
R10	Taig	R11	Madison	R12	Violet	R13	Hosanna

The following students received an Aspire to Achieve / Desire to Learn certificate:

R1	Jane	R2	Shantelle	R3	Lily	R5	Molly P
R7	Lydia	R8	Akacia	R9	Austin	R10	Taylah
R11	Esther	R12	Reed	R13	Millie		

## **Term 2 Calendar**

### Week 6

Monday 6 June	Queens Birthday – school closed
Wednesday 8 June	School Photos
Thursday 9 June	Year 5 – Tekapo Trip
Friday 10 June	Year 6 – Tekapo Trip

### Week 7

Tuesday 14 June	South Canterbury Cross Country
Thursday 16 June	pp South Canterbury Cross Country

### Week 8

Thursday 23 June	School Closed – Staff Development Day
Friday 24 June	Matariki Public Holiday – school closed

### Week 9

Monday 27 June	Home and School Meeting, 7pm
Wednesday 29 June	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6pm

### Week 10

Wednesday 6 July	Matariki Festival (evening)
Friday 8 July	Term 2 ends

## **Term Dates 2022**

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

### **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 Home and School Committee had a great first meeting after the AGM with lots of new faces attending and many more showing interest. If you are keen to be a part of the committee or just help out when you can please get in contact.

**Sausage Sizzle and Roster:** Our weekly sausage sizzle has resumed To order for your child please download the Kindo app. Very easy to use and no more searching for coins every Friday morning.

### HELP NEEDED!!

To ensure our sausage sizzle can go ahead we desperately need volunteers. This involves either a morning shift (chopping onions and removing the amount of sausages ordered to defrost) only 10 mins or so. Or a cooking shift (2 people cooking sausages and serving to children) this is about an hour from 11.45 until 12.45.

If we have enough people on the roster this is only a once a term duty.

Please contact Jolie on 021 628 460 or [joliemockford@gmail.com](mailto:joliemockford@gmail.com) if you would like your name added to the roster or to find out more info.

**Next meeting:** Monday 27 June, 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](http://kidsalive.aimyplus.com) to register

The beginners classes for **Seido karate** will take place on each THURSDAY evening from 6-00pm until 7-00 pm throughout the month of May at the GERALDINE BOWLING CLUB rooms on Wright Street. We welcome all members of the community to come and try a martial art that develops fitness, confidence, coordination and self defence skills in a friendly, supportive and warm environment. Contact Giselle on 021 0228 7049 or Peter on 027 506 8135

# DITCHING THE BIRDS AND THE BEES

- Seminar for the Community: Parents, Caregivers and Whanau
- For adults raising and supporting kids aged 1 -12 years
- On shame-free, confident and safe conversations about sex and bodies.



**Date: Thursday 16 June 2022**

**Time: 7.00pm-9.00pm**

**Where: Geraldine Primary  
School Hall**

Cost: Tickets are free thanks to funding by Geraldine Benevolent Fund.

Please **book your seat** at Geraldine Primary Reception or by emailing [claireplaytherapy@yahoo.com](mailto:claireplaytherapy@yahoo.com)

This is **not** a puberty, contraception or safe sex workshop.

**It is** a seminar focussed on how removing shame can keep kids safe and providing skills to adults to make what can be awkward and tricky conversations, into confident, curious conversations. It also looks at some of the content being taught in the new curriculum.

Join Claire Millichamp, from Side by Side Therapy NZ, for a fun and informative session. This seminar will help you feel more confident to support your children experience healthy and safe relationships. It will also give you skills facilitate open and curious conversations about sex and bodies.

[www.sidebysidetherapy.co.nz](http://www.sidebysidetherapy.co.nz)



Fun/Play with your friends/festival /learn new skills/belong

# GIRLS RUGBY FESTIVAL



Lets  
**go**  
girls

PRE SEASON

**Tuesday 7 June**

VENUE: **Ashbury Park**

TIME: **4 to 5 PM**

Under 11 & 13 grades, join us as a team or come along individually and we will help you join a team!



U11 & U 13 GRADE  
**GIRLS RUGBY  
SEASON**

**Kick off 13 June for 8 weeks  
until 15 August.**

(Season kick off delayed due to Basketball also on Monday nights)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION: CONTACT CARO RHODES, CARO@SCRFU.CO.NZ**

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## WHAT'S GOING ON? Navigating the Adolescent Years

The adolescent years are an incredible time for change. So much is going on for our youth as they transition from children to adults. This session will outline the main changes that are physically happening in their brains and in their bodies. You will be amazed at what is going on, and it will make so much sense!

Understanding the changes, and how they affect our adolescents, will give you an increased ability to deal with the behaviour that results from them. Adolescence is an important time for increasing resilience, so this information will help you support them in this area too. You can take the information and immediately apply it to your world. Reports of 'you have changed our household' and 'I get it now' are very common feedbacks from those who attend this session.

Kathryn is a mother of two adolescents, with a Masters in Educational Psychology. Kathryn has been working around trauma-informed practice, and training national and international audiences for over twenty years; working with groups such as Police, Teachers, Parents, Social Workers, NZ Rugby and many more. She also has a TEDx talk online – "Neuroscience of Device Zombies"

Come along to this unique, local opportunity to hear what might be the most useful information of your life. Interested? Email Michelle Thew at [terito@pssc.co.nz](mailto:terito@pssc.co.nz) or phone 027 379 4842

 **the Y Investing in the Next Generation**

LEARN WHAT TO DO IN  
THAT MOMENT OF  
CONFLICT

REAL 'TAKE HOME'  
STRATEGIES

IDEAL FOR THOSE  
WITH AGES 10+

EASY TO UNDERSTAND  
EXAMPLES

**DATE: Mon. 13<sup>th</sup> June  
2022**

**TIME: 7- 8.30 pm**

Location: Craighead  
Auditorium, Wrights  
Avenue, Timaru

*"to encourage and support South  
Canterbury families to live without  
violence"*

Entry is free but a gold  
coin donation would be  
welcome!

**TE RITO**  
SOUTH CANTERBURY