



# Geraldine Primary

*Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve*

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## Newsletter

**Week 1, Term 1**

**4 February 2022**

**From the Principal...**

*Kia ora Whānau.*

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

Welcome back to the start of the 2022 school year! It was wonderful to see everyone again on Wednesday. I trust that our school whānau have had a restful and enjoyable summer break. My family spent time up in Marlborough, with lots of swims, relaxation and time to explore the Sounds. I even got back to the two teacher school where I started my principalship back in 2007 - a real trip down memory lane!

The first few days of school have gone well, with the children settling back into school routines quickly. I extend a special welcome to our 18 new students and their whānau. For most of them, this is their first connection with Geraldine Primary. I also welcome Miss Nerissa Murphy, who is teaching a Year 1 - 2 class in Room 7. Nerissa is a new graduate from the University of Canterbury and we are lucky to have her starting her teaching career with us at Geraldine Primary.

I understand that the Red level of the Covid Protection Framework brings additional challenges to some families, with a range of opinions and beliefs on what schools and the wider society are required to work through and implement. As always, we will keep you informed with any developments and changes that impact on us. The staff at GPS remain committed to providing a high quality, consistent education to our students, as we work within the parameters and requirements of the CPF.

A reminder that if parents are collecting children during the school day, or need to visit the office, please use the Wilson Street entrance and call in to the office first. Please wear a face mask in the office area. Mask wearing is strongly encouraged for parents if they need to be on school grounds at Red level, such as parents who need to settle their children and parents of children who have just started school. It has been wonderful to hear reports from staff of children's levels of independence as they prepare for the day ahead. I thank you for your support in this matter.

Schools are closed on Monday 7 February for the observance of Waitangi Day. I wish all of our school community a safe and enjoyable long weekend.

*Kia kaha, kia toa, kia manawanui – be strong, be bold, be steadfast.*

Andrew Leverton  
Principal | Tumuaki

## **School Notices**

### **New Children**

A special welcome to Hollie and William, R3; Ollie and Tyrone, R5; Esther and Amelia, R11; Lhiyhan, R10; Mahe and Josiah, R7; Domanic and Kyzah, R8; Isabel, Ryan and Leo, R9; Grayson, Isabelle, Matthew, and Makaylah who all started in R6. We hope you enjoy your time at Geraldine Primary School.

### **Term Dates 2022**

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

#### **Term 1**

Wednesday 2 February - Thursday 14 April

School closed: Waitangi Day obs - Monday 7 February

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