



Geraldine Primary

Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve
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Newsletter

Week 3, Term 4
4 November 2022

From the Principal...

Kia ora Whānau,

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

Our Melanoma Awareness Week Get Spotty non uniform day last Friday was a huge success, raising \$906 for Melanoma NZ. It was wonderful to see the efforts that the students went to with their clothing, but mostly for the overwhelming amount of support that was received. As we head into warmer months the key message remains the same when out in the sun - slip on a long sleeve shirt, slop on some sunscreen, slap on a hat, seek some shade and slide on some sunglasses.



This week our Year 6 students have been at Lindisfarne for their annual camp, the venue for many years, making it somewhat of a GPS tradition and one the students always look forward to. Our Year 5 classes head over to Raincliff, a



more recent venue, for a two-day camp next Wednesday. It's gratifying to see our students getting involved in a different learning environment and making the most of these opportunities. A big thank you to the staff involved for the additional mahi that is required to organise these camps and also to parents and whānau who attend. Without these combined efforts, camps and other out of school experiences would not be able to go ahead.

On Tuesday 22 November we will be holding an Open Morning for our school community which will run from 11:15 to 12 noon. This will be an opportunity for parents and whānau to visit classrooms to see learning in action. You may wish to spend time in your child(ren)'s room and get involved in their learning alongside them as well as visit other areas of the school. Closer to the time we will give you more details about what year groups are in which rooms and what areas of learning you may see in each room. Just after midday we will have a picnic, and families are most welcome to stay and have lunch with their children.

On this day, the afternoon programme will be amended to allow teachers to attend union meetings to discuss their collective agreements. Parents will be able to take / collect their children at the conclusion of the family picnic, if they wish. Several teachers as well as myself and our teacher aides will stay at school and an alternative programme will be arranged for the afternoon session. School will remain open for the afternoon and buses will depart at the same time.

Congratulations to three boys - Lance, Flynn and Tamatea who competed in the South Canterbury schools mountain biking event recently. They represented GPS extremely well on what seemed to be a challenging course. All placed in the top half of their races, with Lance finishing second. Well done to you all!

I wish our Kids Lit team (Tom, Holliey, Caitlin B and Kohej) all the best as they compete in the NZ Grand Final at the National Library in Wellington next weekend. This is a remarkable achievement to get this far and we look forward to sharing their results with you soon.

A reminder to our families that next Friday (11 November) is South Canterbury Anniversary Day and on Monday 14 November school will be closed for Teacher Only Day.

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

Andrew Leverton
Principal / Tumuaki

School Notices

Classes for 2023

We will soon begin the process of forming classes for 2023. If you have a New Entrant child who will start with us next year, or know of someone who this applies to, it is important that the office is informed as soon as possible and an enrolment form completed, if this hasn't been done already. This also applies to children in other year groups who will be attending GPS from 2023. Having an accurate understanding about new enrolments is important as it assists with the composition of classes.

As part of the class formation process, if parents have any factors that they would like senior staff to consider regarding their child(ren), please put these in writing to me by way of a letter or email – principal@geraldine.school.nz by **Tuesday 15 November** at the latest. Whilst we will take these factors into consideration, we are unable to guarantee each request. Please note that this is not an opportunity to request a particular teacher or be placed with particular friends. If you know now that your child is not going to be attending GPS in 2023 (other than Year 6's), please let me know in writing as soon as possible too.

Melanoma Awareness non uniform day

A huge Thank you to everyone who supported our Melanoma Awareness non uniform day last Friday. We raised a total of \$906 – a wonderful effort.

Athletics

Save the date 16 November. Postponement 23 November.
More information will be available soon.

School Disco - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Thursday 24th November 2022

Years 0-3 6.00 – 7.15pm

Years 4 -6 7.15 – 8.45pm

The disco will be supervised by staff. Parents need to drop their children off and pick them up again at the end of the sessions. For safety and organisation reasons can children please be dropped off and picked up from the school playground side of the hall. Please note this disco is for Geraldine Primary School children only.

Thank you to the Home and School for providing us with the money to purchase food, drink, prizes and decorations.

If the children would like to purchase a glow stick, they need to bring \$2 on the morning of the disco to the table we will have set up outside Room 9. They will then get a stamp on their hand which they will show to a staff member when they come to the disco in the evening and they will receive their glow stick.



New Students

A special welcome to Luciana and Fae who started in R6 recently. We hope you enjoy your time at Geraldine Primary.

PB4L Certificates

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

R1	Amelia	R2	Mason	R3	Braxton	R5	Molly W
R6	Arlo	R7	Noah	R8	Elise	R9	Austin
R10	Luken	R11	Evie	R12	Anaia	R13	Levi
R15	Paddy						

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

R1	Alex	R2	Rubie-Rose	R3	Miles	R5	Hollie
R6	Brianna	R7	Riley	R8	Nikau	R9	Austin
R10	Pippa	R11	Will	R12	Eric	R13	Ashton
R15	Mathew						

Gotcha Prizes

Congratulations to the following students who won a prize in the gotcha draw last week: Eoghan, R9; Nikau, R8; Krystal, R13; Macy, R2; Caleb, R15 and Cohen, R9.

Hand Foot and Mouth

We have been advised that there are some cases of Hand Foot and Mouth in the community. Early symptoms are flu like and a rash on the hands, and in the mouth. Children need to be kept at home until the blisters have dried. If

the blisters are able to be covered and the child is feeling well they may come to school.

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 .

Fuel for Schools Programme

We would like to take the time to mention those members of the community who have nominated our school for the Fuel for Schools Programme. This means that for each litre of fuel they purchase a percentage is allocated to our school. When the total contributions reach \$1,000 we are able to chose a reward for our school:

SR & LM Geary	HJB & SJ Sheed
K R Christie	Michael Holmes Holdings Ltd
Clay Downs Farming Company Limited	Silverdale Dairies Limited
Talbot Paterson Family Trust	Belrori Farm Ltd
M J & J N Denton	BC & TE Brown Limited
George Williams Contracting Limited	Beat Tech Limited
BJ & NC Lysaght	Geraldine Hire
Jamieson Transport Limited	Nelson Creek Limited
G B Hammond-Pleasant Valley Road	McArthur Park Ltd

Term 4 Calendar

Week 4

Wednesday 9 November -	
Thursday 10 November	Year 5 Camp
Friday 11 November	School closed – South Canterbury Anniversary

Week 5

Monday 14 November	School closed – Teacher Only Day
Wednesday 16 November	Athletic Sports (pp 23 November)

Week 6

Tuesday 22 November	SC Schools Relay competition
Thursday 24 November	School Disco
Friday 25 November	Science Roadshow Y5 & 6

Week 7

Friday 2 December	Breakfast BBQ before school
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Week 8

Tuesday 6 December SC Athletics (pp 8 December)
Junior games and picnic at the Domain
Wednesday 7 December School Board meeting, 6pm

Week 9

Monday 12 December Principal's Assembly, 9.15am
Tuesday 13 December Y6 Pool Party
Wednesday 14 December End of Year Assembly, 9.15am
Morning Tea for Y6 students and parents
Carols at the Domain, 11.15
Whānau Picnic at school, 12noon
Term 4 ends 2.45pm

Term dates 2023

Term 1

Monday 30 January - Thurs 6 April

School closed: Waitangi Day - Mon 6 Feb

During April term break: Good Friday - Friday 7 April
Easter Monday - Monday 10 April
Easter Tuesday - Tuesday 11 April

Term 2

Monday 24 April - Friday 30 June

School closed: Teacher Only Day - Monday 24 April
Anzac Day - Tuesday 25 April
King's Birthday - Monday 5 June

During July term break: Matariki - Friday 14 July

Term 3

Monday 17 July - Friday 22 September

During September term break:
South Canterbury Anniversary - Monday 25
September

Term 4

Monday 9 October - Friday 15 December

School closed: Labour Day - Monday 23 October
Teacher Only Day - Friday 17 November

Home & School

A busy couple of months are coming up for the Home and School Committee, volunteers are needed for all events so please let yourself be known if you can help in any small capacity.

Athletics Day sausage sizzle (Wednesday 16 Nov) - volunteers needed for sausage cooking/selling roster on athletics day.

Whanau Group Tea Towels are being sold again this year. Please look out for more information in the coming weeks on where to get your hands on these.

Cookie Time Christmas Cookies are being sold by the Home and School as a fundraiser this year. Your eldest child at school should have received the order form from school. How can you help us raise funds for our school? Sell, sell, sell.... cookies! If you have not received this from the depth of the school bag then please contact the School Office or your eldest child's teacher.

Second Hand Uniform: Donations of second-hand GPS uniform can be handed in to the school office. A stall will be at the Breakfast BBQ (Friday 2 Dec) for families wishing to purchase second hand uniforms for a donation, come have a cup of tea/coffee with us also.

FUNDRAISING!
IT'S CHRISTMAS COOKIES TIME!



MAKE CHRISTMAS MAGIC AND HELP US FUNDRAISE!

Cookie Time Christmas Cookies make any festive occasion a little more magical. And your purchase helps us out too!

- ✦ \$20 per 2L bucket, \$18 for Gluten Free
- ✦ Every bucket purchased contributes \$2.50 to our fundraising
- ✦ Plus, we'll be in the running for a \$1000 prize for the school or community group that sells the most buckets!

✦ THANK YOU

Geraldine Primary Home and School are selling the Christmas Cookies this year.

By now hopefully your child/children have brought home an order form from school... if not please ask for one at the school office or ask their teacher.

How can you help us raise funds for our school? Sell, sell, sell.... cookies!
 What a great Christmas gift for that hard to buy for person!

1. Please collect orders and payments from all your friends and family.
2. Submit your order form to the school office and make ONE collective payment per order form *either* with the correct cash or into the Home and School Account
01-0841-0034184-002 using your child's name as reference.
3. Cookies will be delivered to the School Hall from 5 December 2022
4. Deliver to your friends and family.

Community Notices



Before School and After School Programmes

Kia ora Geraldine Primary Whanau. Term 4 is now in full swing, this is just a quick reminder that Kids Alive is available if you need childcare before, after-school and/ or in the Christmas holidays.

The Before School Programme starts at 7.00 am till school starts, this is located in the school hall. The After School programme runs from 2.45 pm (we meet the children at school) till 5.30 pm at the Pavilion. Breakfast and afternoon tea is provided to all attending.

Our Christmas holiday program will be running from the 16th till the 23rd of December (Excluding weekends). We close over the Christmas break and will be starting up again on the 9th of January. Keep an eye on the website as bookings will be open soon.

For all of those that are interested in what we are all about, we will be having an open day in the coming weeks. More details to come shortly.

* WINZ subsidies may be available to some families, just ask before you book, and we will support you as best we can. *

For more information, please visit our website www.kidsalive.co.nz or contact Scotty Nelson on 027 2413226.

The Harcourts

GERALDINE FESTIVAL

10 - 13 NOVEMBER

Free Entry

KIDS
ENTERTAINMENT
SATURDAY
12TH NOVEMBER

LIVE
MUSIC
FRIDAY 11 NOV
SATURDAY 12 NOV
WITH OJ
THE DRAMA QUEENS
AND BIG PICNIC

MARKET AND
FOOD STALLS
FRI 11 &
SAT 12 NOV

OPEN GARDENS
11 - 13 NOV

ART EXHIBITION
10 - 13 NOV

DISPLAYS AND
MUCH MORE!

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TE AITARAKIHI NIGHT MARKET

Friday 18 November 2022
4:30pm to 8:30pm

Te Aitarakihi
Multicultural Centre
50 Bridge Road, Timaru

For stall holder information please contact
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021 083 99768
kairuruku@teaitarakihi.co.nz



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New focus on fitness, fun & technique with high quality coaching

"Join us on Friday 18th November to see what it's all about
and have some fun"

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