



# Geraldine Primary

*Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve*

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## Newsletter

**Week 1, Term 2**

**6 May 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 2! I hope all our school whānau have had a refreshing break. It was great to see the students again on Monday, ready for the term ahead. The staff and I are excited for the next nine weeks of Term 2, as we look forward to learning experiences and various events across the term.

In early April the Home and School committee assisted at the Beautiful Valley Trail Bike Ride. This is a longstanding and extremely worthwhile fundraiser for the Home and School and it was again a very successful event for the riders, organisers and GPS. Many thanks to everyone who helped out on the day and leading up to it. Special thanks to the landowners who allow us to use their farms / forest each year and also our local sponsors. Further details of this event have been listed in the Home and School section of this newsletter.

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. The review will be open all term. There is also a supplementary review of the Bible in Schools programme, which closes on Monday. Details have been emailed to all parents earlier this week.

Parents will have received an email on Wednesday about the Relationships and Sexuality Education programmes that will be starting to be taught at school soon. This is part of the NZ Curriculum, specifically the Health and Physical Education Curriculum. There can be a lot of misunderstanding about what is taught in this programme. Topics taught will be appropriate to a

child's age and we have provided parents with an overview of the themes covered in the email sent, which will provide more detail. It is anticipated that all tamariki will be part of the programme in their class, but if there is a specific theme that you do not wish your child to participate in, please let me know what aspect this is by email before 8:30am on Monday 9 May.

Finally, there are several ways you can get in touch with staff in the school and email is one of these ways. Please be aware that teachers are not able to respond to emails whilst they are teaching, but will be able to do so after school, or the next day. If an email is sent in the evening, this may not be able to be replied to until the following day, or after the weekend if sent on a Friday. In the office, staff will clear emails periodically during the day, alongside other requirements of their role. The end of the school day is normally a busy time in the office, so any email sent at this time may not be cleared until after school, or the next day. A phone call at this time of the day is generally better if you need to get a more timely message to your child. Thank you for your support in this matter.

I wish all GPS families a safe and enjoyable weekend.

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

Andrew Leverton  
*Principal / Tumuaki*

## School Notices

### New Students

A special welcome to Gabe, R5; Hayden, R12 and Caleb, Billy and Mason who all started in R6 recently. We hope you enjoy your time at GPS.

### 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).

## Term 2 Calendar

### Week 1

Sunday 8 May Mothers Day

### Week 2

Tuesday 10 May Junior Syndicate Autumn walk

### Week 3

Wednesday 18 May Y5/6 Ripa tournament Friday 20  
May Pink Shirt Day

### Week 4

Monday 23 May Home and School meeting, 7pm Wednesday  
25 May Board of Trustees Meeting, 6pm

### Week 6

Monday 6 June Queens Birthday – school closed

### 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 – school closed

### Week 9

Wednesday 29 June Board of Trustees Meeting, 6pm

### Week 10

Wednesday 6 July Matariki Festival  
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 Geraldine Primary Home and School are starting to gain momentum again, especially with the relaxing of Covid restrictions (sausage sizzles are coming back!!) and a very successful Trail Ride fundraiser in the last weekend of Term 1. Also in the last week of Term 1 we held our AGM. It was lovely to welcome some new members on both the committee and “friends” of the committee. If you would like to have your name added to either list (the friends don’t come to meetings but help out when able to for larger events) please email [gpshomeandschool@gmail.com](mailto:gpshomeandschool@gmail.com). Meetings are usually once a month on a Monday evening, 7pm in the staff room.

**AGM:** We held a successful AGM last term with some changes to our Office Bearer positions.

Kayla Jones takes over as President from Lou Ochsner. Lou will stay on as Vice President to help transition. Anna White takes over as Secretary from Jolie Mockford. Ange Milne remains as Treasurer. We said farewell to Helen England from the committee after 12 years. Helen has been instrumental in running our successful Dancing with the Stars events and her passion and drive will definitely be missed!

**Trail Ride:** This was held on Sunday 10th April.

We helped prepare tracks ahead of the event & provided logistical support for the marshals out on course - ferrying back broken-down bikes etc. We also provided the BBQ, feeding hungry riders throughout the day to a total of almost 200 burgers & 150 sausages! We had a good group of parent helpers as well as our Home and School committee members.

Special thanks to the farm & forestry owners: Hamish & Sue Sheed, Kris & Cathy Orange, Kim & Tracey Christie, Adam & Catherine Glass & their farm manager Kevin O'Reilly and Port Blakely Forestry.

We also had generous donations towards the BBQ lunch from Geraldine Butchery who supplied the burger patties, Barker's who provided sauces & Fonterra who loaned us their giant trailer-BBQ.

**Sausage Sizzle and Roster:** We have a green light!! Our weekly sausage sizzle will resume in Term 2 (exact start date TBC once roster is finalised).

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 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 7pm in the staff room. All Welcome!



### **Before School and After School @ Kids Alive**

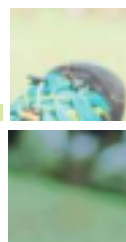
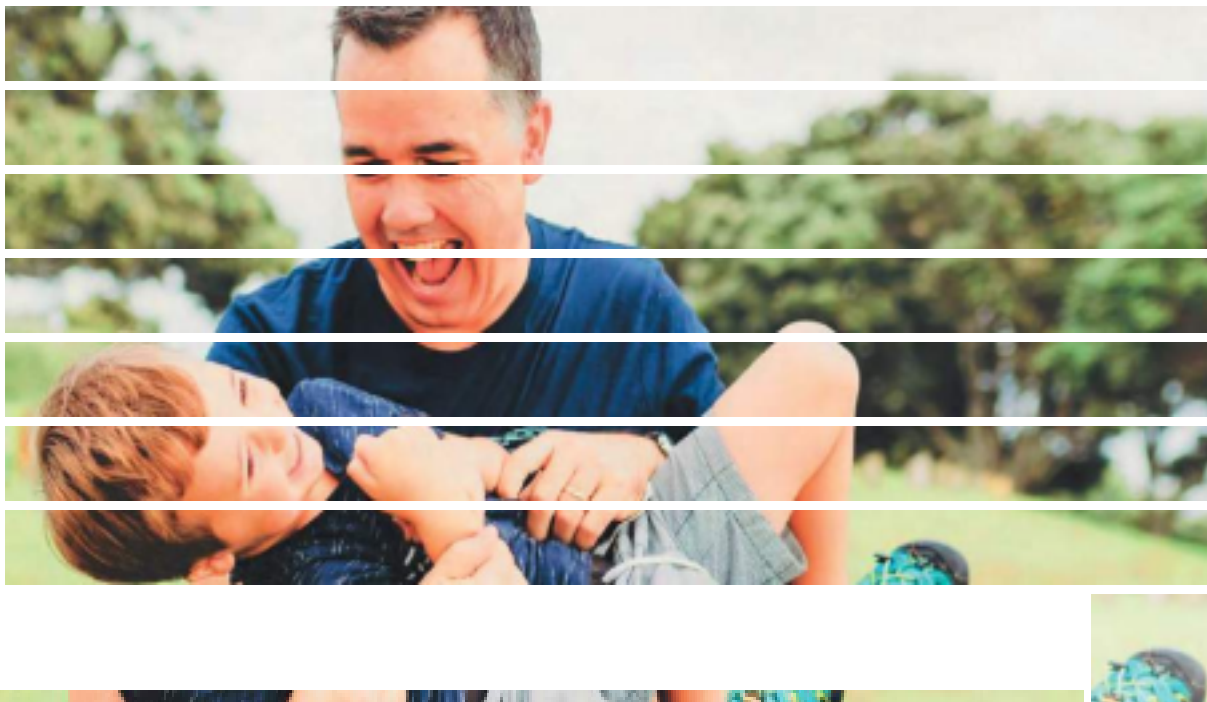
We are still operating under COVID Red Level with safety measures in place.

The programmes are:

Before School 7.15 am to 8.45 am

After School 2.45 pm to 5.30pm (Geraldine Primary School children are met at school and walked over to the Pavilion. Afternoon tea is provided. Children must bring their own drink bottles. Geraldine High School students walk over to the programme.

Due to the current restrictions we are unable to run an open afternoon for new parents but we are more than happy to have a chat and meet you on site to answer any queries otherwise please email [lorraine@kidsalive.co.nz](mailto:lorraine@kidsalive.co.nz) or ring/text 02703 8126 for more information or to arrange a time to meet



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