



# Geraldine Primary

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

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## Newsletter

Week 10, Term 1  
7 April 2022

**From the Principal...**

*Kia ora Whānau.*

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

It is now less than a week until the end of term. It has certainly been an interesting one, with many of our families dealing with the presence of Covid. The impacts have been noticeable at school too, with various levels of absences in classes and our ability to cover staff who are away being stretched. Hopefully next term there will be a return to some sort of normality. As we continue at the Red level, the current Covid protocols will remain in place until the end of this term. An assessment of where we are placed will be made towards the end of the term break and will be based on current information and recommendations at that time. Last week I emailed parents about changes to student year group interaction at break time, which came into effect last Thursday.

Each year we select up to four Year 6 students in each Whānau Group to be our Whānau Group Leaders. This is the fifth year we have done this, having started in 2018. Interested students have applied to be a Whānau Group Leader with the following being selected for 2022. Congratulations to all students who put their names forward for consideration.



Whero - Sam, Macaulay, Adele, Shantelle P  
Kakariki - Justina, Tyla, Charlotte, Alex  
Kahurangi - Macy, Finn, Amalie, Damon  
Kowhai - Myra, Eve, Ollie C, Paris

In late February I wrote about a vacancy on the School Board. The Board elected to fill this vacancy by selection. As there was no communication received from eligible voters by 25 March and the 10% threshold for a by-election wasn't reached, we can now announce that Alicia Pridham has been selected as a new Board member. Her term will run through until the triennial elections in September this year. Congratulations to Alicia - we look forward to having her on the Board.

This year is the School Board election year throughout the country. If you would like to know more about the workings of the Board, or attend a future meeting, please get in touch with: Justin O'Brien, Presiding Member (Chair) - 027 434 9272 / [jbobrien@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jbobrien@xtra.co.nz) and / or Andrew Leverton, Principal - 693 8208 / [principal@geraldine.school.nz](mailto:principal@geraldine.school.nz) .

The Home and school group have their AGM on Monday 11 April, 7pm in the staffroom. All new and existing members are most welcome to attend and learn more about the wonderful work does to support the school and our tamariki.

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) .

This will be the last scheduled newsletter for the term. The staff and I thank you for your support over the past term - it is much appreciated. I wish our school whānau all the best for the remainder of the term and a safe, enjoyable and refreshing term break.

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

Andrew Leverton  
Principal / Tumuaki

## School Notices

### Covid Protocols

- If someone becomes a confirmed COVID-19 case, then that case and all other people in their household must isolate for seven days.
- If **someone else** in the household then tests positive for COVID-19 during those seven days:
  - the isolation period for **that person only** re-sets – that person must isolate for an additional seven days from the day they test positive or symptoms begin
  - other household contacts who do not test positive are still able to leave isolation after the original case has completed their seven days isolation.
- For the **next 10 days** after a household completes seven days isolation, evidence shows that due to their exposure to COVID-19 they are less likely to catch or transmit the virus. This means:
  - if someone else in the household tests positive **within those 10 days**, the whole household will not have to re-isolate, only the positive case
  - if someone else in the household tests positive and it has been **more than 10 days** since the household completed isolation, household contacts **should re-isolate** along with the new case for seven days.
- Any person who has had COVID-19 within the last 90 days/three months **will not need to isolate** as a household contact unless they become symptomatic and test positive again. This is because reinfection rates for people who have had COVID-19 are low for the three months after they have the virus.

Remember, Day 0 for isolation is the day symptoms began or the day the positive test was taken (whichever came first). You should then count your seven days from there.

### New Students

A special welcome to Caty who started in Room 3 recently. We hope you enjoy your time at GPS.

### GOTCHA Draw

Congratulations to Eli, R7; Lottie C, R13; Violet, R12; Melody, R7; Alice, R2 and Damon, R1 who all won a prize in the recent Gotcha draw.

### **PB4L Certificates**

Well done to the following students who received a PB4L Certificate at the zoom assembly recently:

|     |          |     |        |     |          |     |         |
|-----|----------|-----|--------|-----|----------|-----|---------|
| R1  | Annie    | R2  | Shanae | R3  | Beau     | R5  | Bethany |
| R6  | Makaylah | R7  | James  | R8  | Felicity | R9  | Alexis  |
| R10 | Haries   | R11 | Jamie  | R12 | Lottie   | R13 | Maisie  |

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

|     |        |     |        |     |       |     |           |
|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|-------|-----|-----------|
| R1  | Damon  | R2  | Jayden | R3  | Asher | R5  | Archer    |
| R7  | Dante  | R8  | Nikau  | R9  | Liam  | R10 | Charlotte |
| R11 | Reuben | R12 | Nate   | R13 | Noah  |     |           |

### **Skool Loop app Sponsors**

We would like to thank the following businesses supporting Geraldine Primary school on our Skool Loop App:

- Fresh Choice
- Geraldine Pharmacy
- Hobbs & Banks Ltd
- Mackenzie Supply Services
- Quality Tyre & Auto Services
- Dowell's Office Products Depot
- Aorangi Veterinary Services
- Mayfield Transport
- Patterson Plumbing & Drainage
- Geraldine Signs
- Barkers Food store & Eatery
- Woodley's Transport & Contracting
- Geraldine LJ Hooker
- Qizzle
- Lynn River

### **Southfuels Fuel for Schools Programme**

Our school has been nominated by local businesses/farms that receive bulk fuel deliveries from Southfuels, meaning that for every 2 litres of bulk fuel they purchase 1 cent is donated to GPS.

We would like to take the time to mention who those members of the community that have nominated our school for this programme:

SR & LM Geary  
HJB & SJ Sheed  
K R Christie

Michael Holmes Holdings Ltd  
Clay Downs Farming Company Limited  
G B Hammond-Pleasant Valley Road  
Talbot Paterson Family Trust  
Belrori Farm Ltd  
M J & J N Denton  
BC & TE Brown Limited

## **Term 1 Calendar**

### Week 11

Monday 11 April

Thursday 14 April

Home and School AGM/meeting, 7pm

Term 1 ends 2.45pm

## **Term 2 Calendar**

### Week 1

Monday 2 May

Sunday 8 May

Term 2 commences 8.50am

Mothers Day

### Week 3

Friday 20 May

Pink Shirt Day

### Week 4

Wednesday 25 May

Board of Trustees Meeting, 6pm

### Week 6

Monday 6 June

Queens Birthday – school closed

### Week 7

Tuesday 14 June

Thursday 16 June

South Canterbury Cross Country

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### Week 8

Thursday 23 June

Friday 24 June

School Closed – Staff Development Day

Matariki – school closed

### Week 9

Wednesday 29 June

Board of Trustees Meeting, 6pm

### Week 10

Friday 8 July

Term 2 ends

## **Term Dates 2022**

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

## **Term 1**

Wednesday 2 February - Thursday 14 April

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

## **Home & School**

The Geraldine Primary Home and School have been a bit quiet lately due to Covid restrictions.

We do have our big Trail Ride fundraising event coming up though and any help would be appreciated.

We are also having our AGM soon and would love to see some new faces. Give as much or little time as you have to help raise funds for our school. Meetings are usually once a month on a Monday evening.

**Trail Ride:** Sunday 10th April.

A motorbike event held locally. All gate sales come to the school and it's been an amazing fundraiser for us in the past. The Home and School will be running a BBQ at the event and need some able volunteers to help.

Please email [gpschoolandhome@gmail.com](mailto:gpschoolandhome@gmail.com) if you are able to help or would like to know more details.

**Sausage Sizzle:** Still on hold due to Covid restrictions. We will assess over the next few months.

**Sausage Roster:** We are really hoping to get this up and running again when Covid restrictions are eased. It's a great service offered on a Friday lunchtime but we need parents and whanau to volunteer their time. If you would be willing to cook on a Friday lunchtime once a term we would love to hear from you so we can get cooking again as soon as we have the all clear.

Please contact [gpschoolandshome@gmail.com](mailto:gpschoolandshome@gmail.com) if you think you can help or to find out more info.

## Home and School Committee AGM

We would love to see some new faces join us. The Committee meets once a month on a Monday at 7pm in the Staffroom. Meetings are full of good humour but productive.

Our next meeting (AGM) is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in the Staffroom.

For more info please contact Jolie on 021 628 460,  
[gpschoolandshome@gmail.com](mailto:gpschoolandshome@gmail.com)



### **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



# Beautiful Valley Trailride

**SUNDAY 10 APRIL 2022**

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| <b><u>VENUE:</u></b>                       | <b>The Spurs, Beautiful Valley, Geraldine</b><br>(signposted from Geraldine/Fairlie Hwy, 15 minutes from Geraldine)         |
| <b><u>SIGN ON &amp; SCRUTINEERING:</u></b> | Sunday from 9.30am  |
| <b><u>COST</u></b>                         | \$60.00 Rider<br>\$90.00 Family<br>(parents & children 16 years & under)<br>Mini / Peewee Riders Free - Parents Supervision |
| <b><u>REQUIREMENTS:</u></b>                | Bikes & Riding Gears Must Be Clean<br>Boots, Helmet & Spark Arrestor Muffler (Compulsory)<br>No Dogs Please.                |

*To Assist in our Covid 19 Safety*

*Ensure you bring the correct entry fee, a pen and your vaccine pass  
Do not attend this trailride:*

- if you are feeling unwell, have a temperature and/or sore throat*
- have been on a commercial passenger flight in previous 6 weeks*
- work in a ducted airconditioned building*

**Stadium  
Finance**  
TALK TO THE GOOD SPORTS

**“ Proudly Supports The Safety Of This Event”**

- 5 HILL COUNTRY FARMS AND FORESTRY
- SUITABLE FOR TRAILBIKES & QUADBIKES
- CHILDRENS & NOVICE SHORTCUTS
- BBQ/REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
- KNOBBLY TYRES ESSENTIAL
- FUNDRAISING FOR GERALDINE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Enquires to Email**

EMAIL: [trailrides@xtra.co.nz](mailto:trailrides@xtra.co.nz) for event posters & cancellation notices  
[www.facebook.com/AdventureTrailridesEvents](https://www.facebook.com/AdventureTrailridesEvents)





# Name In Lights Drama Studio

Inspiring the next generation of creatives

**TERM TWO**

6 week Block

\$120.00 per person

Pleasant Valley Hall

Tuesdays 3rd May-7th June



**Tweens**

3.15pm-4.15pm 8-11years

**Teens**

4.15pm-5.15pm 12-15years

**Young Adults**

5.15pm-6.15pm 15-18years

Limited spots with only 12 spots per class! Don't miss out! Contact Iona and Register today!  
[youngsiona@gmail.com](mailto:youngsiona@gmail.com)

Name In Lights Drama Studio has been created by Iona Youngs who attended drama school at Unitec Institute of Technology gaining a degree in Performance and Screen Arts.

Since graduating she has worked in casting, production and with various production companies such as Netflix, TVNZ, Acorn, and the BBC.

Iona can't wait to pass on her knowledge and inspire the next generation of creatives.

# What's great about living in Geraldine area? And what would make it even better?

## We'd love to hear from you!

Geraldine's Community Board is developing a strategic plan to provide future direction of our area.

We want your ideas, values and experiences to inform this plan and our future together. Please tell us your ideas below, cut it out, and drop it in the collection box at these locations:

- ▶ Fresh Choice
- ▶ Geraldine Academy
- ▶ Geraldine Farmers Market
- ▶ Geraldine Resource Center
- ▶ Geraldine Village Inn
- ▶ Green Man Cafe
- ▶ Lynn River Lunchroom
- ▶ Mes Amis Orari
- ▶ Woodbury Store Cafe
- ▶ The Library

We look forward to hearing from you!

If you have any questions or would like to talk more about the proposed strategic plan, please email Denise Bijoux at [denise@catalyse.co.nz](mailto:denise@catalyse.co.nz) or call/text 021 2456898

1. What are some of the good things already happening here?



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2. What might make living here even better for you?

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3. Where do you live:  Geraldine  Orari  Peel Forest  Woodbury  Elsewhere

Want to be in the draw for 1 of 4 \$50 Pressie Cards?  
Leave your name, email & phone number:

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Have more to say?

Download a QR scanner from your App Store  
and scan the QR code to find out more:  
[www.surveymonkey.com/r/87B293D](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/87B293D)

Thanks so much for sharing your thoughts!





## Fun tech sessions @ the Library

Hey kids! The Library has lots of cool new STEM technology, including coding robots, Merge Cubes, and more!

Come along and have fun exploring these with us.

No booking required.

**Timaru Children's Library:**

Thursday 21st & Thursday 28th April

10am - 12pm & 2pm - 4pm

**Geraldine Library:**

Wednesday 27th April

10am - 12pm

**Temuka Library:**

Wednesday 27th April

2pm - 4pm



## GERALDINE GYMNASTICS



We run a GymFun program in Geraldine for primary aged children. Classes are run in the winter months, on a Thursday afternoon, at the Geraldine Primary School Community Hall. Our gymnasts are taught core gymnastics skills and work up routines to perform at the last session. We are currently taking registrations and looking for more volunteers to join our coaching team and committee.

Geraldine Gymnastics is affiliated with Gym Sports South Canterbury and are happy to provide coach training, including a 'have-a-go-coaching' session.

To register a gymnast or to enquire about volunteering please email [geraldinegymnastics@gmail.com](mailto:geraldinegymnastics@gmail.com)



# JUNIOR NETBALL REGISTRATION

## ANZ futureFERNs

## NNZ Year 3-6 Program

**Friday 18 March  
3pm-3.30pm**

Netball Courts, Geraldine Domain

**YOU CAN ALSO REGISTER ONLINE AT**  
[sporty.co.nz/viewform/189486](https://sporty.co.nz/viewform/189486)

MOTHER EARTH FUTURE FERNS  
NNZ Year 3-6 Program  
Friday afternoons  
FIRST GAME: Friday 6 May

FEES DUE:  
31 May 2022  
\$60.00 Year 3&4  
\$65.00 Year 5&6

Leander Patterson: 027 465 6240  
Rachael Sutherland: 027 634 2595

[geraldinenetball@gmail.com](mailto:geraldinenetball@gmail.com)

[sporty.co.nz/geraldinenc/home](https://sporty.co.nz/geraldinenc/home)

PLAYERS MUST BE REGISTERED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY



**Geraldine Netball Centre**



### **Junior hockey in Geraldine**

Skills, training and competition for beginners to developing players.  
One afternoon per week, beginning in term 2 at the Geraldine domain – new sports turf. Loan sticks available.

For more information, please contact Hils McCullough [nofrillshils@gmail.com](mailto:nofrillshils@gmail.com)

Or register here <https://forms.gle/YLGHwwEqH6TX73UW8>

# Registration Women's Social Netball 2022

Women's Social Netball starts Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May on the  
NEW MULTI-TURF at the Netball Courts in the Domain

New Players Welcome  
Team or Individual Entries  
Umpire Supplied

Registration forms available by:  
Emailing: [geraldinenetball@gmail.com](mailto:geraldinenetball@gmail.com)  
or by contacting Trudy Van Ryswyk  
027 330 9381

Due in by 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Follow us at Geraldine Netball Centre







# **Methven Scarecrow Trail**

**Saturday April 16 - Sunday May 1**

Awesome school holiday activity  
Only \$10 - cash only please  
Info & Maps available from the  
Methven ihub