



Geraldine Primary

Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve
Whāia e koe te iti kahurangi

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Newsletter

Week 7, Term 3
9 September 2022

From the Principal...

Kia ora Whānau,

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

Last week we held a Book Week at school and it certainly was an exciting time. For many, the highlight would have been the book character dress up day. It was great to see the effort that our tamariki went to for this event. Many thanks to their whānau for the support with costumes for this. Book prizes were provided by Property Brokers Geraldine, whose support we are grateful for. Many thanks to Gretchen and Anna for presenting these, who were ably assisted by their mascot Perty. Our



Home and School group ran a successful book sale too - many thanks to everyone who helped at this, or who donated or bought books! It is great to see these books being passed on to new homes to be enjoyed.



Earlier in book week our Whanau Groups came together to create another WG piece of artwork. In recent years we have made korowai cloaks and tukutuku panels, both of which are on display in the hall, WG pou (poles) which are in the middle of the school and Matariki stars, which are displayed in the admin area and library. The focus this time was on butterflies and we look forward to

displaying the finished creations soon.

This week classes started our new curriculum topic focus, which is based around Global Awareness. With a science focus, each syndicate will look at this topic from different perspectives and it will run through until the middle of Term 4. Our previous topic was Cultural Awareness where classes learnt about Matariki and aspects of Mori and European settlement and local history.

We will soon begin our planning for the 2023 school year. If you have, or know of any children who are going to enrol at Geraldine Primary during 2023, we ask that this is done as soon as possible. Enrolment packs are available from the school office and there is a note further into this newsletter about this and out of zone enrolments. If you have any queries about enrolment at GPS, or transition to school, please do get in touch.

I wish all of our GPS whānau a safe and enjoyable weekend.

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

Andrew Leverton
Principal / Tumuaki

School Notices

Enrolments for 2022

We are accepting applications from parents / caregivers who wish to enrol their child in 2023. Enrolment packs are available from the school office. As well as in-zone places, a limited number of out of zone places will be available. An enrolment scheme or zone is in place and details of this can be obtained from the school office.

The deadline for out of zone applications for 2023 is 3pm, Friday 15 October.

Application forms for out of zone enrolments are available from the school office - phone 693 8208, or by email - office@geraldine.school.nz .

Parents / caregivers of children living within our enrolment zone who intend to enrol their child at Geraldine Primary School during 2023, should also notify the school office by Friday 15 October.

We invite parents to contact the office if they wish to learn more about our school and arrange a tour.

Policy review

Each term we review certain policies on a three - year cycle. Parents are invited to be part of the review process. The policies that are for review this term are student and staff wellbeing and safety. Instructions for how to take part in the review are found on our webpage - <https://geraldine.school.nz/school-info/36-school-policies>. The review period remains open until the end of term.

PB4L Certificates

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

R1	Jade	R2	Shantelle	R3	Shelby	R5	Thea
R6	Siya	R7	James	R8	Judah	R9	George
R10	Taig	R11	Ruby	R12	Eva	R13	Maeve
R15	Xavier						

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

R1	Tyla	R2	Finn	R3	Caitlyn	R5	Camilo
R7	Dahlia	R8	Roman	R9	Ryan	R10	Isla
R11	Flynn	R12	Zac	R13	Henry	R15	Jaden

Gotcha Prizes

Congratulations to the following students who won a prize in the gotcha draw last week: William, R3; William, R13; Millie, R13; Adele, R1; Tate, R10; Isla, R10

New Students

A special welcome to Levi who started in R13 and Arlo who started in R6 recently. We hope you enjoy your time at Geraldine Primary.

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 .

Rakaia Lily and Freesia Bulbs

The Geraldine Children Social Work Trust are selling packets of four lily bulbs for \$11.00 and packets of 20 freesia bulbs for \$6.00. Please check out the Geraldine Primary School Website under newsletters for pictures and the order form. All profits from this fundraiser will go to the Geraldine Children Social Work Trust.

Rotary Vegetable Garden Competition

The Rotary Club of Temuka-Geraldine is once again running the student Vegetable Garden competition for students aged 7-11. Students are given seed potatoes and pea, carrot, radish, lettuce and beetroot seeds to grow in their own garden at home. Parent permission must be granted beforehand and it is expected that parents will assist the children with the project.

If you wish to participate in this competition please collect a form from the school office. Completed forms must be returned to the office by 16 September so seeds can be handed out before the end of term.

Term 3 Calendar

Week 8

Friday 16 September Tangaroa Ski Trip

Week 9

Wednesday 21 September Coffee Morning 9-10am GPS Staffroom
Friday 23 September Non Uniform Day, Gold Coin donation for
Geraldine Children Social Worker Trust

Week 10

Monday 26 September SC Anniversary – school closed
Wednesday 28 September School Board meeting, 6pm
Friday 30 September Term 3 ends, 2.45pm

Term 4 Calendar

Week 1

Monday 17 October Term 4 commences

Week 2

Monday 24 October Labour Day – school closed

Wednesday 26 October SC Mountain biking
School Board meeting, 6pm

Week 3

Tuesday 1 November –
Friday 4 November Year 6 Camp

Week 4

Wednesday 9 November

Thursday 10 November Year 5 Camp

Friday 11 November School closed – Teacher Only Day

Week 5

Wednesday 16 November Athletic Sports (pp 23 November)

Term Dates 2022

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

Term 4

Monday 17 October - Wednesday 14 December

School closed: Labour Day - Monday 24 October
Staff Development Day – Friday 11 November

Community Notices

A coffee date for your diary...

Wednesday 21 September @ Geraldine Primary School
(the staffroom) from 9 till 10am

The wonderful **Katie Ackroyd**, Practice Nurse from Four Peaks health will be here to talk about 'SLEEP'...

- How much sleep do kids need?
- Positive bedtime routines
- Trouble shooting bedtimes

Among other things.

Take this opportunity to find out more about how to make this often 'challenging time' less of one!





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 to register



ENROLLED.

Following on from our Open Day for interested families from our feeder schools, we would like to invite you to consider Geraldine High School for next year.

We are currently receiving enrolments and encourage you to enrol now so that we can ensure we are planned for the start of 2023.

We do have out-of-zone places available for anyone outside our zone and can discuss transport options if needed.

Please contact us in the school office to arrange a tour, meeting, enrolment form or further information so that your child can have access to a high quality education at Geraldine High School next year.

I look forward to showing you around our beautiful school in the coming weeks.

Regards
Simon Coleman | Principal



Geraldine High School

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Enquire today for Out of Zone Spaces

Free webinar series

What's Going On for My Child or Teen?



Do you want to help your child or teen who may be exhibiting challenging behaviours or experiencing distress?

Join us for this series of free webinars, presented by expert facilitators to learn strategies to support your child or teen. Parents, caregivers, teachers, and those working with children can gain the confidence and tools to address a range of issues that may affect children and teens.

Attend the entire series or choose which webinars you'd like to attend.

- 1 The Importance of Self-Care and Self-Regulation**
Wednesday 19 October, 7.00pm – 8.30pm
Gain an understanding of the importance of looking after yourself first, and learn tips and tools for self-care. Facilitated by Mel Johns.
- 2 Strategies for Challenging Behaviour**
Tuesday 25 October, 7.00pm – 8.30pm
Explore what might drive challenging behaviour, and develop strategies that can be used when this behaviour arises. Facilitated by Catherine Gallagher.
- 3 Anxiety in Children and Teens**
Tuesday 1 November, 7.00pm – 8.30pm
Develop your knowledge and understanding of anxiety in children and learn ways you can support them. Facilitated by Catherine Gallagher.
- 4 School Avoidance**
Tuesday 8 November, 7.00pm – 8.30pm
Explore the issue of children avoiding school, discover how this is often linked to anxiety, and gain tools to address school avoidance. Facilitated by Catherine Gallagher. *(It is highly recommended that you also attend the session on anxiety as this is often a key driver of school avoidance).*
- 5 Supporting Children and Teens Through Big Emotions**
Wednesday 16 November, 7.00pm – 8.30pm
Gain an understanding of how you can support your child or teen who may be experiencing intense feelings. Facilitated by Sarah Drummond.
- 6 The Importance of Healthy Sleep Habits**
Wednesday 23 November, 7.00pm – 8.30pm
Explore the importance of sleep habits and learn ways to establish healthy routines. Facilitated by Ruth Troughton.
- 7 Supporting Children and Teens in a Digital World**
Wednesday 30 November, 7.00pm – 8.30pm
Consider the effects on children and teens living in a digital world and explore tools and strategies which can be used to have discussions about wellbeing and safety online. Facilitated by NetSafe.

Register at mherc.org.nz

For more information contact education@mherc.org.nz or 0800 424 399

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Mental Health Education & Resource Centre



Geraldine High School



CULTURED.

Now looking for host families
for international students.

Short & Long Stay.

Contact us today!

93 McKenzie St, Geraldine 03 693 0017 international@geraldinehs.school.nz



**Rhona Day Kindergarten
Presents**



Geraldine Theatre

Sunday 2nd October 2022

10:30am

For tickets contact

Rhona Day Kindergarten or Committee Members 6880850

Proceeds will go towards new outdoor play equipment.

\$1 raffle tickets available on the day and spot prizes

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