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Newsletter

Week 9, Term 3
Thursday 19 September 2019

From the Principal...

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

We are fast approaching the end of term. This term, like most others has certainly gone quickly and it doesn't seem that long ago that we started back in July. I would like to thank the staff for their tireless efforts over the past nine weeks and the way they all go the extra mile for our students, to effect learning and to provide the necessary support for the students, as well as each other. To our parents and whanau, thank you for your support of the education of your children and the activities of the school. There have been various trips that have required parental assistance over the term and we know that these don't occur without this involvement.

You may have read in the Timaru Herald on Monday about the current **shortage of day to day relief staff** in South Canterbury schools. This is something that we regularly experience and it can take significant effort to obtain a reliever for a day, especially to cover staff sickness that is notified early in the morning. It is common for relieving teachers to be appointed to part time, fixed term positions, take over full classes of new entrants or fill in for teachers who have left a school or who are on leave as the year progresses. From time to time, we have to split a class across the rest of the syndicate. If your child comes home and mentions that they spent the day in another room, reliever shortage is most likely the reason why!

I would like to wish our kapa haka group all the best for their participation in the **Flava Festival**, which is held in Timaru on Friday. This will be the culmination of months of practise and they will no doubt be looking forward to performing on stage, as well as feeling a bit nervous! I congratulate the group for their work and would like to acknowledge the staff who have stepped up to ensure the continuation of kapa haka when we weren't able to find a tutor.

Many thanks to everyone who attended a **3 Way Conference** with their child last week. It's important that children are part of the learning conversation and that they see their parent(s) and teacher(s) discussing their learning with them.

Next Thursday we will be having a **Whanau Group colours dress up day**: Whero - red, Kowhai - yellow, Kahurangi - blue, Kakariki - green. If parents of new students are unsure what Whanau Group their child is in, please contact their teacher. This is a gold coin donation day for the Geraldine Children's Social Work Trust, which does amazing work with our children, youth and their families.

On the last afternoon of term (Friday 27 September) the senior syndicate will be hosting a celebration of their learning (**open assembly**), starting at 1.30pm. All parents and whanau are most welcome to join us at this assembly, to end the term together.

Finally, a reminder that next Monday (23 September) is **South Canterbury Anniversary Day** and school will be closed. I wish all GPS families a safe and enjoyable long weekend.

Until next time,

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

Andrew Leverton
Principal | Tumuaki

School notices:

Teacher Only Day - 29 October 2019

One of the outcomes of the recent settlement of the teachers' collective agreement with the Ministry of Education was the allocation of Teacher Only Days over the next three years. Eight TODs are allowed for under the new agreement and it is anticipated that schools will use this entitlement to address workload issues. The first of our TODs has been scheduled for Tuesday 29 October, which is the day after Labour Day. School will be closed for instruction on this day.

New Student

A special welcome to Troy who started in R5 recently. We hope you enjoy your time at Geraldine Primary School.

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following students who received a prize in the Gotcha draw at assembly on 12 September : Dylan, R4; Hamish, R2; Logan G, R15; Mason, R11; Neve, R6; Eily, R4

PB4L Certificates

Well done to the children who received PB4L Certificates at Assembly recently:

R1	Eligh Worner	R2	Maddi Cowan-Kitto	R3	Alex Sherriff
R4	Ryan Mockford	R5	Kingsley Wells	R6	Ashton Siepkes
R7	Lauren Price	R8	Kaydynce Hewitt	R9	Zac Wilson
R10	Grace Worner	R11	Justina Courage	R12	Liam Campbell
R14	Kingsley Wells	R15	Kase Oschner	R17	Elin Beertsen

80 Gotcha's

Well done to the following students who received a certificate for 80 Gotcha's:

Jade Patrick, R12; Ollie Barnett, R11; Wilbur Talbot, R10; Sophia McDonald, R17; Thomas Anderson, R5; Georaeah Edmonds-Cooper, R4; Pippa Geary, R2; Jorja Macale, R2.

100 Gotcha's

Great work to the following who received a certificate for 100 Gotcha's.
Macy Oliver, R12; Jorja Macale, R4.

Enviro Awards

Power – R7

Rubbish – R6

Best Class- R17

Online Payments

For those who wish to pay school donations and activity fees online, our account number is: ANZ 01-0841-0024832-10

Bus Students

Once the transfer buses have left GPS at the end of the day, students can not be removed from the bus at GHS. We ask for parental co-operation in this matter. A roll is done when children get on the transfer buses at the Primary School and once they have been checked off, need to remain on the bus.

Community Dental Service

The Community Dental Service will be providing dental care for pre-schoolers and primary school children enrolled with our service over the school holiday period.

The selected clinics (see insert for newsletter below) will offer treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only.

To make an appointment families can contact our Call Centre which operates between the hours of 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday throughout the year.

Calendar - Term 3

Week 9

Friday 20 September

Flava Festival - kapa haka

Week 10

Monday 23 September

South Canterbury Anniversary Day - school closed

Wednesday 25 September

Board of Trustees meeting 6pm

Friday 27 September

Open Assembly - 1.30pm, hosted by the senior syndicate

Term 4

Week 1

Monday 14 October

Term commences - 8.50am

Saturday 19 October

Car Boot Sale

Week 2

Wednesday 23 October

Board of Trustees meeting - 6pm

Friday 25 October

Pet Day - Woodbury

Week 3

Monday 28 October

Labour Day - school closed

Tuesday 29 October

Teacher Only Day - school closed

Postponement - Pet Day

Thursday 31 October

South Canterbury Primary Schools' Mountain Biking

Week 4

Monday 4 November Home and School meeting - 7pm

Week 6

Thursday 21 November School Athletics Day - Domain

Week 7

Monday 25 November Athletics postponement

Week 8

Tuesday 3 December South Canterbury Athletics

Wednesday 4 December Board of Trustees meeting - 6pm

Week 9

Friday 13 December Year 6 pool party & BBQ

Week 10

Tuesday 17 December Last day for children
Carols on the Village Green (time tbc)
Final Assembly (time tbc)

2019 Term Dates

Term 3 22 July – 27 September

Term 4 14 October – 17 December

Labour Day Monday 28 October (school closed)

Teacher Only Day Tuesday 29 October (school closed)

Home & School

We are fortunate to have a supportive community to assist GPS in many different ways. If you would like to become involved with the school support network, there are many different ways and levels of involvement. You can find out about Home and School events on our Facebook page, just search for: Geraldine Primary Home&School Committee

Road Patrol: We are desperately looking for some more volunteers to help supervise the road crossing in the morning. Please call/text Fe Wilcox on 0276436719 to be added to the messenger group. Even if you can only help one or two times a term we would love to hear from you!



Car Boot Sale at Geraldine Primary School 19th October. All funds raised go towards the Social Workers Trust

Second Hand Uniform: Any donations of second hand GPS uniform can be handed in to the School Office.

Sausage Sizzle Info: Sausages are available for our children every Friday lunchtime. Orders are taken on Friday mornings prior to school starting 0820 – 0850 on the hall veranda. Sausages cost \$2.00 each. Payment is by cash (correct amount please) or by purchasing a card for 10 sausages (\$20.00) from the Office. Gluten free sausages are available for purchase for \$2.00. Please assist your children to ask for a gluten free sausage when they place their order, **and** when they collect their cooked sausage. Gluten free sausages will be served in a serviette.

Next Meeting: Mon 4th November, 7pm, School Staffroom, new members welcome.

Community Notices



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HAVE A GO

FUN DAY

28th September
11am - 1pm

FREE EVENT & BBQ

Fun Tennis Games & Drills
Bring Your Friends & Racquet!
Have Some Tennis Fun!
At the Trust Aoraki Tennis Centre

Pre-Register Online!
Go in the draw to win awesome prizes!
Registrations not essential but if you pre-register your attendance by Tuesday 24th September 2019 you can go in the draw to win an awesome tennis prize!

Register by 24th September Online
www.tennissouthcanterbury.co.nz



**TREAT YOURSELF TO
A DAY OF INDULGENCE**

**THURSDAY
7TH NOVEMBER
9:30AM - 4:00PM**
ADULTS \$20 KIDS UNDER 15 FREE

Beautiful Garden Setting & Scenery
200 Stalls
Relaxed, Friendly Atmosphere

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS
Fill your car with your friends and enjoy the trip to
Stover Farm, 220 Main North Road, SH79, Geraldine

 **Geraldine
Summer
FÊTE**

www.geraldinesummerfete.co.nz

2019/20 Entertainment Books available from the GPS Office for \$70.

Saturday 9th November 2019 Orari Gorge Station

Trail running, mountain biking, walking – 9 events to choose from!
Go to woodburyhillcountrychallenge.co.nz to register
Any locals wanting to volunteer as marshals please email alex@orarigorge.co.nz



Swim Squad

Our club's swimming season commences with registration at the Geraldine Pool when it opens in early November. There is preseason training available at C-Bay starting in September. We are a friendly group of swimmers, coaches and supporters. We welcome early enquiries about joining our club and prerequisite skills that are required.

Learn to Swim

We will endeavour to provide 'learn to swim' lessons again this coming season in 2 Blocks; Tuesday/Thursday afternoons later in Term 4 and Term 1 2020. If you are interested in helping to provide this valuable skill to children in our community please contact us about supporting options.

Club Secretary - Dallas Rae secretarygasc@gmail.com
Facebook - Geraldine Amateur Swimming Club (PM available)

Geraldine Athletics Club



Calling all Athletes! The new season is here!

Athletics training is a fun way to maintain fitness for winter sporting codes.

2019/20 season will begin on 16th October.
Training is held Wednesday nights from 5.45pm at the Geraldine Domain on Hislop St.
Athletes welcome to register from age 6yrs (as at 31st Dec 19)

'Have A Go' Night & Picnic - 16th Oct

Our first night, 16th Oct, will be a fun night to have a go at the different disciplines on offer. Bring a picnic & join us from 5.30pm.

Have you thought about Coaching?

We are always on the lookout for new coaching team members to support our Athletes. If you would like to join the team please contact the Club Secretary Lou Ochsner on 021 279 7566

For more information on our Club visit:

W: <http://www.sporty.co.nz/geraldineathletics>
F: <https://www.facebook.com/geraldineathletics>

South Canterbury Amateur Athletics Club



Facilitator Training

Thursday 10th October 3-6pm

Robert Parry Room, All Weather Track Aorangi Park

(Come to the gate at the back of the grandstand, Bowling Green end)

The Run Jump Throw (RJT) programme is endorsed by Athletics NZ. Run Jump Throw is all about developing fundamental skills in a fun, inclusive way that encourages Kiwi kids to participate in athletics.

Designed for 6-10 year olds, Run Jump Throw allows athletics clubs and schools to easily teach the foundation skills of athletics in a positive, supportive environment, where participants learn and are challenged at their own pace. The programme uses modified equipment and games to help maximise participation and enjoyment.

The training will include some basic theory and coaching tips, followed by practice using the equipment and your imagination to plan and run the RJT sessions.

Facilitator training....

- Suitable for **parents, teachers, previous athletes, and senior high school students.**
- No previous coaching experience is required.
- The Club will provide ongoing mentoring and support.

The training is **FREE** but we ask that in return, you put your new skills in to practice and assist the Club on some Wednesdays (5.30 – 6.30pm) to implement the programme. A roster will be developed where you will be able to specify your availability.

To register for the facilitator training please provide your name, and best contact number to scathleticsclub@gmail.com.

<http://kidsathletics.nz/run-jump-throw/>

**Junior Softball and T-ball Have a go/sign up for U7, U9, U 11, U 13 ages
Thursday 26th September 3:30 -5:00 pm**

Bring your friends. Teams are mixed ie boys & girls combined

Geraldine Domain Football Grounds.

Games will be SBA Timaru on Friday afternoons, starting term 4.

Secondary school age and adults competitive & slowpitch (social) teams also available (play different evenings)

Queries or can't make it on the day please contact Bridget 02040724604

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
KIDS DAY**

**Tuesday 8 October - 9am to 3pm
(6-9 year olds)**

**Wednesday 9 October – 9am to 3pm
(10-12 year olds)**

This special is for kids who would love to have their own horse or would like to learn more about horses.

**The day will include
caring, grooming, saddling, a riding lesson, a trek and lunch.**

No riding experience necessary.

\$120 per child (includes lunch & snacks)

Phone or email now to book your spot - limited places available.

contact@peelforesthorsetrekking.co.nz or phone 0800 022536

The Geraldine Primary School Board of Trustees is raising funds to build a new Board-owned classroom at Geraldine Primary, replacing the existing Room 13. Because the classroom will be owned by the Board, Ministry of Education funding cannot be used for this project, and we need to raise approximately \$150,000 to supplement the funding we have put aside from our own reserves for the project.

Having an extra classroom allows the Board to keep class sizes smaller than the Ministry provision, ensuring Geraldine Primary School is able to provide students with quality educational opportunities in a fit for purpose environment. A high standard of schooling in Geraldine is vital to the town's potential to attract young families to the district, ensuring its continued growth and development for the benefit of all.

This new classroom would enable the school to suspend the use of the room at the rear of the school hall as a classroom, freeing up the space for additional opportunities such as music lessons from itinerant teachers, or targeted sessions for groups of students. It would also make it easier for a wider range of groups to access and use the school hall at all times of the day, without concerns around disturbing children's learning or the security of property.

The new classroom will be built in conjunction with a Ministry-funded upgrade to Room 10 in 2019. We are seeking donations now from the school whanau, local businesses and wider community, and hope your business will consider being part of this important new chapter in Geraldine Primary School's history.

Should they wish, donors will be recognized for the following levels:

Bronze: \$250 - \$499

Silver: \$500 - \$1,999

Gold: \$2,000 - \$4,999 Platinum: \$5,000+



Many thanks for considering a gift to our School,
 Geraldine Primary School Board of Trustees

Donations for a new classroom at Geraldine Primary School

Donation amount:

- ☐ \$100
☐ \$250
☐ \$500
☐ \$1000
☐ \$ _____

Internet Banking:

Bank: ANZ

Account name: Geraldine Primary School Board of Trustees

Account number: 01-0841-0024832-46

Please use surname and Room 13 as a reference

*Any donation is gratefully received. Remember donations over \$5 are tax deductible.
 Donations of \$250 and over will be publically recognized, should you wish.*

Name of donor : _____

☐ I wish my donation to be anonymous

☐ I require a receipt

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