



Geraldine Primary

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

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Newsletter

Week 6 Term 2

2 June 2023

From the Acting Principal...

Kia ora Whānau

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

What a great week we have had with the Cross Country and Wacky Hair Day.

This year we held our Cross Country around the local river tracks and it was a resounding success. The students loved the opportunity to run through the river and scramble up banks. A big thank you to all involved, especially the staff that have been working on the logistics of this for a while. We also had a fabulous bunch of Year 10 students from the High School helping us, well done to them and thank you for the support you gave to all the students and staff.

Year 5 and 6 students that performed well will have the opportunity to go to the South Canterbury Cross Country held at Waihi School. More information about this will be sent to families of students involved.





Yesterday union members met to discuss the new offer from the Ministry of Education. They now have up until Tuesday afternoon to vote on if they wish to accept this offer. If the offer is not accepted there is a possibility of a future strike. I will keep you updated on the outcome of the voting.

Today was Wacky Hair day. The proceeds of this go towards the Geraldine Children Social Workers Trust. This trust helps fund Deana, our Family Support person, to work in Early Childhood Centres and Primary schools in our district.



A reminder that if your child has just started at Geraldine this term they will not get a written report but you are welcome to contact your child's teacher to discuss their learning. Reports will be available in the last week of the term.

Edge Portal or App

We are moving towards reports being uploaded to a portal or app. You will find the instructions for signing into this below. On the Portal/App you will be able to see your child's attendance, a digital copy of their reports, and your school account. You will be able to view your contact details, you can then let the office know if they are not correct. You can also use the App to notify absences if you wish. We will eventually be able to send out notifications via this as well. This term you will get a paper copy of your child's report and be able to access it digitally.

Attendance

A big thank you to all those parents who are continuing to let us know why their child is absent. This makes our reporting to the Ministry much easier. If your child is feeling anxious about coming to school, please chat to your child's teacher in the first instance or see Deana or myself if you need any extra support.

Have a lovely King's birthday weekend and safe travels to all those that are on the road.

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

Jo Drake
Acting Principal | Tumuaki

We are moving towards our reports going out on our edge Portal and App

How do I log into the edge Portal?

1. Click on the following link [Edge Caregiver Login](#)
2. Type in the email address you have supplied to the school. Click the 'Reset password' link and an email will be sent to you that includes a link allowing you to create your own password.
3. Use email address and new password to enter Portal



How do I log into the edge Mobile App?

1. Downloaded from either Play Store (Android) or App Store (iOS). Search for MUSAC edge.
2. Once installed, make up a 4 digit pin.
3. Type in the email address you have supplied to the school. Click the 'Reset password' link and an email will be sent to you that includes a link allowing you to create your own password.
4. Use email address and new password to enter the edge Mobile App.

Once you have entered the Portal or App you should be able to see your child's:

- Contact details
- Attendance
- Student reports (only the end of 2022 will be published at this stage, this terms report will be published at the end of Term 2)
- School payments (there is only one bill payer loaded per family if you wish to add more please contact Sarah at the office)

(If you have more than one child you will get the opportunity to select each one individually)

You will also be able to:

- Notify School of Attendance if you wish to do it this way

If you have any problems with getting this to work, do not panic over the long weekend. Feel free to pop in and see Mrs Drake and she can help you work through it before the terms reports go out.

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

School Notices

Teacher Only Day

On **Thursday 29 June** Geraldine Primary School staff will be joining with other staff from schools in the district for a Teacher Only Day based around Structured Literacy. While we know the timing of this day is not ideal, it has

been based around the facilitators availability. School will be closed for instruction on this day. **Please note this was in the last newsletter as 9 June under week 10. This was incorrect.**

Attendance

You may have seen in the news lately that there is a national push to increase students' attendance in schools. As data is collected by the Ministry of Education on a weekly basis it is important for us to know the 'why' of a student's non attendance. If you are emailing, ringing or leaving a message about why your child is not coming to school on any particular day, please help us out by leaving a reason for their absence.

Welcome

Welcome to Moosa, R9 and Ayla, R6. We hope you enjoy your time at Geraldine Primary School

Te Reo Kupu Te Wiki

We are all back to learning Level 1 Te Reo as a whole kura. (school)
Below are the kupu (words) we have been learning for the last two weeks.
Feel free to have a go as a whānau (family)

<p>Haere rā Good bye (to someone leaving)</p>	<p>Haere rā e hoa Good bye friend (they are leaving)</p>	<p>Me he tē Like a boss!</p>
<p>E noho rā Good bye (to someone staying)</p>	<p>E noho rā a te whānau Good bye family (they are staying)</p>	<p>Awaiā! Wowzers!</p>
<p>Ingoa Name</p>	<p>Ko wai tō ingoa What is your name?</p>	<p>Kei konā katoa au Complete and utter support</p>

PB4L Certificates

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

R1 Kaydynce

R2 Shelby

R3 Ruby

R4	Liam	R6	Amelia	R7	Thomas
R8	Eli	R9	Theo	R10	William
R11	Hazel B	R13	Gunnar		

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

R1	Lily	R2	Kohei	R3	Isla
R4	Lhiyhan	R7	Anaia	R8	Alexis
R9	Jamie	R10	Ava	R11	Hazel P
R13	Oliver.				

Congratulations to the following children who won a prize in the Gotcha draw: Dahlia, R13; Emily, R13; Hayden, R10; Hunter, R8; Molly W, R1; Riley, R2.

GPS Uniforms

GPS uniforms can be purchased from the Warehouse, Timaru, or locally from High Street Stitch and Print, in Geraldine. Please click on the link below for more information:

<http://gps.hssp.co.nz/>

The green polo shirts can only be purchased from The Warehouse, Timaru.

Second hand uniforms can be purchased from the school office for a donation which will go to the Home and School

Term 2 Calendar

Week 7

Monday 5 June	Kings Birthday – school closed
Wednesday 7 June	pp GPS Cross Country

Week 8

Tuesday 13 June	South Canterbury Cross Country for those selected
Thursday 15 June	pp South Canterbury Cross Country

Week 9

Week 10

Wednesday 28 June	Celebration Assembly run by Junior Syndicate Board Meeting
Thursday 29 June	Teacher Only Day – School Closed
Friday 30 June	Term 2 ends

Saturday 1 July	Home and School fundraiser - Ethel & Bethel Comedy Bingo
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Term dates 2023

Term 2

Wednesday 26 April - Friday 30 June

School closed: Staff Development Day - Tuesday 16 May
King's Birthday - Monday 5 June
Staff Development Day - Thursday 29 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 – Thursday 14 December

School closed: Labour Day - Monday 23 October
Staff Development Day - Friday 17 November

Home and School

The Home and School are desperately looking for helpers to go on the roster for cooking sausages for our Tamariki on a Friday. If you have a bit of spare time around Friday lunchtimes please contact Jolie on 021 628460

We are in full Ethel and Bethel mode. Tickets are on sale this Wednesday 7th June, 8:15am from the school office.

For this to be a successful event we need helpers. Times are: Friday (school hours), Saturday morning, Saturday night from 6pm, Sunday morning for clean-up.

We are still working on sponsorship. If you have anything to donate towards raffles, auctions we would love to hear from you .

If you are able to help for any of these please contact Kayla on 0273782533 or email us at gpsheandschool@gmail.com

We can't wait to be laughing the night away with Ethel and Bethel

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8:15AM FROM THE
SCHOOL OFFICE
Cash Only

All enquiries to

gpsheandschool@gmail.com

R18





Before School Care

Geraldine Primary School Hall.
7am-8.20am Mon-Friday (Term Time)
\$10 per day.



Breakfast | Fun & Games | Sports
Walk to class @ 8.20am.

For more information and bookings please visit our website
www.Kidsalive.co.nz



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AGES
5-13yo

WHAT WE OFFER:

- OSCAR approved Provider.
- Fun, Games, Crafts and Sports.
- Great range of indoor and outdoor space.
- Help and support with homework.
- Walking bus from GPS.
- Healthy afternoon tea.
- Child focused & well trained staff.
- Inclusive and welcoming of all Children from all local schools.

WHEN & WHERE:

GERALDINE PAVILION
MON-FRI 2.45 - 5.30PM.

PRICE:

FROM \$18 PER CHILD.

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027 4038126

www.kidsalive.co.nz

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Parents Teach Us How to Help
Our Children

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Family Works will deliver the Incredible Years Programme in
Timaru dependent on sufficient enrolments.

20 parents committed to attending is essential to ensure delivery of this incredible programme!

For Parents of: Children 3 - 8 years:

Tuesdays:

8 August to 21 November 2023
9:30am to 12:30 pm

Wednesday nights:

9 August to 22 November 2023
6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Tuesdays ONLY:
Childcare provided
if required.
(by pre-arrangement only)



These 14 week programmes will focus on practical step-by-step
suggestions and support to help in handling the every day
situations parents face.

Sessions are held once a week for 3 hours, *(excluding school holidays)*.



To enrol or for further information call
Liz Munro **NOW** at Family Works

03 688 5029 / 0274 688200

email: liz.munro@pssc.co.nz

VENUE: Family Works,
26 North Street, Timaru

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www.pssc.org.nz/family-works

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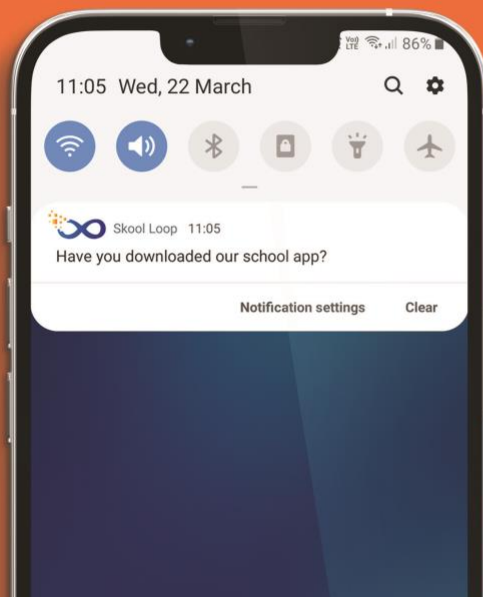
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- Translation function available
- View newsletters
- Notify us of your child's absence
- Sign permission forms
- Book interviews and more!

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In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.