



# Geraldine Primary

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

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## Newsletter

**Week 8, Term 1**  
**24 March 2023**

**From the Principal...**

*Kia ora Whānau,*

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

The end of term is coming around rather quickly and this term, like most others, has flown by. For me, this means that my time at GPS is coming to an end after nearly nine years here. Looking back, it certainly seems a lot less than nine years!



In the last week our Year 5 classes have been to their camp at Raincliff and had an enjoyable time away. In our last newsletter, I noted the effort that is put into camps by staff and the support that we receive from parents and whānau. This applies to not only camps, but other events both outside and within the school and general support for our school programmes. This is much appreciated by the staff - thank you!

Last Friday we were represented at the South Canterbury Schools Triathlon by six students - Camilo, James, Kohei, Ruby, Abigail and Thea. James and Ruby both came 14th in their respective races. They all represented our school very well - congratulations to you all.

I draw your attention to the Digital Safety and Wellbeing information sessions for parents and whānau next Monday at 1:30pm and again at 6:00pm. These are run by Digital Waitaha and promise to be very beneficial for our school community to assist our children to be safe online. The workshops last for one hour. Staff will be available at the evening session to look after children in Rooms 10 and 11 if this is required.

We also have 3 Way Conferences next Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00 - 7:00pm. If you haven't scheduled a 3WC yet, please do so over the weekend - see further information below. Please note that we expect children to be present and part of the conversation about their learning. While this may be a bit daunting for younger students, it is something that they can become more confident with over time.

On Wednesday 5 April our Home and School Group is organising a fun run obstacle course on the field for our students. We are asking children to bring a tee shirt in the colour of their Whanāu Group. We are aiming for a 1pm start and parents / whānau are most welcome to attend.

Two newsletters ago, I noted that one of our office staff, Louise Ward will be moving on to other employment at the end of this month. Louise has been a wealth of knowledge over the last five years and I know I speak for the school community when I say that we have all appreciated what she has done for our school. On behalf of us all, I wish Louise all the best for her new position and other future endeavours.

We have been through the appointment process for another Financial and Office Administrator and can now announce that Sarah Mizzi has been appointed to this position. Sarah brings a wide range of skills in finance and customer relations and we look forward to welcoming her to the staff before the end of term.

Until next time,

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

Andrew Leverton  
Principal | Tumuaki

## School Notices

### Digital Safety and Wellbeing

On Monday 27 March Digital Waitaha (<https://www.digitalwaitaha.org.nz>) will be offering one hour workshops in the hall for parents and whānau on digital safety and wellbeing (see flyer later in this newsletter for more information on what will be covered). Each session is identical, with one being held at 1.30pm and another at 6.00pm. All students at school will be involved in in-class sessions, these sessions will naturally link in with our own digital citizenship expectations. Staff will be at school during the evening session to look after children, so that their parents can attend. All schools in the wider Geraldine area are having a focus on digital safety this year, through Digital Waitaha.

### 3 Way Conferences

We will be holding 3 Way Conferences on 29 and 30 March from 3pm to 7pm. At the 3WCs, parents / whanau, children and teachers meet to discuss how the child is going at school and set learning goals. Children are expected to attend as they are an important part of the learning discussion! A 3WC time can be booked through [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz). Use our school code – v8gw5. If you experience any difficulties with the booking process, please contact the school office.

### School Pool - Reminder

The school pool closed for Pool Key Holders on Sunday 19 March 2023. If you still have a pool key, please return it to the school office as soon as possible.

### PB4L Certificates

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

R1	Molly	R2	Archer	R3	Kate	R4	Lilia
R6	Stanley	R7	Austin	R8	Charlie	R9	Mason
R10	Agata	R11	Michaela	R13	Sarah		

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

R1	Miles	R2	Lauren	R3	Charlotte	R4	Levi
R7	Valentina	R8	Ariella	R9	Siya	R10	Jackson
R11	Sasha	R13	Riley				

## Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following children who won a prize in the Gotcha draw: Matilda, R4; Michaela, R11; Mackenzie, R11; Blair, R1; Abigail, R1; Ava, R9.

## Fern Fuel for Schools Programme

Thank you to all the members of the community that have contributed to the Fern Fuel for Schools Programme. Yesterday Geraldine Primary was gifted \$1000 worth of sports equipment .

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## **Farewell Assembly for Mr Leverton and Mrs Ward**

Our End of Term Assembly will be held on Thursday 6 April at 1.30pm. During this time we will officially farewell Louise and Andrew. You are all welcome to attend this assembly.

## **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](mailto:principal@geraldine.school.nz) .

## **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 1 Calendar**

### Week 9

Monday 27 March	Digital Waitaha parent information session, 1.30 and 6pm (repeated sessions)
Wednesday 29 March	3 Way Conferences 3-7pm
Thursday 30 March	3 Way Conferences 3-7pm
Friday 31 March	SC Swimming

### Week 10

Wednesday 5 April	Home and School Fun Run event (afternoon) all welcome Board Meeting, 6pm
Thursday 6 April	Term 1 ends, 2.45pm End of term assembly, 1:30pm - all welcome

## **Term dates 2023**

### **Term 1**

Monday 30 January - Thursday 6 April

School closed: Waitangi Day - Mon 6 February

During April term break: Good Friday - Friday 7 April  
Easter Monday - Monday 10 April  
Easter Tuesday - Tuesday 11 April

## **Term 2**

Wednesday 26 April - Friday 30 June

School closed: Staff Development Day - Monday 24 April  
Anzac Day - Tuesday 25 April  
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 & School**

We have started for the year, and have some ideas on the go.

Trail Bike Ride. Sunday 16th April

This is a big fundraiser for us, if you can help on the day with the BBQ, please get in contact

Ethel and Bethel Bingo Saturday 1st July

We will be needing sponsors for our auction/ raffles, if you have something to offer please get in touch

More info to come

Don't forget to like our Home & School Facebook page to keep up to date with what's happening

## Community Notices



### Before School and After School Programmes

Kia ora Geraldine Primary Whanau. Are you finding yourself stuck for childcare before and/or After school? This is just a quick reminder that Kids Alive programs are available to those in our local area. Below is a brief explanation of our two programs currently running. Holiday programs are also available during the term breaks, we will update these closer to the time.

-The before School programme starts at 7.00 am and runs until school starts. This is for those Families that need childcare before school opens and includes Breakfast. Once school is open at 8.20, we open the doors to all Children attending Geraldine Primary school and offer breakfast and/or a Milo as part of the nationwide Kickstart breakfast club. This is located in the school hall.

-The after-school programme runs from 2.45 pm (we meet the children at school) till 5.30 pm at the Geraldine Pavilion, where we play games, run around outside and have fun. Afternoon tea is provided to all attending.

For all of those that are interested in what we are all about, please feel free to contact us, come down and have a look around.

\* WINZ subsidies may be available to some families, just ask before you book, and we will support you as best we can. \*

For more information, please visit our website [www.kidsalive.co.nz](http://www.kidsalive.co.nz) or contact Scotty Nelson on 027 2413226.

## About Me



Neysa has over 20 years of experience in IT and has extensively researched digital safety and wellbeing. She is passionate about empowering individuals to be safe responsible digital citizens. In addition to her work with Digital Waitaha, she is a CORE Education facilitator.

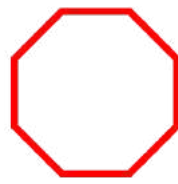
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## Digital Safety and Wellbeing Workshop for Parents and Whānau

Raising children in the digital age comes with additional challenges. How do we keep our children safe and well online? What do we need to be on the lookout for when using digital devices? What are the benefits and negatives of our children's interactions that we need to be paying attention to when they are online?

In this one-hour workshop, we discuss these challenges and learn strategies to build confidence in parenting in the digital age.

### EXPECTED PARTICIPANT OUTCOMES

- Confidently talk about digital safety
- Be able to create easy yet strong passwords
- Become knowledgeable about popular apps and games and their benefits and dangers
- Understand how to guide tamariki to be safe and well online
- Understand the BEST techniques for parenting digital citizens
- Confidently use the STOP, BLOCK & TALK® digital safety strategy
- Know what a digital footprint is and how it will affect future opportunities for all children

Family members and whānau will receive a flyer with handy information.



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## **WAIHI LODGE CARE CENTRE - CASUAL HEALTH CARE ASSISTANTS REQUIRED**

Do you have:

- A real passion to care for the elderly?
- A warm, caring and empathetic nature?
- The ability to work in a team, be flexible and willing to learn new skills?

Experience and qualifications would be advantageous however full orientation, training, education and support will be provided.

If this sounds like you please contact Mike van der Heyden on 03 693 8131 or email [manager@waihilodge.co.nz](mailto:manager@waihilodge.co.nz)



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**Timaru Children's Library**

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
10:30 - 11.30am and 2:30 - 3:30pm  
To book, call 03 687 7202 or  
email [anita.dawson@timdc.govt.nz](mailto:anita.dawson@timdc.govt.nz)

**Geraldine Library**

Wednesdays and Fridays  
10:30 - 11:30am  
To book, call 03 693 9336 or  
email [libger@timdc.govt.nz](mailto:libger@timdc.govt.nz)

**Temuka Library**

Wednesdays and Fridays  
10:30 - 11:30am  
Call 03 687 7591  
for more information



COMMUNITY   
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**Te Whatu Ora**  
Health New Zealand  
Waitaha Canterbury

- Community Dental Clinics are closing from 7/04/2023 to 24/04/2023 for the upcoming school holidays.
- We have limited appointments available over this Holiday period 11/04/2023 to 21/04/2023.
- Please call 0800 846 983 or email: [commdental@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:commdental@cdhb.health.nz) to book an appointment. If you cannot attend your booked appointment, let us know so we can book another child.

## ***Wanted!***

### ***Boys and Girls aged 5yrs - 7yrs***

Geraldine Scout Group has room for more Keas. Sessions run on Wednesday nights from 5.30pm - 6.30pm. Come down to the Scout Den, chat to our Leaders and see what we do

**ADVENTURE  
PLUS!**



or for more info email: [geraldinezscouts@gmail.com](mailto:geraldinezscouts@gmail.com)



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# ANZ futureFERNs NNZ Year 1 & 2 Program

**You can register online at**  
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/220330>

**Starting Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
3.15pm – 3.45pm  
\$20 per child  
Duration of 9 Weeks  
Netball Courts, Geraldine Domain**

**Nicky Taylor**  
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[geraldinenetball@gmail.com](mailto:geraldinenetball@gmail.com)  
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/geraldinenc/Home>

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