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Newsletter

Week 1, Term 1

3 February 2023

From the Principal...

Kia ora Whānau,

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

Welcome back to the start of the 2023 school year! It was wonderful to see everyone again on Monday. I trust that our school whānau have had a restful and enjoyable summer break. My family spent time in Wanaka over new year and then had a few days of total relaxation in the comparative isolation of Lavericks Bay on Banks Peninsula.

The first week of school has gone well, with children settling back into school routines quickly. For some, this can take a bit longer and it's important to know that this is ok. It can be a big adjustment to go from having six weeks away from school to then getting back into it! Please see your child's teacher if you are concerned at all.

I extend a warm welcome to our 16 new children and their families. For most of them, this is their first connection with Geraldine Primary - it's wonderful to have you joining our school community! It was great to be able to welcome our new whānau at our mihi whakatau on Wednesday and then spend time with the parents afterwards. We found having this welcome a few days into the year a much better idea than on the first morning of term, which, in retrospect, did seem a bit rushed! To our new and existing families, if there is anything you are unsure of, please see one of our staff members; this could be your child's teacher, Mrs Pooke and Mrs Ward in the school office, or myself.

After working through the complexities of Covid over the last few years, I know we are all hoping that 2023 will be one where we can enjoy a clear run through the year! On reflection and despite the challenges faced, I believe that Geraldine Primary did remarkably well in 2022 in the way we were able to support each other and provide as much consistency for our children in their learning and overall provision of care as possible. I look forward to sharing our 2022 learning achievements with you soon.

Our wonderful Home and School team are looking for parents / whānau to go on the Friday sausage sizzle roster. This might be for one morning or one lunchtime a term, if enough people come forward. Please contact Jolie - 021 628 460 if you'd like to assist. Also - our morning road patrol is supervised by parents and we would be grateful for assistance here too! Our amazing Year 6 students do the bulk of the work, so it's just having an adult to oversee the crossing each morning. It's not confined to Year 6 parents, so the adult can have children in any year group. Please contact Fiona Wilcox - fionaw@geraldine.school.nz , or see her in Room 1. The first Home and School meeting of the year is on Monday 13 February at 7pm in the staff room. New and existing members are most welcome to attend. This is a great way to meet other parents and also support the school.

A reminder that if parents are collecting children during the school day, please call into the office first and we will send for your child. Also, schools are closed on Monday 6 February for Waitangi Day. I wish all our school community a safe and enjoyable long weekend.

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

Andrew Leverton
Principal | Tumuaki

School Notices

Welcome

Welcome to Sophia and Jenna, R1; Olivia and Elijah, Room 10; Zoe, R13; Peyton, R11, Casper and Harper, R7 Lucas and Theo, R9 and to Quinton, Jordan, Stanley, Mila, Lucan, and Thatcher who all started in R6 this week. We hope you enjoy your time at Geraldine Primary School.

Board News - Principal Appointment process

The School Board has started the Principal recruitment process. In the coming weeks we will be opening up a community consultation where we would love to hear what qualities you are looking for in our new Principal. We will let you know when and how you can be involved through the school newsletter on the 24th February.

Alicia Pridham
School Board Presiding Member

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 .

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 2

Monday 6 February

Waitangi Day – school closed

Week 3

Monday 13 February

Home and School meeting, 7pm – all welcome

Week 4

Wednesday 22 February

Thursday 23 February

Friday 24 February

School Board Meeting, 6pm – Staffroom

Width Swimming Carnival, Y4-6

Final Swimming Lesson

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Week 5

Monday 27 February

Tuesday 28 February

Wednesday 1 March

Thursday 2 March

Friday 3 March

Length Swimming Carnival

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Final swim Y4-6

Tangaroa Syndicate Triathlon Y5 & 6

Last day swimming Y1-3

Week 6

Monday 6 March

Tuesday 7 March

Tāwhirimātea triathlon, Y3 & 4

Y6 Camp – Lindisfarne

Week 7

Thursday 16 March

Friday 17 March

Y5 Camp - Raincliff

SC Triathlon

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

Community Notices



Before School and After School Programmes

Kia ora Geraldine Primary Whanau. Term 4 is now in full swing, this is just a quick reminder that Kids Alive is available if you need childcare before, after-school and/ or in the Christmas holidays.

The Before School Programme starts at 7.00 am till school starts, 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 Pavilion. Breakfast and afternoon tea is provided to all attending.

Our Christmas holiday program will be running from the 16th till the 23rd of December (Excluding weekends). We close over the Christmas break and will be starting up again on the 9th of January. Keep an eye on the website as bookings will be open soon.

For all of those that are interested in what we are all about, we will be having an open day in the coming weeks. More details to come shortly.

* 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 or contact Scotty Nelson on 027 2413226.

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Simple free download:
In Google Play & App Store
search 'Skool Loop' &
choose our school once installed.



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P.O. Box 63
Geraldine

15/12/2022

Thankyou for your positive response to our proposed Group/Organisation Information Day to be held on Wednesday 8th February 2023. We have been so pleased with the overwhelming response as we see it as a great opportunity to promote the many groups/organisations available to join in the Geraldine area. There is literally something for everyone.

Further information re the Day is as follows:

It is being held on **Wednesday 8th February 2023** at the **St Andrews Hall** between **11am – 7pm**. (The Hall will be open from 10am for set up).

You will need to bring your own table (preferably card table size) and if you so wish a banner which can be placed behind your table. Chairs will be provided.

Tea/coffee will be available for those manning a site.

Thankyou again for agreeing to be part of our Geraldine Information Day for Groups and Organisations and we look forward to seeing you on the 8th February.

Any queries please get back to Elizabeth Wilson 03 303 7241 or Margaret Chapman 03 693 9994.

Kind Regards,
Elizabeth Wilson
President

NZHL XRACE

2023 XRACE is the perfect experience to strengthen your child's self-esteem and empower them to be the best kids they can be. Best of all, you get to be their team mate, racing together side-by-side to the best finish-line ever: Our school gets a \$20 per family entry discount. Use this promo code at the checkout to claim your discount: **MONSTER**

What is XRACE? www.xrace.co.nz

XRACE is a fun-filled family event – where mum or dad must team together with one of the kids and take on the XRACE course and 10 mystery challenges.

A team is one parent and one child aged between 6 and 14.

Teams can choose their own pace, flat out from the start or a fast walk – the choice is yours.

Challenges range from physical like tug-of-war to puzzling puzzles to artistic challenges like the paint challenge.

TIMARU THURSDAY 2ND MARCH 6PM

Buy tickets at www.xrace.co.nz Use this promotional code to get an additional \$20 off your family entry: **MONSTER**

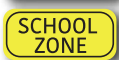
Do You Know Your School Signs?

Be prepared when our children go back to school.



Speed limit change within school zone:

Reason: Reduce speed to the number displayed on sign. Higher risk period due to increased activity at or around schools. Police have a lower tolerance on speeding in this zone.



Driver Action: Reduce speed to the limit or below displayed on the sign.



Active school zone signs:

Reason: Higher risk period due to increased activity at or around schools. Police have a lower tolerance on speeding in this zone.

Driver Action: Reduce speed be ready to stop.



P5 time limit parking signs:

Reason: A stop-drop-go point to keep traffic flowing and reduce double parking.

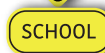
Driver Action: Drivers must not park and leave to take kids to class. If you need to take your child to class park at another spot where it is legal to park for longer.



Pedestrian crossing point ahead signs:

Reason: Alert drivers about a pedestrian crossing ahead.

Driver Action: Reduce speed be ready to stop for all pedestrians waiting to cross, not just school children.



School bus signs:

Reason: Bus carries school children. When the bus stops and school bus signs flash, the speed limit past both directions of the bus is 20km/h.

Driver Action: Reduce speed to 20km/h or less and be ready to stop.



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to secure your placement

2023 Timaru Parenting Programme

The Incredible Years Parents, teachers, and children training series

The Incredible Years

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:

28th February to 13th June 2023
9:30am to 12:30 pm

Wednesday nights:

1st March to 14th June 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

Free

www.pssc.org.nz/family-works

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