



Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve
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Newsletter

Week 10, Term 1

4 April 2023

From the Principal...

Kia ora Whānau,

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

The end of the term is almost upon us and for me, my final few days at Geraldine Primary School. After nearly nine years at GPS, next term I will be starting as Principal of Allenton School in Ashburton. This past term, while still doing all the things that need to be done at this time of year, has been one where I've taken time to reflect on our school and the wonderful people within it. I've reflected on the various curriculum and extra-curricular programmes and events that occur as a result of these people being who they are and doing the amazing job they do for our school, most importantly, for our children.

These groups are many - our children, the teaching, learning and family support, administration and property staff, the School Board, Home and School group, parents and wider school whānau. There are also various outside agencies who have a regular presence in our school. Together, these groups combine to make Geraldine Primary the great place that it is to work, learn and play. It has been a significant and rewarding experience and a privilege to be part of. I know I will take many fond memories of my time at GPS with me.

Well done to the two Geraldine teams that competed in the Timaru Futsal competition. We had a Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 team playing on Wednesday

after school at the stadium. Futsal is a fast inside version of soccer and has only 4-5 players on the court at a time. The students involved say they enjoyed the fast pace, playing with their friends and improving their football skills. Futsal season starts again in Term 4 and we would love some new players to join the teams if possible.



Year 3 / 4 Futsal team



Year 5 / 6 Futsal team

Finally, a reminder about the fun run / obstacle course that our Home and School are organising for our students this Wednesday at 1pm. Like the one they held several years ago, this one also promises to be a lot of fun! Students are asked to bring a tee shirt in the colour of their Whanau Group to wear. It is likely that they will get wet as well so a change of clothes and a towel is advisable. On Thursday we are having our end of term assembly from 1:30pm. Parents and our school whānau are most welcome to attend both of these events.

I wish everyone in the Geraldine Primary School community a safe and enjoyable Easter and term break, and also for the rest of 2023 and beyond.

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

Andrew Leverton
Principal | Tumuaki

School Notices

PB4L Certificates

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

R1	Braxton	R2	William	R3	Haries	R4	Archie
R6	Thatcher	R7	Maya	R8	Cohen	R9	Mason
R10	Lottie	R11	Bethany	R12	Gunnar		

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

R1	Sophia	R2	Ruby	R3	Pippa	R4	Madison
R6	Thatcher	R7	Caleb	R8	Jack	R9	Lucas
R10	Elise	R11	Flynn	R13	Emily		

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following children who won a prize in the Gotcha draw: Coby, R11; Riley, R2; Maddi, R4; Noah, R8; Hosanna, R11; Mason J, R9.

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 dates 2023

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

The Beautiful Valley Trail Bike Ride fundraiser is coming up on Sunday 16th April.

Thanks to the generosity of local farmers and Port Blakely Forestry this is one of our key fundraisers. The Home and School Committee provide a BBQ lunch for the riders so are looking for volunteers to help out for 2 hour shifts between 10am and 3pm.

Please contact Tina Pirie on 027 298 2607 if you are able to help on the day. Don't forget to like our Home & School Facebook page to keep up to date with what's happening

Community Notices



April Holiday Programme

Full Day (3pm) 08:00 a.m-03:00 p.m. \$30.00
Full Day (5.30pm) 08:00 a.m-05:30 p.m. \$45.00

After School & Holidays @ Kids Alive

Geraldine Primary school , Geraldine, New
Zealand

Easter Monday		Super hero Day		Wacky Wednesday		Earth day.		Friendship Friday	
Mon 10 Apr		Tue 11 Apr		Wed 12 Apr		Thu 13 Apr		Fri 14 Apr	
Closed for easter Monday.		Get ready for a day of superheroes. Choose your superpower, dress up and come along for a day of fun and games.		Join us for a day of silliness. Come along with a crazy hair style and clothing. A day to let your imagination and fun spirit run wild.		Join us for a day of learning and fun. Learn to grow your own Vegetables, recycle items into crafts and how to have fun while learning.		A day for Friends. Games, activities, friendship bracelets and Crafts designed to celebrate Friendship. Come along and have fun!	

Come along for a week of fun, adventure, crafts, sports and activities. Bookings are a must and are available for Kids 5-13 years old. See you there!

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or email scotty@kidsalive.co.nz

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April Hols 2023

10 years and older
schedule.

April
11

Super hero day.

Alongside super hero day, The older Kids can bring their wheels and show off their superhero moves in the Geraldine Skatepark.

April
12

Wacky Wednesday.

Come along for a day of silliness and try your hand at making super slime. We will then head geocaching if the weather allows.

April
13

Earth day.

Excursion to the Geraldine community gardens for a morning of fun, learning and giving back to the community.

April
14

Friendship day.

Sticking with the theme of friendship day the older Kids will have options of learning new skills and harder crafts, such as friendship bracelet weaving.

These activities are for Kids over 10yo and run alongside the normal Holiday program. Bookings can be made at [Kidsalive.aimyplus.com](https://kidsalive.aimyplus.com). For more information feel free to call/ txt Scotty on 027 2413226.



GERALDINE GYMNASTICS



Classes are run in the winter months, on a Thursday afternoon, at the Geraldine Primary School Hall. Our gymnasts are taught core gymnastics skills and work up routines to perform at ribbon day. We are currently taking registrations and looking for more volunteers to join our coaching team and committee.

To register a gymnast please use the following link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1JQGnf7Tb6x0dfYubKVv8X2KhXQOZKasAYol5vp9a_uU/edit

To enquire about volunteering please email geraldinegymnastics@gmail.com



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APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
IN THE JUNGLE

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

Geraldine Library

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

Temuka Library

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

Nicky Taylor
027 699 2237
geraldinenetball@gmail.com
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/geraldinenc/Home>

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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 to book an appointment. If you cannot attend your booked appointment, let us know so we can book another child.