



Newsletter/Pānui

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Term 2 Week 1

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<p><u>Important Dates:</u> Friday 31 May – Teacher Only Day Monday 3 June – Kings Birthday Friday 28 June – Matariki Monday 27 May – GPS cross country Wednesday 26 June – Matariki Festival</p>	

Principal’s Kōrero

Kia ora koutou whānau and welcome to Term 2.

This term we have lots of exciting events and learning opportunities planned for our Tamariki. We have classes visiting the Geraldine Army museum and students taking part in Peel Forest bush skills, Geraldine High School transition and low ropes, school cross country, South Canterbury Ripa tournament, Waihi lodge visits as well as all the incredible learning that goes on in each classroom.

Our school value focus for the first part of term 2 is Achieving - Takakawe. We will be encouraging our tamariki to aim high, have a positive attitude to learning, actively participate in all activities, celebrating success and setting achievable goals. It would be great if you could mirror these at home.

This term we welcome back Debbie Scott. She will be working with our new entrants in room 15. We are so privileged to have such an experienced, talented and nurturing person rejoining our staff.

This term we also welcome Whaea Jess who will teach Kapa Haka to our tamariki every Thursday from 1-2pm. The sessions will run like this:

Session 1: 1 - 1:25pm(second half of lunch time): Open session for anyone keen to come - all ages welcome.

Session 2: 1:25 - 2pm: Y3-6 committed ākonga who want to further develop their skills and knowledge. This session will be more focused and performance based.

Please see her introduction below:

Kia ora !

Ko Jess toku ingoa.

Nō Te Atihau Nui a Pāpārangi nō Tuwharetoa ahau.

I have 4 tamariki and I have lived in and out of Timaru since I was 14. About 3 years ago I stood on stage for regionals in Te Tau Ihu for Kia Ngāwari ki mua after a 20 year gap. I was instantly reminded of a passion I used to experience throughout primary and intermediate growing up in the Wairarapa.

This is only my 2nd year holding space for tamariki and I've found it to be a profound privilege that allows me to share the rich tapestry of Māori culture, dance, and song with others. It's about more than just steps and music; it's about passing down traditions through waiata and kemu māori and igniting a sense of

manaakitanga, whanaungatanga and kotahitanga. The spirit, resilience and raw emotion that infuse kapa haka performances are a testament to the depth of Maori heritage, resonating across time and generations. Witnessing the joy and pride on the faces of those who learn and celebrate this art form is a truly moving experience. It embodies the communal strength and unity that transcends barriers, making the journey of teaching kapa haka an immensely fulfilling one.

I open the door to all whānau who wish to come and join in the fun.

A huge thank you to our home and school for helping to fund the printing of our 'Tarahaoa - Local Legend' book. This was retold by room 1 ākonga in 2020 and illustrated by Geraldine Primary ākonga in 2022. This incredible resource is in each classroom and in the school office.

Last term we received an anonymous donation, from a member of our community. Thank you so much whoever you are. We have used this to buy lots of new spades and diggers from Fun-Ho Toys, who are a small family-owned business located in Taranaki.

A huge well done to Fletcher Coleman, Mac Lester, Flynn Cummings, Lachie Trevathan, Reed Burnside, Nikau Shand and Carrog Williams who are members of the Geraldine U10 Rugby Team. This awesome collection of students played in the Pleasant Point 10s on Sunday. They played 3 games to begin with and won all of them, in which they scored a total of 27 tries to only 6 tries against! They faced Pleasant Point in the final and after 20 gruelling minutes won 25 - 15. Fletcher said, 'I am so pleased how we all worked together, and I felt great and happy.' Well, done to all of them - we are super proud.

Stu Wilcox

<p>Victorious U10 Rugby Team and the Pleasant Point 10s</p> 	<p>Rippa Training</p> 	<p>Rippa Training</p> 
<p>Our 'Tarahaoa - Local Legend' book.</p> 	<p>Collection of our new spades and diggers</p> 	<p>Whaea Jess inspiring our tamariki</p> 

School Notices

ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBERS

Please update us. We need to be able to contact parents/caregivers in case your child is unwell or injured.

SCHOOL HOURS

A reminder that school starts at 8.50am and finishes at 2.45pm. Please note that there is no teacher supervision for children who arrive at school before 8.20am.

WINTER SPORTS

With winter sports under full swing, we would like everyone to remember to use their school values when walking to practice. It is also important that everyone uses the crossings provided to ensure you safely reach the destination.

CROSS COUNTRY

Please remember to bring running shoes to school so that you can practice for cross country in the correct footwear.

Home and School News

Welcome to Term 2!

We have had a busy start to the school year:

The Maize Maze had a final open day and then the "big chop" harvest. The harvested crop has now gone off to be winter feed locally. A very big THANK YOU to the Ward Whanau (Lou, Jamie, Neve and Cohen) for allowing the use of their paddock and helping make this happen. The Maze Maze will be back again with planting towards the end of 2024 with some exciting plans underway.

The annual Beautiful Valley Trail Ride was held on the 7th April. The weather played the game beautifully and it was a very successful day out on the track and within the food tent. It was great to see riders of all ages getting out there on the tracks. A huge thank you to the landowners who allow this event to happen; Hamish and Sue Sheed, Kim Christie, Barry Wells, Kevin O'Reilly, Chris and Cathie Orange. This event is run through Adventure Trailrides and the Home and School are grateful to be able to have this event as a fundraiser for GPS.

We recently held our AGM with Kayla Jones kindly staying on as our President. Thank you Kayla for helping keep us on track.

What is nextwatch this space!

Click on the link below to find out about Entertainment books. If you decide to purchase one, please select Geraldine Primary School and we will get a percentage of the cost donated to our school: <https://subscribe.entertainmentnz.com/fundraiser/95u9713>

School Uniforms & Whanau Group Tops

Do you need more school uniform?

We have a large range of pre-loved options (gold coin donation)

Please see the team in the school office if you want to look at the range available.



We also work with a local supplier High Street Stitch & Print to provide a number of uniform options including very cool Whanau Group t-shirts.

These can be purchased via the school website <https://gps.hssp.co.nz/>

A contribution is given back to the school from each sale to help support the Home & School fundraising

Community Notices



free legal help

**Community Law
Canterbury**

and

Anglican Care
Building healthy communities



**offering access to free one on one
online legal help sessions with a lawyer**



Located at Cantec House these online sessions are private, confidential and open to anyone with a legal question. Offering support for personal issues such as employment, family, housing issues and criminal issues.

Available fortnightly on Tuesdays

**Please contact Community Law Canterbury
for an appointment
03 366 6870 or 0508 CANLAW (226 529)**

Do you want to try skiing or snowboarding this winter?

*Are you wanting to spend Sundays with other children
and skiing or boarding?*

Do you want to be a better skier or snowboarder?



If you want to know more, come and
hear about the

Geraldine Snowsports Academy!

Date: Thursday 23 May

Time: 5.30pm

Where: Geraldine Primary School

Contact - Simon Coleman, 0275666969

Introducing Safer Speeds

Good news! The speed limits around your school are reducing. This will ensure the safety of our Timaru District students on their commute to and from school. As per the speed management plan that was approved earlier this year by The New Zealand Transport Agency: Waka Kotahi, we will be introducing a lower permanent or variable speed limit outside of schools and a few other high risk locations in our district. A variable speed limit means the road will have an electronic speed sign installed and it will flash the reduced speed when enforced, in this case during school drop off and pick up times. Please see the attached map showing what is planned for your school. All new speed limit signs are expected to be installed and enforced by July 1st 2024.

These measures are the first step in our commitment to ensuring that everyone can travel safely in our community. For further information visit:

www.timaru.govt.nz/speeds.

Sincerely,
Suzy Ratahi
Timaru District Council
Land Transport Manager



Ensuring Safety For All