



Newsletter/Pānui

Friday 12 April 2024

Term 1 Week 11

<u>Contact information:</u>	<u>Term Dates:</u>
Stuart Wilcox – Principal principal@geraldine.school.nz Office – Ph 03 693 8208 office@geraldine.school.nz Website: https://www.geraldineprimary.school.nz/	Term 1 31 January - 12 April Term 2 29 April - 5 July Term 3 22 July - 27 September Term 4 14 October - 16 December
<u>Important Dates:</u> 29 April 2024 - Term 2 Starts	

Principal's Kōrero

Kia ora koutou whānau and welcome to our final Pānui of Term 1,

Geraldine Primary School have certainly packed in lots of different sporting, cultural and academic opportunities this term.

We started the term with our learning expo and community evening and finished it with our Tāwhirimātea celebration assembly. Our tamariki have been on camps, taken part in triathlons, represented our school in swimming, triathlon and spelling to name but a few. We have held our first student council meeting and our whānau leaders and head students have been busy organising events and learning how to be great leaders.

We have 3 strategic goals at Geraldine Primary School. 1. Enhance our positive learning environment for students to reach their full potential. 2. Enrich our staff capabilities and wellbeing. 3. Continue to build and foster relationships with our whānau and wider community. Over this term we have seen over 30 different events that have provided opportunities, learning and connections, thus helping our school to achieve these goals and become a more positive, welcoming, and flourishing kura.

I would like to say a huge well done to Molly Fetu and Mia Patterson for their outstanding swimming achievements at the South Canterbury Primary Schools Swimming competition last Friday. Also, congratulations to Riley Ackroyd for being selected to be in the Nomads Pre-Academy football training squad, who are the Pre-Academy to the Wellington Phoenix. What a great privilege and honour.

During the last week of school Geraldine Primary has certainly not slowed down! Our Home and School helped to organise and manage the trail ride, which saw over 400 competitors. We held a celebration event to thank Stew Gollan and whānau for their time, dedication and mahi and yesterday we held our whānau dodgeball competition.

Our kura would not be so successful without the support of our whānau. Thank you so much for everything you do.

We are also truly fortunate to have such incredibly driven teachers and support staff. Without their energy, careful planning and maanikitanga our kura would not run so smoothly.

Please take the time over the holidays to rest and enjoy family time and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 29th April.

Tangata ako ana i te kāenga, te tūranga ki te marae, tau ana

A person nurtured in the community contributes strongly to society

Stu Wilcox

Neve Ward and Theo Polasek
thanking Stew Gollan on
behalf of our school



Our Geraldine Primary School
Swim team who represented
our kura during the South
Canterbury Schools Swim
Sports in Timaru



Members of South Canterbury
Rugby helping to coach our
Tamariki ripper skills



Whānau dodgeball
tournament



Whānau dodgeball
tournament



Whānau dodgeball
tournament



Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following tamariki who won a Gotcha Draw: Charlotte, R1; Nina, R9; Ryleigh, R8; Jaxon, R13; Theo, R8

Results from Dodgeball

Kowhai	19
Whero	18
Kahurangi	18
Kakariki	17

Term 1 House Points

Kakariki	32
Whero	29
Kowhai	26
Kahurangi	20

Principal's Award Term 1

Tāne Mahuta	Room 6: Room 7: Room 8: Room 9:	Georgie Mason Valentina James
Tāwhirimātea	Room 10: Room 11: Room 13:	Gunnar Josh Megane
Tangaroa	Room 1: Room 2: Room 3: Room 4:	Kate Gustl Bonnie Michaela

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.

Home and School News

Geraldine Primary Home and School Committee

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>

Follow us on Facebook

Did you know we have a Facebook page? Find us at Geraldine Primary Home & School Committee.

Community Notices

School Holiday Event

BOX CITY

13 April - 05 May

Calling all budding architects and builders of all ages! Come and try your hand at designing a cardboard box building and adding it to our ever-growing model city at the Aigantighe Art Gallery.

All materials supplied and a gold coin koha welcomed.

AIGANTIGHE ART GALLERY
49 Wat-iti Road, Timaru
03 688 4424
www.aigantighe.co.nz



Holiday Programme



April School Holidays
10.30am - 12pm

Monday 15th - Celtic	Friday 19th - Mackenzie
Tuesday 16th - Geraldine	Monday 22nd - Old Boys
Wednesday 17th - Waimate	Tuesday 23rd - Pleasant Point
Thursday 18th - Temuka	Wednesday 24th - Harlequins

South Canterbury Toyota | TRUST AORAKI | Alpine | farmside | tekapo springs | xcmsport | Pub Charity

SUPER SCIENCE

What's happening at Timaru District Libraries these April School Holidays

Crafts | Storytimes | STEM activities | Board games



Check out our website, Facebook and Instagram pages for session dates and times

Pop into your local library for a copy of our new format Holiday Programme calendar!

TIMARU DISTRICT LIBRARIES | TIMARU DISTRICT LIBRARIES

FREE ECO FUN

Thursday 18th April
10am - 2 pm

School holiday activities

10-11AM	11-12PM	12-1PM	1-2PM
			
RAPTORS	OCEAN CRAFT	LOVE FOOD	WASTE GAME

Make a day of it!
Meet a Raptor, create crafts, save food waste, challenge your bin knowledge.
In between sessions visit the Crows Nest, have a picnic and go for a wetlands / beach walk!

South Canterbury Eco Centre
55C Redruth Street, beside the Crows Nest



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)



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