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Newsletter

Week 10 Term 4

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From the Principal...

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

Kia ora whānau,

Thank you so much for an awesome year. We are so proud to have you as part of our school community.

This week has been exceptionally busy with lots of year groups having end of year celebrations.

On Monday Year 6 went to the Geraldine Pool, Year 5 had a fun water day at school whilst Year 1 - 2 went to the Domain for lots of different activities and games. On Tuesday Year 3 - 4 had a day of movies and games.



Our Year 6 Leavers Assembly and Prize Giving was a great success. A huge thank you to Charlotte Clarke and Kase Ochsner for helping to run the event. We will greatly miss our Year 6 cohort and their final song of 'Rolling on a River' was absolutely amazing. Thank you to the year 6 teachers for their mahi to coach the children and get this song to be soo good.

Well done to our prize winners this year.

Molly Wrigley and Alexandra Coleman won the Year 6 Values Award

Caitlin Bock and James Bell won the Year 6 Achievement Award

James Bell was awarded the Athletics Cup

Ashlee Bolt was awarded the Citizenship Cup

Kahurangi were the Whānau Champions for 2024.

We will have a slight change to our student leadership next year. Well done to:

Matilda England and Theo Polasek who are our Head Students for 2024.

Levi Tubb and Aoife Alicaba who are our Whero House Leaders for 2024

Jamie Waldron and Flynn Foster who are our Kakariki House Leaders for 2024

Neve Ward and Deanna Tozer who are our Kahurangi House Leaders for 2024

Taylah Weily and Jessica Martin who are our Kowhai House Leaders for 2024

For those students who missed out there will be lots of other leadership opportunities for them to apply for.

Carols on the Domain was another great success and I was blown away by the large number of parents and community who came to watch and support. Thank you.



During the week we said farewell to our two German exchange students, Paulie and Sarah, who have been working at Geraldine Primary during Term 4. We are so grateful for their energy and they have been a great help to staff and students.



I would like to take this opportunity to share our strategic plan for 2024 - 2025.



Geraldine Primary School Strategic Plan 2024 - 2025

Strategic Goals	Initiatives	Overall Outcomes
Enhance our positive learning environment for students to reach their full potential	1a. Review and develop our programme of academic, cultural and sporting opportunities 1b. Create an active student representative council that identifies the needs of young people in the school 1c. Design an active student leader peer support programme 1d. Revise our policies and behaviour practices around emotional safety of children	A school that is emotionally centred, values students and has a range of different opportunities so students can achieve
Enrich our staff capabilities and wellbeing	2a. Grow our understanding of and plan strategies to embed trauma informed practice in the school 2b. Grow our understanding of and embed culturally responsive practice within our curriculum 2c. Research and implement the TALL programme for ESOL learners	We work together collaboratively on programmes that can best support our learners
Continue to build and foster relationships with our whānau and wider community	3a. Co-design and implement termly community days 3b. Create and implement a year calendar celebrating cultural events 3c. Enable student leaders to be part of community projects 3d. Create a Geraldine Primary School Brand including reviewing our vision statement	Our school is culturally, socially and emotionally understanding and responsive

I would like to acknowledge you all and express my gratitude for your feedback on our future direction. This strategic plan incorporates a lot of your voice.

From your responses we gathered that you would like our school to:

- Nurturing environment
- Confidence socially academically personally
- Positive attitude and love for learning
- Be exposed to lots of opportunities
- Sense of belonging
- Community involvement

Using these key trends we worked hard to incorporate them within our strategic goals.

Therefore, two of our goals which are to:

- ***Enhance our positive learning environment for students to reach their full potential***
- ***Continue to build and foster relationships with our whanau and wider community***

clearly contain your voice and wishes.

We are really excited with this two year plan.

Please spend some time looking at our goals, initiatives and overall outcomes.

Jo Drake has been busy putting dates on our calendar for 2024 - have a look at these dates on our school website. Please put Thursday 8th February in your diaries to come and share in our community evening. This will be an opportunity to connect and see the different learning opportunities we have at Geraldine Primary. Please see the poster below.



COMMUNITY EVENING

THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY

5:00PM - 6:30PM



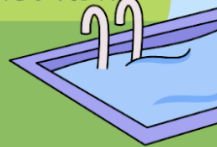
**YOU ARE INVITED TO GERALDINE PRIMARY
FOR AN EVENING OF CONNECTING,
SHARING, LEARNING AND FUN**



*A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH
TEACHERS, FAMILY AND CHILDREN*



ACTIVITIES:



**LEARNING EXPO IN THE SCHOOL HALL
ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT LEARNING PROGRAMMES AT GPS
SCAVENGER HUNT AS YOU GO AROUND THE STALLS
PRIZE DRAW! SWIMMING POOL WILL BE OPEN
SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND/OR BRING A PICNIC
GAMES AND ACTIVITIES ON THE FIELD**

and more!



Merry Christmas from Geraldine Primary School.

Please have the most wonderful and safe holiday and see you all in 2024.

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A message from Home & School:

Coming Soon...

THE GPS MAIZE MAZE

RAN BY THE GERALDINE PRIMARY HOME & SCHOOL

SAT 20 JAN, SUN 21 JAN 11.30-3.30PM*
THUR 25 JAN & FRI 26 JAN 2.30-6.30PM*
SAT 27 JAN & SUN 28 JAN 11.30-3.30PM*
*LAST ENTRY 1HR BEFORE CLOSING

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Planning for our next fundraiser is in full swing! A massive thankyou to Jamie and Lou Ward for hosting this and doing the hard work

We are planning to run Maize maze at the end of January and we need your help!!

Saturday 20th, Sunday 21st. Times are 11:30 till 3:30

Thursday 25th, Friday 26th: 2:30-6:30

Saturday 27th, Sunday 28th: 11:30-3:30

If you are able to help us man the maze in any of these time slots please either message us or email geraldineprimaryhomeandschool@gmail.com

This is an event you children can help at 😊

