



Newsletter/Pānui 2

Friday 16th February 2024
Term 1 Week 3

<u>Contact information:</u>		<u>Term Dates:</u>	
Stuart Wilcox – Principal principal@geraldine.school.nz		Term 1	31 January - 28 April
Office – Ph 03 693 8208 office@geraldine.school.nz		Term 2	29 April - 5 July
Website: https://www.geraldineprimary.school.nz/		Term 3	22 July - 27 September
		Term 4	14 October - 16 December
<u>Important Dates:</u>			
Tuesday 27 February	Senior Triathlon 10.30-12.30		
Tuesday 27 February.	Home and School meeting 7-8pm		
Wednesday 28 February.	Width Swimming Carnival 1.00-2.30pm		
Thursday 29 February.	Length Swimming Carnival 10am-12.30pm		
Friday 1 March.	Postponement Width Swimming Carnival 1-2.30pm		
Monday 4 March	Postponement Length Swimming Carnival 10am-12.30pm		
Wednesday 6 March-			
Friday 8 March	Year 6 Camp		
5 March	Tāwhirimātea Triathlon 1.30-2.30pm		

Principal’s Kōrero

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

Welcome to week 3’s newsletter!

Since our first newsletter for 2024, Geraldine Primary School has been focusing on building relationships and connections across our kura and community. Our school wide value this term is manaakitanga, caring. Currently we are teaching and reinforcing all tamariki the importance of relationships, understanding and showing compassion towards one another. Creating a positive school environment helps build safety and comfort; allowing everyone to be themselves and express their identity.

At the start of last week we welcomed new students, whānau and staff to our kura with our mihi whakatau. A huge thank you to the Snow family for their continued support and direction.

On Thursday 8th February we held a Community Evening and Learning Expo. I was so proud to see so many of our community come and support this event and connect. It was great to see so many families take part in the scavenger hunt and I hope that you have learned a little more about our amazing curriculum and co-curricular opportunities.

Wednesday 14th, our Junior School and Middle School went up to the Maize Maze. They had lots of fun exploring the different routes and trying to make their way to the exit! A huge thanks to Woodbury School for allowing us to use their bus and driver. On Friday it was the seniors’ turn to visit the Maize Maze. It was so great to see them having lots of fun too. A huge thanks to parents and teachers for helping to make this such a pleasurable, rewarding and memorable experience.

Also on Wednesday we had our whānau picnic. This was a great way to introduce our new whānau leaders, our teachers and for our different whānau groups to be together in a relaxed and social atmosphere.

Thank you to all members of our community for your continued support and dedication towards our kura.

Stu Wilcox



Members of our middle school getting ready to tackle the Maize.



Ensuring everyone is back safely from their first visit.



Inside the Maize.



Working together to find the answers to our scavenger hunt.



Our Learning Expo.



Hazel Pirie our Principal for the Day. This will be Tuesday 12th March.

Student Leaders

Introducing our two Head Students for 2024

My name is Matilda England and I am one of the head students. In the summer I'm usually camping and boating, I love skiing in the winter up at Mount Dobson. At school I like doing all the activities like the house colour events.



Hi My name is Theo Polasek and I am one of the new head students for Geraldine Primary 2024.
 One of my passions is writing books. I have written quite a few so far. I enjoy writing about dungeons and fantasy themes.
 I have a little brother called Quinton and he goes to Geraldine Primary too. I live with my dad David and my mum Mina.
 I actually love books and am always reading. I would like to play basketball this year.
 I have a new fish tank and we got an Axolotl named Gilligan.
 As a head student one of my goals is to help people feel happier by finding out what they want and trying to make it into a reality.



Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following tamariki who were pulled out of the Gotcha Draw:
 James, R3; Dante, R13; Jamie, R8; Isabel, R13; Fletcher, R3; Masie, R4.

PB4L Certificates

		PB4L	Desire/Aspire to Achieve
Tāne Mahuta	Room 6: Room 7: Room 8: Room 9:	Eloisa Mason J Theo TC Nikolai	Mila S Siya A Luciana R
Tāwhirimātea	Room 10: Room 11: Room 13:	Lydia Ollie W Samuel V	Henry Levi C Roman C
Tangaroa	Room 1: Room 2: Room 3: Room 4:	Kase Deanna T Mac Ava	Eva P Reuben G Lottie S Agata

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.

Community Notices

Reminder to students riding bikes & scooters past the buses on footpath near the High School. Please walk past this area as it is very busy. Please remember to wear a High Vz Vest so you can be seen.

Traffic down in Kennedy park is very busy due to Teachers and public cars are parking as the Gym entrance has closed down. An alternate plan would be to travel down the alley way into Kennedy park further up off George street.

Any Mums, Sisters, Aunties, Friends etc out there want to get into or back into sport/netball, we would love to hear from you all.

We have 2 premier teams confirmed with a 3rd to enter the challenge series. We also have teams on Saturdays in both women's grades.

Please click on the link attached to register your interest for trials.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Geraldine Old Girls Netball on geraldineoldgirlsnetball@gmail.com or text Zoe on 0279251088.

WINTER

GERALDINE OLD GIRLS

NETBALL TRIALS

all players welcome

TWO PREM TEAMS
SATURDAY SOCIAL & COMPETITIVE TEAMS

TRIAL DATES
WEDS 21ST FEB
MON 26TH FEB
PP: MON 4TH MAR

PRE-SEASON
FITNESS
AND SOCIAL GAMES
6.30PM | GERALDINE DOMAIN

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW!!!

FREE FUN

CELEBRATE CHILDREN'S DAY 2024

AT CAROLINE BAY HALL

Sunday
3
March

10am - 2pm

BRING A PICNIC AND THE WHOLE WHANAU FOR A FREE FUN DAY

#ChildrensDayNZ

PUE EAMARIKI GIRLS

TE RĀ O NGĀ TAMARIKI CHILDREN'S DAY

NZHL X RACE

What is X RACE? www.xrace.co.nz Find us on facebook

PIN TO FRIDGE

- X RACE is a fantastic family experience where parent and child form a team and race together, side-by-side.
- A team is one parent and one child aged between 6 and 14.
- Each team must locate and complete 10 mystery challenges, beat the clock and all the other family teams – with the fastest and luckiest crowned X RACE champion.
- Challenges range from physical like the sack race to to artistic like the painting challenge.
- Teams can choose their own pace – flat out from the start or a fast walk – the choice is completely up to you.
- Most of all, X RACE is about seeing your child shine and you get to be there, every step of the way.
- Form your family team now, sign up online to your local event and we will see you in your town this summer.
- Go to the X RACE website www.xrace.co.nz and register before all of the places fill up.

Join our school team for a fun family and community day at X RACE. Our school receives a 50% discount on registrations and we will get to start together in the same wave (code expires February, 29). **TIMARU - THURSDAY, 7 MARCH 2024 AT 6PM**

50% OFF YOUR ENTRY USE THIS DISCOUNT CODE AT CART *CLICK VALIDATE AND GO TO CHECKOUT **GERALD**

DISCOUNT CODE: GERALD



Teal Ribbon Afternoon Tea at Verde

Enjoy some of Verde's famous baking & desserts and help raise awareness for Ovarian Cancer

February
29th
3pm-5pm

**SATURDAY
16 MARCH 2024**

WOODBURY DOMAIN
538 Woodbury Rd, Woodbury

FAMILY PICNIC & GAMES DAY
9:00am – 3:00PM
FREE ADMISSION

Old fashioned fun family picnic day for all the family. Bring a picnic or buy from the stalls. Enter the produce, baking, distilling, floral or poetry competitions*. Have a go at horseshoe throwing. Check out the interactive displays. Shop at the stalls. Guess where the pony will poo. Bid on a silent auction or buy a raffle ticket. Let the kids loose at the kid's games (\$10 day pass or gold coin entry per game). Enjoy the live music. Come along and join in the fun.

Schedule Highlights

9:00am Drop off Potato in a Bucket, Produce, Baking, Distilling, Floral and Poetry competition entries

9:00am Stalls open

9:30am First "Guess Where the Pony will Poo" competition

9:30am Kid's races begin – to include three-legged race, sack race, sticks and pinecones race, woolpack race, fill a bucket with water relay and moon hopper race

10:00am Competition judging

10:00am Interactive demonstrations begin

11:00am Hall opens to the public – see which entries have won the competitions

11:30am Potato weighing for Potato in a Bucket competition

12:00m Lunch break – bring a picnic or buy from the stalls

12:30pm Potato in A Bucket Trophy Presentation

2:30pm Silent auctions and raffles announced

Live music throughout the day.

Fundraiser for Woodbury Hall and Eleanor Tripp Memorial Library

Contact - woodburyharvestgala@gmail.com

See the full schedule of competitions and events at our
Facebook page Woodbury Harvest Gala.

Geraldine Home & Kindergarten
Presents
THE GREAT LAUGH
Comedy Show

Featuring
Tarun Mohanbhai
Jamie Bowen
Al Bolland
MC Mike Boon

Tickets available online at
eventfinda.co.nz

23rd March 2024
Doors open at 6.30pm
Bar with Effpos
Geraldine High School Hall

Sponsors

GOLD **SILVER** **BRONZE**

Great Kid Kindergarten

Four Peaks Seido Karate Beginners class

Venue: Geraldine Bowling Club rooms,
Starting date: Thursday 8th February 2024.

5:50 pm-6:50 pm

Contact: Sensei Gisell Johnson 02102287049

Children under 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult please; Parent(s) are encouraged to join in. The cost will be just \$2 a session per family. First session free.

- ü Great Fitness Training for the New Year, developing stamina, strength and co-ordination skills.
- ü Builds up confidence and self-esteem as well as resilience in a supportive environment.
- ü Great Self Defence & Martial Art that will give you the skills and confidence to cope in any situation.
- ü Ideal for families as parents and children can train together in the same classes.
- ü Quality coaching.