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Newsletter

Week 1 Term 1

2 February 2024

From the Principal...

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

Nau mai hoki mai ki te kura o Geraldine - welcome back to Geraldine Primary.

I trust everyone has had a restful holiday and are looking forward to what 2024 will bring to Geraldine Primary School.

A huge welcome to all our new students - we are so lucky to have 30 children starting at the beginning of this term and we are looking forward to welcoming you all officially at our mihi whakatau on Monday 5th February 9am in the school hall.



Over the holidays the Home and School have been busy helping to prepare, promote and get people safely around our Maze Maize. Thank you to everyone who came to support us. Over the two week period of the Maize being open we managed to get 626 people visiting and going around it. This is truly amazing and a huge thanks to Lou and Jamie Ward for their vision, energy and space. This was a great way to build local connections and relationships.



On Tuesday 30th January Geraldine Primary held our first school leadership day. This consisted of the group discussing and learning what the key skills and attributes are to be a leader. The group's top list are: Communication, encouraging, good listener, enthusiastic, stay calm, standing up for each other, honesty and the ability to make mistakes but learn from them.

One of their tasks was to work together to put up a tent. They found this very challenging, but learnt very quickly that everyone has different strengths!

I was so proud of their energy and I can't wait to see how they are going to help to drive our school.

Head Students: Theo Polasek and Matilda England

Whero: Levi Tubb and Aoife Alicaba

Kakariki: Jamie Waldron and Flynn Foster

Kahurangi: Neve Ward and Deanna Tozer

Kowhai - Taylah Weily and Jessica Martin



Geraldine Primary Community Evening from 5 - 6.30pm



On Thursday 8th February you are invited to Geraldine Primary for an evening of connection, learning and fun. This is a great opportunity to meet with teachers, family and children.

The evening will contain:

- Learning Expo in the hall - please come and find information on our school Literacy, Numeracy, Maori, Values and PB4L, Digital Technology, Extra Curricular Opportunities, Leadership, Sport, Transition, Home and School, Local Curriculum and Strategic Plan .
- Scavenger hunt - 10 questions about our school programmes - prizes for the winning entries
- Games and Activities on the field
- Open swimming pool
- Second hand uniform sale

We will provide a sausage sizzle and you are more than welcome to bring along a picnic.

We can't wait to see you all.

Other dates for your diaries:

1. **Mihi Whakatau** - Monday 5th February 9am in the school hall - welcome to new whānau
2. **Whānau Picnic** - Wednesday 14th February 12.15pm - 12.45pm - Please come along to listen to our new whānau leaders introduce themselves and spend time having a picnic with your children and their friends.
3. **Kahui Ako** - TOD Friday March 22nd. This is an across schools development day for Woodbury, Carew, Winchester and Geraldine Primary staff to develop their knowledge and skills on structured literacy.
4. **3 Way Conferences** April 3rd and 4th 3 - 6.30pm

This term we also have Year 5 and 6 School Camps, Year 4 - 6 Swimming Sports, Senior Triathlon, whole school whānau matches,

Geraldine Primary would like to say a huge thank you to Stewart Gollan. Stewart is the amazing artist in residence and parent of our school. He has been busy over the summer starting to add our new mural to the swimming pool. His painting is exceptional and we are so fortunate to have such a talented parent! Thank you so much.



Please remember that my door is always open and I look forward to an exciting 2024 at Geraldine Primary.

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

Stu Wilcox
Tumuaki

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.

Please Note

We have become aware that there is a supply shortage for the Size 6 and 8 GPS Polo shirts. The Warehouse is working through this. In the meantime we are expecting some plain green shirts without our logo on them to arrive shortly. We will let you know when these arrive.

Second hand uniforms can be purchased from the school office for a donation which will go to the Home and School. We have no Size 6 polo shirts in our cupboard. If you have some of the green GPS polo tops at home that you no longer require, we would appreciate them. Please drop them into the school office next term.

Term 1

Week 2

Tuesday 6 February Waitangi Day - school closed

Week 6

Tuesday 5 to Wednesday 8
February Y6 Camp

Week 8

Friday 22 March Teacher Only Day

Week 9

Friday 29 March Good Friday - School Closed

Week 10

Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 April Easter Holiday - school closed

Week 11

Friday 12 April

Last day of Term 1

Term Dates 2024

Term 1	31 January - 28 April
Term 2	29 April - 5 July
Term 3	22 July - 27 September
Term 4	14 October - 16 December

Teacher Only Days	Friday 31 June
	Tuesday 29 October
	Tuesday 29 November

Home & School

Our committee

We always welcome new members and would love to see some new faces! We meet once a month and support the school with various fundraisers. We're a friendly bunch so please come along if you would like to find out more about what we do. If you have any questions prior please feel free to email us at gpshomeandschool@gmail.com

Our next meeting is Monday 19th February at 7pm in the School Staff Room.

Sausage Sizzle

A reminder about the weekly Sausage Sizzle. Sausages are available for our children every Friday lunchtime at a cost of \$2 each. Orders and payment are through the Kindo app. Gluten free sausages are available for purchase for \$2.00. Please assist your children to ask for a gluten free sausage when they collect their cooked sausage.

Uniform Store

Did you know we have a second hand uniform store at the school? Donations of second hand GPS uniforms can be handed in to the School Office and if you are looking for uniform options you are able to take any with a gold coin donation to the Home & School Committee (so the funds stay within our school).

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