



NEWSLETTER/PĀNUI 4

Friday 1st March 2024

Term 1 Week 5

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Important Dates:</u></p> <p>5 March Tāwhirimātea Triathlon 1.30-2.30pm Wednesday 6 March- Friday 8 March Year 6 Camp 14/15 March Year 5 Camp</p>	

Principal’s Kōrero

Kia ora koutou whānau and welcome to our Pānui.

One of our strategic outcomes is to provide a range of different opportunities so students are encouraged to achieve. Over the last two weeks our students have been involved in and exposed to so many new and exciting events.

On Friday we had a visit from the pipe band who played a number of well-known tunes as well as taking time to describe what the instruments were and answer lots of thoughtful questions.

During this week we held our Tangaroa triathlon and our width and length carnival. Life is about challenge and I was so proud to witness perseverance, team work and resilience, particularly during the triathlon. The swimming carnivals highlight the importance of patience and preparing yourself mentally whilst you wait for your event to start. These opportunities teach our children vital life skills and help to set them up for a successful future. I must say that two specific moments in the triathlon stand out and encapsulates what and who a Geraldine Primary School child is. The first one was in the bike transition where one child was having a mental block and finding the whole event overwhelming. Her two friends, rather than racing off, stayed behind and waited with her, using encouraging words and kept on building her up. This was beautiful and demonstrated so much manaakitanga. The second moment was right at the very end - children going to meet the last runner to help rally them along and then clapping and cheering when they crossed the finish line. These are those aha moments and make you realise that our tamariki are awesome.

On Friday we announced our newly formed Student Council for 2024. Our student council is made up of one representative from every class in the school, as well as whānau leaders. Our two head students will help lead and run each meeting. The student council will be the voice of our students and help identify the needs of all young people. I am really excited to be working with them and I look forward to our first meeting on Tuesday 19th March. Our representatives are: Room 1 - Eva Pridham, Room 2 - Harries Pamintuan, Room 3 - Bethany Reardon, Room 4 - Lilah Johnston - Gotty, Room 6 - Rylan Allen, Room 7 - Mason Johnston, Room 8 - Ted Cummings, Room 9 - Stanley Mizzi, Room 10 - Lewis Tucker, Room 11 - Roman Beersten, Room 13 - Isaac Necklen.

A huge thanks to the Geraldine JAB for visiting our kura and giving different year groups a taster of rugby skills and games.

At Geraldine Primary we love hearing of our students' successes. We are really fortunate to have Felicity Marsden at GPS who represented South Canterbury at tennis last weekend in Dunedin. She played Southland, Southern Lakes and Otago in a regional tournament. Felicity had a great weekend with some good wins and had a great experience. Ka pai Felicity, we are so proud of you.

Finally, thank you so much to all of you, our whānau, for encouraging your children to establish those important school routines, for following our four school values and for your continued support.

Stu Wilcox



Felicity Marsden representing South Canterbury.



Johnny Burnside teaching the children lots of new and exciting rugby skills.



Year 5 boys swim leg for the triathlon.



Coming into the bike transition.



Neve Ward finishing the run leg.



The Pipe Band performing in assembly.

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following tamariki who won a Gotcha Draw:
Lucy, R3. Ava, R7; Sean, R9; Krystal, R4; Siya, R8; Leon, R7

PB4L Certificates

		PB4L	Desire/Aspire to Achieve
Tāne Mahuta	Room 6: Room 7: Room 8: Room 9:	Greer Ava Blake Airza	Jordan Lucas H Ayla M
Tāwhirimātea	Room 10: Room 11: Room 13:	Hunter Japneet Isaac N	Kyzh Paige Isabel P
Tangaroa	Room 1: Room 2: Room 3: Room 4:	Caleb B Lucy Franco	Esther Carrog Lilah

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.

Three Way Conferences are being held on Wednesday 3rd April from 3:00pm - 7:00pm and Thursday 4th April from 3:00pm - 6:30pm. Mrs Leov (Rm 3) will also be holding interviews on Monday 8th April from 3:00 - 5:00. Please book with the following link or at schoolinterviews.co.nz and use the code 232jd

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/232jd>

Tangaroa Syndicate Triathlon results

Congratulations to all Tangaroa students who competed in our Triathlon at the Geraldine Domain. Many comments about the resilience and encouragement shown by the students has been a highlight for this event.

Results:

Yr 4/5 Girls

1st - Ruby Coombs

2nd - Alexis Blok

3rd - Krystal Courage

Yr 4/5 Boys

1st - Lachie Trevathan
2nd - Flynn Cummings
3rd - Colby Drake

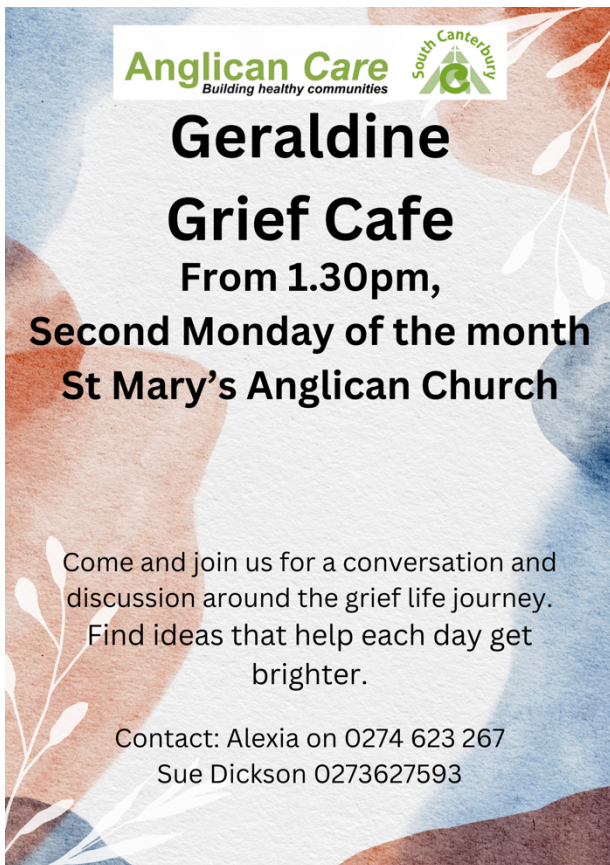
Yr 6 Girls

1st - Phoebe Buchanan
2nd - Neve Ward
3rd - Lilia Chapman

Yr 6 Boys

1st - Noah Barlow
2nd - Taig Milne
3rd - Oakley Scott

Community Notices



Anglican Care
Building healthy communities

South Canterbury

Geraldine Grief Cafe

From 1.30pm,
Second Monday of the month
St Mary's Anglican Church

Come and join us for a conversation and discussion around the grief life journey. Find ideas that help each day get brighter.

Contact: Alexia on 0274 623 267
Sue Dickson 0273627593



Seaweek.

2nd - 10th March

Sea Week Activity Ideas

To celebrate Seaweek we invite you to try some of these sea themed activities.
How many can you do over Seaweek?
Bring this to the Eco Centre open day and get a reward!

Visit the Nitrifying Trickle Filter	Pick up rubbish at a beach	Swim in the sea	Explore a Rockpool
Find 3 blue fish on drains	* Visit the Eco Centre displays	Timaru Library Seaweek activity	Play on the ship wreck at CPlay
Look at the Seaweek website	SC Museum Seaweek activity	Research a sea creature	Look for footprints on the beach
Watch the Little Blue Penguins	Explore the Waitarakao Lagoon	Make a mosaic at the beach	Read a book about the sea

***South Canterbury Eco Centre Open Day**
2.30pm - 4.30pm Friday 8th March
Visit the Eco Centre Seaweek displays and Seaweek themed activities.
More details found on SCEcoCentre Facebook.

Tag us on socials + #ecocentreseaweek

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SOUTH CANTERBURY
ECO CENTRE
Te Pokapu Taiao o Aoraki



REPAIR CAFE

Something needing repair?
Skills in repairing?

Skills or questions contact Rhys Taylor
anneandrhy@farmside.co.nz

HOSTED BY SUSTAINABLE SC TRUST



 10am - 12.30pm

 2nd Sunday of each month

 South Canterbury Eco Centre
next door to the Crows Nest



SOUTH CANTERBURY
ECO CENTRE

Registrations Now OPEN ,close March 18th
2023 players have been contacted New players email the club

PLAY FOOTBALL 2024

Girls & Boys 7-18

First Kicks 4-6

Seniors—Male 15+

Geraldine Football Club

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