

NEWSLETTER/PĀNUI

Friday 30th May 2025

Term 1 Week 7

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| <p><u>Important Dates:</u></p> <p>Monday 9th June – Student Council Non-Uniform Day Friday 20th June – Matariki Friday 27th June – End of Term 2</p> | |

Principal's Kōrero

Kia ora koutou whānau and welcome to our Pānui.

Geraldine Primary continues to be a thriving hub of opportunities and fun.

At the start of last week, we officially opened the inside of the ePod. Our school council, student leaders, room 4 and whānau were the first to get a glimpse of the incredible vaulted ceiling. During the week all students had the opportunity to spend 15 minutes inside the ePod, with the doors open and shut and with the lights on and off. This was an incredible experience. They were encouraged to explore their feelings and emotions. From next week the ePod will be open to teachers to use with their class. We will also be looking at how families can visit the ePod, after school, and our community during the weekend.

On Saturday 24th May, Mrs Leov and Mrs Wilcox accompanied James, Lachie, Josh, Ella and their whānau to Wellington to take part in the national finals of the Kids Lit Quiz. Our team was the youngest by a country mile, but did an excellent job in a pressurised quiz environment! They were beaten to the buzzer numerous times, but did answer a number of questions correctly. At the end of the quiz our team came in 11th place out of 18 teams. A fantastic achievement.

On Monday the whole school took part in the annual cross country. The weather did not disappoint and the sun kept shining. It is so great to see all children trying their best and striving to achieve their own personal goals. For some children this was just completing the course, whilst for others it was gaining a top placing. It was awesome to see so many of our whānau at the event too. A huge thank you to Mrs Hanrahan for her outstanding organisation and to the High School for allowing their year 10's to martial and run with the children.

At the end of this week Maia from South Canterbury netball visited GPS to put our senior students through a series of different and fun Netball skills sessions.

Yesterday Daphne Newcombe was our principal for the day. She ran a very tight ship. She visited every class, baked cakes for the staff, gave out gotchas during morning tea and lunch, taught room 1 and organised a staff v students netball game. All students arrived at school in non-school uniform, and lots came to watch the fiercely contested netball match, which was won convincingly by staff!

Over the last 6 weeks we have had Ben Robertson in room 1 completing his first teacher placement. It is great to see how he interacts positively with students, staff and whānau, bringing a sense of creativity and fun. Unfortunately, his placement has come to an end, but we would like to thank him for his positivity and mahi. However, we have managed to persuade him to take on the role as an in-school Children Mentor Support for 5 weeks, whilst he is waiting for his second placement to start.

His duties will include:

- Supporting students to engage with their learning in class and provide collaborative solutions to enhance their educational and life outcomes.
- Fostering positive student teacher relationships.
- Working alongside teachers.
- Working with students to enable them to use social, emotional and regulation skills.
- Support students to be positive when following the GPS values processes.
- Teach GPS kapa haka and kahui ako kapa haka.

A huge thank you to Mrs Robertson, Mrs Leov and Miss Bathgate for organising and running through many auditions. We had many students audition for major roles and I know the teachers found it very challenging to select. It is great to see so many students put themselves forward. Well done to all and I am excited to watch the production take shape over the next two terms.

Thank you whānau for supporting our maths teacher only day. We understand that this does cause some inconvenience.

Lastly, thank you for your many kind messages, gifts and aroha towards Jodi. She is so grateful for your manaakitanga.




He Oranga Ngākau

He Pikinga Waiora

Positive feelings within you enhances wellbeing

Ngā mihi

Stu Wilcox

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| <p>Starting line at cross country</p>  | <p>Maximum effort during cross country</p>  | <p>Learning how to apply measurement skills to real life</p>  |
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| <p>The school showing lots of aroha</p>  | <p>Students V Teachers netball</p>  | <p>Daphne – Principal for the day</p>  |
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Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following tamariki who won a Gotcha Draw:
Henry, R10; Aren, R4; Anton, R3; Eva, R2; Lottie C, R2; Greer, R3.

PB4L Certificates

| | | PB4L | Desire/Aspire to Achieve |
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| Tāne Mahuta | Room 6: Room 7: Room 8: Room 9: | - Hazel L-K Oliver - | Sophia P Eli W Thomas Mirian Q |
| Tāwhirimātea | Room 10: Room 11: Room 12: Room 13: | Hunter S Paige M Siya A Charlotte J | Mackenzie Leo H Samantha S Sophia P |
| Tangaroa | Room 1: Room 2: Room 3: Room 4: | Michaela J Lachie T Dakota R Wren | Reed B Ella C Anton M Lydia |

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.

June
9th

ROTARY CANS FOR A CAUSE



Rotary
District 9910

HELP US COLLECT 1 MILLION
FOOD ITEMS

"CANS FOR A CAUSE" NON UNIFORM DAY

Geraldine Primary School are excited to be part of the Rotary Club initiative **"cans for a cause"**. Rotary are aiming to collect 1 million cans and non-perishable food items all over NZ from 9th– 16th June. All donations remain in our local community– how good!

- ✓ **To kick start the collection in Geraldine, we are having a non-uniform day on Monday 9th June**
- ✓ **Wear your pyjamas and bring along a non-perishable food item/s to donate to this awesome community cause.**

 **GeraldinePrimary** **Rotary** 

Home and School News

Right now, the Committee have a couple of amazing fundraisers underway and we'd love your support! Every contribution – big or small – helps us make a real difference.

Frozen Pies and Savouries

Our Frozen Pies and Savouries fundraiser is underway and signing up and selling is super easy.

All your sales will be tracked online and at the end you will receive a report showing who gets what.

Last day for sales is Sunday 8th June
Each Seller must pick up their sales 26th June.

Please head to our Fundraising Hub page to sign up and share your fundraising page:
<https://geraldinehomeandschoolpies.raiseit.co.nz/>

Dancing with the Stars is back – 28th June 2025!

We're gearing up for our major event - a night of fun and fundraising to support our tamariki. The community support so far has been amazing – thanks to you, we already have bronze, silver, and gold sponsors coming on board!

Want to get involved?

Whether you're a local business or work with a local business, we'd love your support. Sponsor, donate, or lend a hand – it all makes a difference.

Get in touch with the Geraldine Home & School at gpschoolhomeandschool@gmail.com or message us on Facebook for more information.

Introducing more of the dancers





Uniforms

With the weather getting colder you might be in need of uniform items. Please remember we have a pre-loved selection of items in the school office for a gold coin donation or you can also purchase items from our local High Street Stitch & Print
<https://gps.hssp.co.nz/>

Keep Up To Date

Follow us on Facebook - find us at Geraldine Primary Home & School Committee.

Community Notices



Geraldine Family & Youth Trust

WE'RE HIRING – SUPERVISOR WANTED!

Come join our amazing Kids Alive team in Geraldine!

- Love working with kids
- Bring energy & leadership
- Want flexible, meaningful work

Then we want to hear from YOU

APPLY NOW by sending your CV to
lorraine@kidsalive.co.nz

Geraldine Hockey League



Wednesday afternoon, term 3, Geraldine Domain Turf

Funsticks for 5-year-olds – 3.15

Junior League games for year 2-6 from 4pm

League games for year 7/8 from 6pm

To register your interest for players/coaches/volunteers please use the following form

<https://forms.gle/LNpNqp2WdcMcmTkh6>

To register an entire team or for queries please contact Hills McCullough nofrillshills@gmail.com



Geraldine Lioness Lions Club presents a

GARDEN EXPO 21ST JUNE 2025

Geraldine Primary School Hall

9.30 to 3 pm.

Garden theme stalls, workshops,
demonstrations.

Limited stalls still available.

For details ring Elizabeth 0273083538

