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# Newsletter

**Week 8 Term 4**

**1 December 2023**

**From the Principal...**

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

Welcome to week 8's newsletter and what an incredibly busy two weeks it has been!

Geraldine Primary School has been beavering away creating our classes for 2024. This is always a long process and it is important for us to ensure we consider all social and academic circumstances. The children will be told their new classes on Friday 8th December and they will have a transition morning from 10am - 10.40am. This will give them all a chance to meet their new teacher and all their classmates.

Please have a look at the combinations and teachers below.

Classes mix for 2024

	<u>Year</u>	
Room 6	1 (NE)	Andrea Bathgate
Room 9	1-2	Rochelle Fisher
Room 7	1-2	Jodi Gardner
Room 8	2	Kirsty Smith
Room 13	3	Claire Lovelock
Room 10	3-4	Cathy Taiaroa
Room 11	3-4	Sarah Wilson/Jo Drake

Room 4	4-5	Elizabeth Murray
Room 3	5	Sarah Strowger
Room 1	5-6	Fiona Wilcox
Room 2	6	Chelley Leov

## Reports

### Students in Year 1-6

Reports will be available on the edge Portal and App next Thursday 7th December in the afternoon or evening. A copy will also be emailed home, so please make sure your email addresses are up to date.

**Paper copies will not go home this year.**

Year 0 - New Entrants - Students in Room 9 and 15 who would be getting their first school report. Report will go home with these students next Thursday 7th December.

***Students new to Geraldine Primary School this term will not receive a report. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to discuss your child's progress with them.***

South Canterbury Primary Schools Athletics was held on Tuesday 28th November at Aoraki track in Timaru. We took a team of 26 students.

Our students represented our school with so much pride and I am super impressed with their efforts. It is great to see their competitive spirit, but also how they use their values.

A huge well done to the following students for gaining some placings:

Hayden Eggleton - 3rd in the 50m AWD and 3rd in the 100m (Athletes with Disabilities)

Caty Davis - 3rd in the AWD Shot Put (Athletes with Disabilities)

Ashlee Bolt - 2nd equal in the U11 Girls High Jump and 3rd in the U11 Girls Long Jump

Lachie Trevathan - 1st U9 70m and 2nd U9 Boys Long Jump

Camilo Cisneros - 3rd U10 Boys 100m

Jenna Fowler - 2nd U10 Girls 100m

All four of our relay teams competed well in the event with the Under 9 Boys of Oakley Scott, Lachie Trevathan, Fletcher Coleman and Nikau Shand claiming second place. Under 11 Girls of Ashlee Bolt, Deanna Tozer, Jenna Fowler and Lily Snow also claimed second place in their category.

Thank you to the parents who ensured students got to their event on time and kept the sunblock up, it was a very hot day and Mrs Hanrahan appreciated your help.





On Tuesday 21st of November two Yr 6 teams of Ruby, Abigail, Thea, Bethany, James, Kohei, Camilo and Tom competed in the Caroline Bays Aoraki Relay. Each runner had a course of 1.8km and the quickest time for the whole team was collected as the 4th runner came through the finish line. Our teams were 4th in each of their age ranges and I am sure they will be back next year to earn their bronze medal if they have competed in three of these events.

The team spirit was very alive with lots of encouragement and support as some very tired runners crossed the line, Mrs Hanrahan is looking forward to entering more teams next year.





## Basketball 2023

GPS Raptors, Falcons, Eagles and Hawks are getting to their last game for the season next week. The Yr  $\frac{3}{4}$  team - GPS Hawks have had a great season, the Yr  $\frac{5}{6}$  teams have had some mixed results but I am hearing from the coaches and managers that the skills and support for each team mate has been fantastic.

Thank you to the coaches, managers and parents for the time and effort you have put into these teams. GPS really appreciates the opportunities our students are getting through your support. Good luck to all teams in the final games next week.



Geraldine Primary School would like to say a huge well done to Abigail Marsden. She is continuing to excel in her tennis and it is great to see her representing our school at such a high level.

Abigail has had a great couple of days playing in the South Island Primary schools tennis tournament. Lots of tough matches against some very good players. Abigail came 6th overall in Singles. Abigail and her partner, Vienna, were the runner ups in Doubles.



Please keep your eye on our website, facebook page and skool loop to ensure you are kept up to date with important events and dates. Please remember we still have lots of things going over the next two weeks.

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

Stu Wilcox  
Tumuaki

### **Swimming**

The school pool will open on 27 November. Please send your children to school with their clothing named, togs and a towel (also named).

Pool keys will be available for sale from 28 November. This year they will cost \$75.00, at the end of the swimming season you will receive a \$10 refund when you return your key.

### **Reports**

Reports are due out soon and will be online. We will let you know when they are available to view. The instructions to log into the edge Portal are below:

### **We are moving towards our reports going out on our edge Portal and App**

How do I log into the edge Portal?

1. Click on the following link [Edge Caregiver Login](#)
2. Type in the email address you have supplied to the school. Click the 'Reset password' link and an email will be sent to you that includes a link allowing you to create your own password.
3. Use email address and new password to enter Portal

How do I log into the edge Mobile App?

1. Downloaded from either Play Store (Android) or App Store (iOS). Search for MUSAC edge.
2. Once installed, make up a 4 digit pin.
3. Type in the email address you have supplied to the school. Click the 'Reset password' link and an email will be sent to you that includes a link allowing you to create your own password.
4. Use email address and new password to enter the edge Mobile App.

Once you have entered the Portal or App you should be able to see your child's:

- o Contact details
- Attendance

Student reports (only the end of 2022 will be published at this stage, this terms report will be published at the



end of Term 2)

School payments (there is only one bill payer loaded per family if you wish to add more please contact Sarah at the office)

(If you have more than one child you will get the opportunity to select each one individually)

### **Library Stocktake**

Could you please return all Library books and have a look at home for any ones that are overdue or missing.

We don't like charging people for missing books but are finding we are having to as it costs us a great deal of money each year to replace them. Thank you for your understanding in this area.

### **Fern Fuel for Schools Programme**



Geraldine Primary School recently received a bundle of sports equipment from Fern Fuel. Huge thanks to Fern Fuel and to the following community members who participate in the programme:

SR & LM Geary  
GB Hammond - 64 Painton Road  
Beat Tech Limited  
Geraldine Hire  
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M J & J N Denton

### 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.

Second hand uniforms can be purchased from the school office for a donation which will go to the Home and School.

### Term dates 2023

#### Term 4

Monday 9 October – Thursday 14 December

School closed:

Labour Day - Monday 23 October

Staff Development Day - Friday 17 November

### Calendar

#### Week 9

Wednesday 6 December

Board Meeting, 6pm GPS

#### Week 10

Thursday 14 December

End of Year Prize Giving 9.15-10.15

Carols in the Park 11.45-12.15pm

### 2024

#### Term 1

#### Week 1

Wednesday 31 January 2024

Term 1 starts

#### Week 2

Tuesday 6 February

Waitangi Day - school closed

#### Week 8

Friday 22nd March

Kahui Ako TOD - school closed

Friday 29 March

Good Friday - school closed

Monday 1 April

Easter Monday - school closed

Tuesday 2 April

Easter Tuesday - school closed

Week 11

Friday 12 April

Term 1 ends

## Notices



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