



Desire to learn, Aspire to Achieve

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Newsletter

Week 2 Term 4

20 October 2023

From the Principal...

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

At school we have all settled back into school life and I hope things are going smoothly at home as well. Term 4 is shaping up to be a busy term so please continue to read our newsletters and keep an eye on our Facebook page, as well as Skoop Loop.

For the first five weeks of this term our PB4L focus is **Achieving/Takakawae**. It is important for our students to realise there are many ways to achieve, it does not just have to be in the classroom academically. Another way of achieving for some students is just coming to school if they are feeling anxious. We are certainly here to support parents if this is the case.

Sadly, at the end of the year we say goodbye to Nerissa Murphy who has decided to do her overseas experience, where she will be nannying in London as well as working at Camp America during the latter half of 2024. I would like to take this time to say a huge thank you for all her incredible mahi over the last two years. It has been wonderful to see her grow and achieve so much. Her ability to grasp new ideas and build positive relationships are a real strength. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

Thank you so much for replying to our recent whanau voice survey. We have received lots of positive feedback and guidance that will allow us to develop a robust and future focused strategy. Thanks once again, it is gratefully appreciated.

Over the last two weeks our students have been busy practising for athletics day, taking part in futsal at the turf, house basketball and school basketball.

On Monday we had lots of students sharing our staff room space watching France V South Africa. It was great to see their passion and interest in such an exciting global competition. Most students were supporting France, so they left quite disappointed!



As part of the class formation process, if parents have any factors that they would like senior staff to consider regarding their child(ren), please put these in writing to me by way of a letter or email – principal@geraldine.school.nz by Friday 3 November at the latest. Whilst we will take these factors into consideration, we are unable to guarantee each request. Please note that this is not an opportunity to request a particular teacher or be placed with particular friends. If you know now that your child is not going to be attending GPS in 2024 (other than Year 6's), please let me know in writing as soon as possible too.

On Wednesday a group of year 5 boys visited the Men's Shed to begin an eight week workshop on learning to collaborate, listen, measure and use hand tools, safely, to construct planter boxes. We would like to say a huge thanks in advance to the amazing gentlemen who are spending their valuable time to coach our students. Geraldine Primary are so lucky

to have such a supportive community.

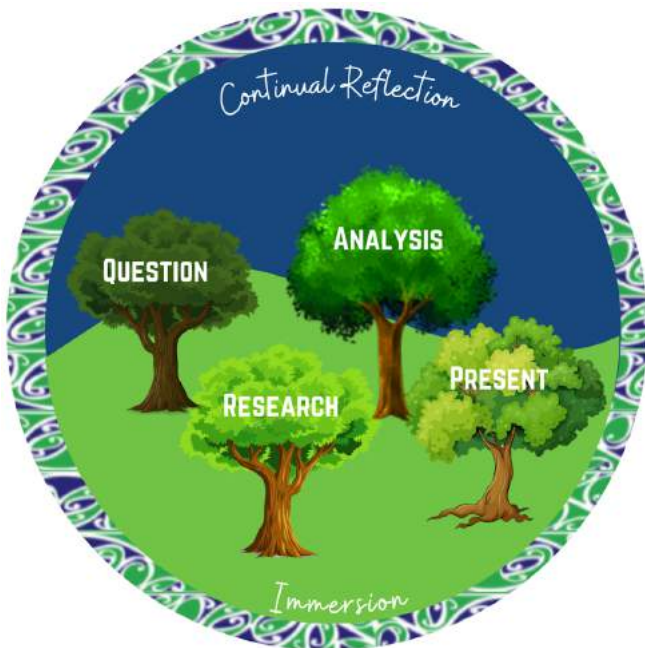


In my last newsletter I talked about our 'Ko tatou tenei - this is us' graphic.



Our fifth theme on the graphic is 'Innovation'. This unit is derived from the phrase, *nurture the seed and it will blossom*. During this unit our students will design and create something that solves a problem to benefit our students, school, community and have a sustainable focus. This is our technology unit and our senior students created headphone pockets for the Junior school students last term.

Lastly, our sixth theme is 'curiosity'. *Grow and nourish a thriving community*. This is our inquiry unit where students get a chance to dig deeper, ask questions and research an area that is meaningful to them - so they can follow their passion. All classes follow an inquiry cycle which follows our tree graphic below.



Thank you once again for all your positive support. Please have a wonderful long weekend and we will see everyone on Tuesday.

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

Stu Wilcox
Tumuaki

School Disco

Friday 24th November

Years 0-3 6.00 – 7.15pm

Years 4 -6 7.15 – 8.45pm

More information to follow.

Scholastic Booklet

The Scholastic booklet orders close on Tuesday 24 October.

School Photo orders

The school photo orders are due in by Friday 27 October.

Te Reo Kupu Te Wiki

We have started learning about positional kupu in te reo Māori.

This is the new kupu and phrases from the last two weeks. Have a go!

kei at, on, in	Kei hea ngā tamariki? Where are the children?	He reka! Yummy!
akomanga classroom	Kei te akomanga ngā tamariki. The children are in the classroom.	E ki rā? Is that right?

waho out(side)	Kei waho ngā tamariki. The children are outside.	Taihoa. Hang on/wait up.
roto in(side)	Kei roto te tamaiti The child is inside.	Kia tere. Hurry up.

PB4L Certificates

Well done to the following students who received a PB4L or a Desire to Learn/Aspire to Achieve certificate at assembly today:

CLASS	DESIRE/ASPIRE	PB4L VALUES
1	Camilo Cisneros	Fergus Steele
3	Tate Burnside	Neve Ward
4	Matilda England	Jamie Waldron
6	Thatcher Fletcher-Gibbs	Sonny Hansen
7	Billy Patrick	Yara Aguiar
8	Grayson Batchelor	Ariella Woods
9	Charlotte Jones	Brianna Kauta
10	Roman Beersten	Violet Talbot
13	Kyzah Jones	Emily Amos
15	Harrison Terry	

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following children who won a prize in the Gotcha draw:

Fuel for Schools

We would like to take the time to mention the following members of the community that have contributed to our school through the Fuel for Schools programme:

SR & LM Geary
K R Christie
GB Hammond - 64 Painton Road
Clay Downs Farming Company Limited
Beat Tech Limited
Michael Holmes Holdings Ltd
Geraldine Hire
HJB & SJ Sheed
George Williams Contracting Limited
McArthur Park Ltd
BC & TE Brown Limited - 219 Flatman Road
Silverdale Dairies Limited
Jamieson Transport Limited
SOUTH HILTON LTD - 875 EARL RD - RD1 DFOA
Talbot Paterson Family Trust
SR & LM Geary - 1891 Fairlie Geraldine Highway
SR & LM Geary - 955 Spur Road
G B Hammond-Pleasant Valley Road
BJ & NC Lysaght
M J & J N Denton
BC & TE Brown Limited

Inter Regional Cross Country

Well done to Phoebe and Esther who represented South Canterbury in the Inter Regional Cross Country in Christchurch at the end of Term 3.



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. 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.

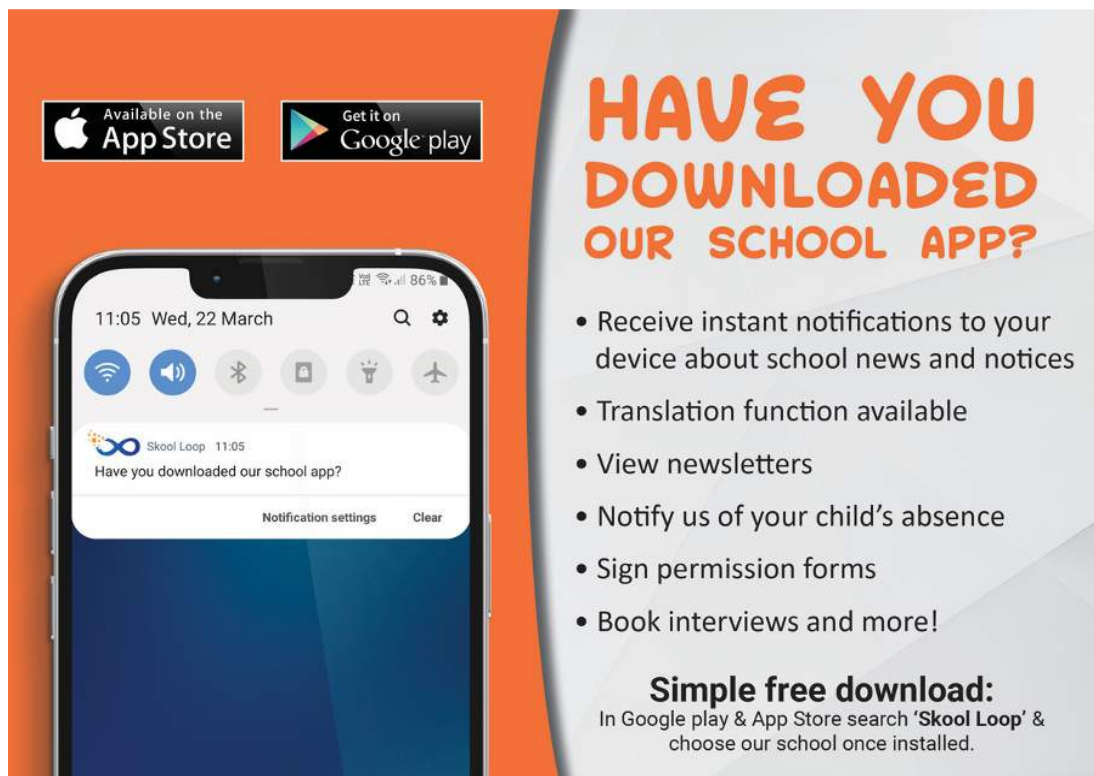
Term dates 2023

Term 4

Monday 9 October – Thursday 14 December

School closed: Labour Day - Monday 23 October
Staff Development Day - Friday 17 November

Notices



Available on the App Store **Get it on Google play**

HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED OUR SCHOOL APP?

- Receive instant notifications to your device about school news and notices
- Translation function available
- View newsletters
- Notify us of your child's absence
- Sign permission forms
- Book interviews and more!

Simple free download:
In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

TDC are
seeking feedback on the Proposed Interim Speed Management Plan. The plan is to reduce speeds around kura/school, urban fringes areas, and the CBD. **Survey is open until October 23rd.**

<https://www.timaru.govt.nz/.../curr.../speed-management-plan>

Casual Worker Vacancy

The Record Keeper on 116 Talbot Street is both coffee shop and record store.

We are looking for someone who is personable and reliable to assist with FOH, kitchen duties and record store tasks during school hours on Thursdays and Fridays from Term 1, 2024 with some work available Nov/Dec 2023.

Interested persons please text Katrina at 027 668 8175 or email

katrina@recordkeeper.co.nz



Harold needs your help!

Harold loved visiting all your amazing children, he hopes they had a great time in the Life Education classroom.

The 2 sessions Harold and your child shared at Life Education cost \$22.00 per child to deliver. We are lucky to have the school pay \$6.00 towards this cost. Life Education Mid and South Canterbury fund the remainder of the cost through grants, local support and fundraising.

How can you help?

If you are able to cover the \$16.00 cost for one local child to attend Life Education this would be a big help, if you can sponsor more that would be amazing! Get in touch by emailing Amy, admin@lfeedmsc.org.nz
Harold can't wait to see you all next year!

NO TRICKS SLOTS OF TREATS!

31 OCTOBER 5.00-7.30PM
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH GROUNDS WILSON ST

LIGHT PARTY

A POSITIVE ALTERNATIVE TO HALLOWEEN

TUG O WAR
DRESS UP
(OPTIONAL)

SUPPORTED BY THE TDC

FREE!

OR BY DONATION

LOLLY
SCRAMBLE

BOUNCY CASTLES!

Sideshow

FOOD! GAMES! CRAFTS!

THIS EVENT IS RUN BY ST ANDREW'S GERALDINE • CHECK LIGHTPARTYGERALDINE ON FACEBOOK FOR CANCELLATION IF WET





Swim Squad

Our squad swimming season commences in the Geraldine Pool when it opens in early November.

If you are interested in joining our club for fitness, skills or competitive swimming then please contact us at;

secretarygasc@gmail.com

Learn to Swim

We offer 'Learn To Swim' lessons in the Geraldine Pool for children 5 years and older in 2 Blocks -

Tuesday/Thursday afternoons later in Term 4 and Term 1 2024.

Very limited spaces available!

Contact learn2swimgeraldine@gmail.com

Also checkout our Facebook Page for updates about the 2023/24 season!

