



NEWSLETTER/PĀNUI

Friday 6th September 2024

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<p><u>Important Dates:</u> South Canterbury Day – Monday 23rd September Tangaroa Celebration Assembly – Friday 27th September Term 3 ends – Friday 27th September</p>	

Principal’s Kōrero

Kia ora koutou whānau and welcome to our Pānui.

I would like to start this newsletter to acknowledge the recent passing of Kiingi Tūheitia Pōtatau Te Wherowhero VII at the age of 69, he reigned for 18 years. The king leaves an extensive legacy of calm, support and aroha. His mission was to create Kotahitanga across the motu and wanted New Zealand to build a way of life together. His legacy resonates so much into what we are working hard to build. Through our professional development on trauma and neurodiversity and our strategic goals, we are constructing this unity, so that all students see themselves as important and successful. There is a place for all of us in our community and we should be wrapped with warmth and affection.

I am so incredibly proud of our Kaiako, Tamariki and Whānau for their support during our open day last Wednesday. It gave our kura a sense of pride that whānau could come and sit with their Tamariki during classes and assist with their learning. Taking time to connect, keep learning, give, take notice and be active are the five ways of wellbeing and I certainly recognised each of these during the day. It was great to have staff V students bench ball game, and then watching adults join in Jump Jam and our tuakana teina programme in the afternoon was fantastic. Over the day we had 77 whānau come and visit our classes. Thank you so much again.

Last week our children were involved with lots of different activities. On Tuesday 27th we had a visit from six 3rd Year Otago Medical students – they took time to answer questions from Year 6 students as well as tell us about themselves and their medical course focus. In the afternoon the student council met and created a google sheet of the 58 families and their pets who are keen to participate in pet day. Our next process will be to organise the day and then contact everyone with the details. On Thursday 29th we held an Inspiring the Future event. Russel Brodie, Barry Hill, Kim Whitman and Hilary McCullough were our panellists, and each one answered 20 questions. Our students then tried to work out their occupations from listening to their responses. On the same day we had a visit from Elgrego, who came to show the children lots of illusions and magic tricks. On Friday 30th I took 22 Year 5/6 students to Sir Basil Arthur Park for a football festival. Both teams played 3 games and were great ambassadors for our school. I was very impressed with their teamwork, energy and efforts. Well done to everyone. Whilst we were away the school supported Daffodil Day and raised over \$700 for the Cancer Society. Thank you for your support.

Well done to Piper Jordan-Thomas for her winning artwork. "In Room 2 we chose a picture that was relevant to Matariki. We then did a mosaic using digital art of that image. Mine was entered into the Timaru Art Competition at the Aiganthighe Art Gallery. I won. For a prize I won paint, paintbrushes, a sketch book and a paint palette. I have used them a lot already."

Last night I had the privilege of going to the Timaru District Schools 2024 Speech Competition to watch Molly Fetu. 13 Year 5/6 boys and girls spoke about a variety of different topics. Molly was superb and I was so proud of her performance. Her speech was beautifully crafted with lots of facts and substance. She thoroughly deserves her first place.

'Before my speech I felt nervous, but I knew with all the help my teachers, and Mum had provided I can smash this! As we drove in to Timaru I went over, and over my speech making sure I didn't forget. Patiently, I waited for my name to be called to the front of the stage. My topic was, 'Is Barbie a Positive Role Model?' Which I strongly disagreed with! At the end of all the speeches, the judges announced the placings. I heard that second place went to Philippa Neal, and then first goes to... Molly Fetu. I would like to thank Mum, Mrs Hanrahan, Mrs Leov, Mr Wilcox, and Mrs Wilcox, for all the encouragement and support.'

By Molly Fetu Room 1

Geraldine Primary continues to thrive and grow, and this is down to everyone's hard work and dedication. We have the most caring Kaiako who plan lessons that are engaging and fun, whilst continuing to develop our ākonga literacy and numeracy skills.

Stu Wilcox

Inspiring the Future event



Year 5/6 Football teams



Molly Fetu winner of Timaru District Schools Speech Competition



Piper Jordyn-Thomas winner of Aiganthighe Art Competition



Jump Jam on Open Day



Tuakana Teina activities



Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following tamariki who won a Gotcha Draw:
Gunner, R10; Ada, R4; Ava, R7; Harry, R10; Ryder, R9; Ella, R10.

PB4L Certificates

		PB4L	Desire/Aspire to Achieve
Tāne Mahuta	Room 6: Room 7: Room 8: Room 9: Room 15:	Ben Thatcher Emily Nikolai Jack	Eloisa Mikey Osian Elora Hazel
Tāwhirimātea	Room 10: Room 11: Room 13:	Johnnie Roman Ariella	Riley Levi B George
Tangaroa	Room 1: Room 2: Room 3: Room 4:	Aoife Charlotte Hayden Elise	Molly Pippa Maeve Anaia

Welcome

Welcome to Olivia, R1; Willow, R4; Vincent, R15; Phoebe, R9; Mackenzie, R13; Oliver, R15; Aurora, R7; Abhijot, R11; and Theadora, R15 who have all started at our school recently. We hope you enjoy your time at Geraldine Primary.

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.

Thank you

For the kind donations of books for the Library. The children are really going to enjoy reading them.

Home and School News

NEXT MEETING

Our **next committee meeting is Monday 16th September @ 7pm** in the school staff room. Please come along if you would like to learn more about what we do and if you are considering being involved.

COOKIE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Cookie Fundraiser making this another successful fundraiser for our school. Orders are now closed and we are working towards a pick up date: **Thursday 12th September.**

KIDS ART WORKS FUNDRAISER

We are running this again for 2024. These were fantastic last year with so many of you placing orders for calendars, diaries, sketch pads and mouse pads.

By now you should have received a green notice / order form home.

All orders are to be handed to the office by **Friday 20th September**, payment to be made into the Home & School account - details are on the order form.

🙏 Thank you in advance!

The Home & School Committee Team

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



Community Notices

GERALDINE PRESCHOOL PRESENTS

BEATS BY BINGO

NZ's best musical bingo show!

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER 7PM

GERALDINE PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL
(Doors open at 6.30pm)

ALMIGHTY MEAT
RAW + WILD PET FOOD

Winchester Masonic Lodge
1737

Raffle & Auction prizes to be won!

TICKETS \$40
INCLUDES 5 MUSICAL BINGO CARDS & SUPPER! GRAB YOUR FRIENDS AND BOOK A TABLE! (Table bookings 8ppl)
CASH/EFTPOS BAR AVAILABLE

R18

Scan to book your tickets now or pay cash at Geraldine Preschool

Enquiries to geraldinepreschool@xtra.co.nz

The poster is teal with white and yellow accents. It features a large cassette tape in the center with a rainbow stripe. There are several circular icons with numbers (8, 19, 26, 12, 24) and musical notes scattered around. A QR code is in the bottom left corner. Logos for Geraldine Preschool, Almighty Meat, and Winchester Masonic Lodge are included.

Geraldine Primary School

Thanks to the below businesses for sponsoring our school app:



If you would like to advertise on the Geraldine Primary School Skool Loop App please email

Content@skoolloop.com



To download our app: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose School once installed.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Geraldine Children Social Work trust by purchasing lily bulbs. These will still be available for the next couple of weeks. Check out the GPS notice section for pictures of the lily flowers. The order form is below:

Geraldine Children Social Work Trust



“Tautokohia te tamaiti!”
“Support the child!”

The Trust is funded by grants and fundraising to pay the Salaries of the two social workers working in the schools and early childhood centres in the Geraldine district.

The trust has been offered an opportunity to sell lily and freesia bulbs. A sheet is attached for colours.

Name:

Phone Number:

School:

Amount Paid. \$

Lily Bulb Order Form

(sold in bags of 4 bulbs, single varieties only. Double 2 bulbs per bag). \$11 per bag.

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Arletta (white) | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Pure Passion (red OT) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Belville (yellow OT) | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Redford (red OT) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Casablanca SOLD OUT | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Seattle (pink OT) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Concor D'or (yellow OT) | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. Shine On (apricot OT) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Kandango (Pink DOUBLE) | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10. Siberia (white) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11 King Solomon (dark pink) | <input type="checkbox"/> | 12. Sorbonne (dark pink) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. Marengo (pink OT) | <input type="checkbox"/> | 14. Tisento (white OT) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15. Master (pink OT) | <input type="checkbox"/> | 16. Yellow Strike OT) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Freesia Bulb Order Form

Sold in bags of 20 bulbs, single varieties only) \$7.00 per bag

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| Fragrant sunburst (yellow) | <input type="checkbox"/> | White Serenade (white) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pink Passion (pink) | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

Please email your order to trustee Susan Pooke at susanp@geraldine.school.nz as soon as possible. Payment preferably should be made online to the GCSWT account 03 -0839-0115137-000. **Please include name and school as Particulars and reference.** (Alternatively, a cash payment can be made to Susan Pooke at the Geraldine Primary School Office.)