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# Newsletter

**Week 7 Term 3**

**8 September 2023**

**From the Principal...**

Kia ora whānau and nau mai hoki mai ki te kura.

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

Welcome to week 7's newsletter and what a super fun filled two weeks it has been.

It was a privilege to be asked to judge the Tangaroa Speech finals and the Tāwhirimātea Poetry finals. The speech finals showcased the incredible writing talent that we have at Geraldine Primary School. Each speech was beautifully crafted and I thoroughly enjoyed being taken on a persuasive journey. A huge thanks to all Year 5 and Year 6, particularly the finalists and well done to Lilly Snow for taking out the title. During the poetry finals I was blown away by the students' confidence, delivery and memory. We listened to a range of poems from short to long and some quite complex. Again, well done to all students in Year 3 and Year 4, particularly the finalists. Lachie was the winner of the Year 4 competition, whilst Ollie was the winner of the Year 3 competition.

I was fortunate to accompany the mōhio group to the raptor centre in Timaru. For those that don't know, our mōhio group is our Geraldine Primary extension group and is made up of 12 Year 6 and Year 5 students. This term they have been learning about bird adaptations and this trip was an opportunity to use and develop their knowledge and understanding further. Most of the students plucked up courage to allow a hawk to stand on their gloved hand. The trip finished with us visiting the South Canterbury museum and being exposed to more native, endemic and introduced bird species. A huge thanks to Mrs Hanrahan for organising the trip and teaching the students.

On Tuesday 29th August I took Caitlyn, Nikau, Caty and Sandro to the unveiling of the Charles III plaque and tree at Todd Park. All four represented our school with pride. Nikau and Caitlyn delivered a personal and touching speech that showed their knowledge and passion for the monarchy.



Last Friday the Tangaroa students all embarked on the school ski trip to Roundhill. These opportunities are so important so that our tamariki can challenge themselves and for some to go outside their comfort zones. Tenacity and resilience are such important skills and the day definitely tested these. A huge thanks to all the teachers and parents that helped to make this day possible. A special thanks to Mrs Wilcox for her incredibly efficient organisation.



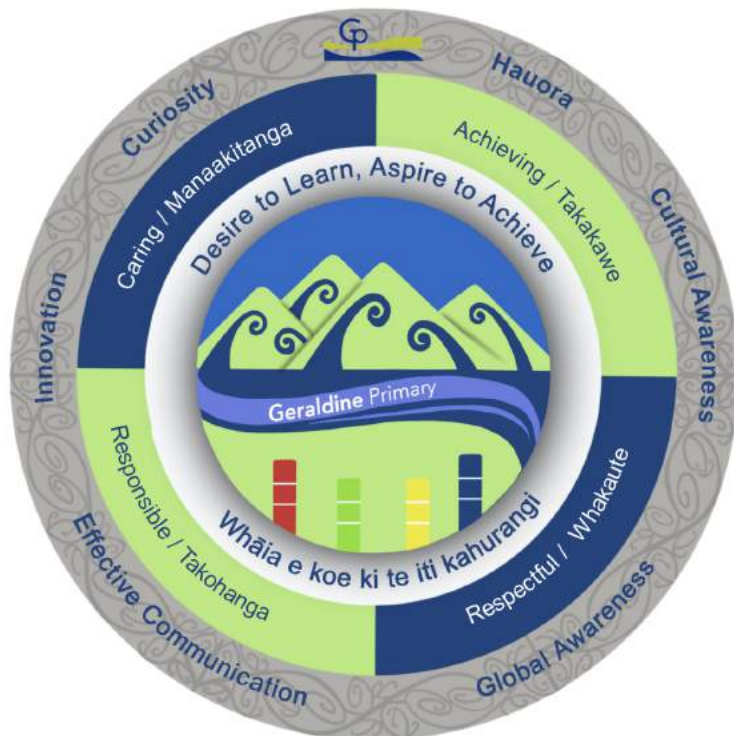
A huge thank you to ParkSide dairy for their recent outdoor furniture raffle. Their and our local communities support is gratefully appreciated. The final figure that has been raised is \$422. and donated to Geraldine Primary



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

Our second theme on the graphic is 'Cultural Awareness - Tua Rua'. During this unit our students will learn about New Zealand - the origins, narratives, communities, places and cultures. This is our social studies unit and an opportunity to bring the past to life and to recognise our cultural and geographical heritage.

Our third theme is 'Global Awareness - Tua Toru'. In this unit our students will have the opportunity to learn about looking after our planet and sustainability. Students will investigate and explain how changes can affect our world and explore possible actions and solutions.



Geraldine Primary currently has two strategic goals. Our second goal is to **Embrace and nurture diversity within our school community.**

Our first initiative is to provide a range of academic, cultural and sporting opportunities for all students. Over the last year Geraldine Primary School has been working hard to achieve this initiative and we would like to think that our current students can take part in a range of experiences that cater for their diverse interests and needs. Please ask your children to see if we are achieving this initiative.

There are still lots of activities for the students to be excited about and look forward to in Term 3. We have tennis coaching for Kiwi Sport, house basketball, basketball South Canterbury and the Air Force museum visit.

I would like to finish by saying a huge thanks for your awesome support and positivity. A school can only be successful through a strong and supportive community.

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

Stu Wilcox

Tumuaki

### Te Reo Kupu Te Wiki

We are all back to learning Level 1 Te Reo as a whole kura. (school)

Below are the kupu (words) we have been learning for the last two weeks.

Feel free to have a go as a whānau (family)

<b>hia</b> How many	<b>E hia ngā pukapuka</b> How many books are there?	<b>Te ātaahua hoki</b> That's beautiful
<b>Kotahi, e rua, e toro</b> One, two, three  (use e before numbers 2-9)	<b>Kotahi te pukapuka</b> One book E Rua ngā pukapuka (two books)	<b>Ao noa, pō noa</b> 24/7!
<b>Tokohia</b> How many (referring to people)	<b>Tokohia ngā tamariki?</b> How many children are there?	<b>Ehara i te ti.</b> YOLO/ you only live once
<b>tamariki</b> Children	<b>Tokorima ngā tamariki</b> There are 5 children	<b>Mea rawa aka</b> Nek minnit



## Geraldine Primary School celebrates Te Wiki o te reo Māori (Māori Language Week 2023).

Te reo Māori is one of Aotearoa's official languages... but this hasn't always been the case! We invite all of the Geraldine Community and beyond to stop what they're doing and celebrate te reo Māori at **12pm, on 14 September**. This marks the very moment the Māori Language Petition was presented to Parliament in 1972, on the first Māori Language Day. Three years later, it became what we now know as Te Wiki o te Reo Māori.

### What will Geraldine Primary be doing?

- We will be meeting for a karakia, singing a waiata, learning a haka and saying our karakia mō te kai - an acknowledgement before we eat at 12pm this day.
- We are having a colouring/ designing competition across the kura, focusing on the atua that our syndicates are named after:



Will it be a terrific Tāne Mahuta (Junior); a tu meke Tāwhirimātea (Middle) or a triumphant Tangaroa (Senior)?



- All staff at our kura have been set a challenge. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page to see the results.
  - Are you creative? We are looking for some art work to enhance our school signage. Please get in touch if you have any skills in this area.
- Geraldine High School is hosting a show case celebration of all things Te Ao Māori at 5pm on Friday 15 September. A few of us will be singing and sharing our local legend.



## **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 3**

### Week 10

Tuesday 19 September	School Photos
Wednesday 20 September	Board Meeting, 6pm
Friday 22 September	Term 3 Ends

## **Term dates 2023**

### **Term 3**

Monday 17 July - Friday 22 September

During September term break:

South Canterbury Anniversary - Monday 25 September

### **Term 4**

Monday 9 October – Thursday 14 December

School closed:

Labour Day - Monday 23 October

Staff Development Day - Friday 17 November

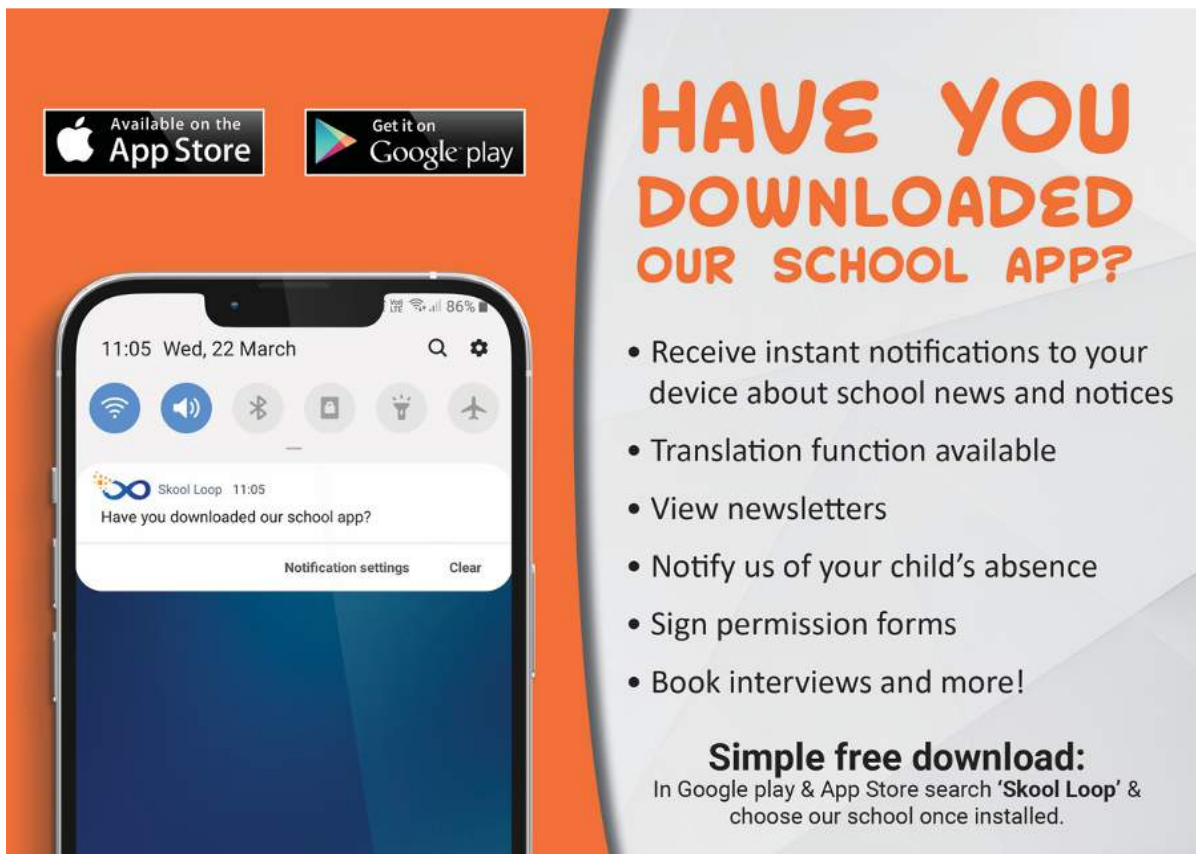
## Home and School

### Kids Artwork Fundraiser:

All our children are working hard on their art projects, these have been chosen by their teachers and every class is doing a different one. Once these are all completed, we will be scanning and emailing you a copy of your child's artwork as well as an order form to have a look and decide on what you might like to order, your options are: Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Mouse Mats, and A5 Sketch Pads – these are all of great quality and we are keeping the pricing low to make it affordable for everyone.

These make fantastic gifts for extended family and friends. All orders need to be in by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October, please use the order form that has been sent home with your child, if that has been misplaced just come to the office and we can get one for you. Prices range from \$15 - \$18. \*Please note: there is also the option to upload a photo to create photo products – instructions for this are on the bottom of the order form.

## Notices



Available on the App Store

Get it on Google play

11:05 Wed, 22 March

Skool Loop 11:05

Have you downloaded our school app?

Notification settings Clear

# 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.





# Holiday Programme

Full Day (3pm) 08:00 a.m.-03:00 p.m. \$30.00

Full Day (5:30pm) 08:00 a.m.-05:30 p.m. \$45.00

## After School & Holidays @ Kids Alive

Hilstop Street, Geraldine, New Zealand

**Public holiday**

Mon 25 Sep

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Closed for South Canterbury anniversary day

**Cooking in the wild**

Tue 26 Sep



Let's get into teams for the week and learn some survivor skills by cooking sausages and damper over a campfire. With face paint and crafts.

**Orienteering**

Wed 27 Sep



Join us as we navigate our way around with our teams. With crafts, face painting and lots of fun!

**Creating shelters**

Thu 28 Sep



Today in our teams we will navigate obstacle courses and create shelters! Join us for crafts, facepainting and lots of other fun and games!

**Visiting Waihi Lodge**


Fri 29 Sep



Today we will spend some time at Waihi lodge doing some special activities with the residents of Waihi Lodge.

For more information, call +64-274038126 Or +64-274038126 or email [anna@kidsalive.co.nz](mailto:anna@kidsalive.co.nz)

Book now at [kidsalive.aimyplus.com](http://kidsalive.aimyplus.com)

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Geraldine Cricket Club are taking registrations for summer 2023.

New players welcome.

<https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/544f89>



# Geraldine Cricket

## "Have a Go"

6 weeks starting Mon 30 Oct 3:15pm

\$30 per primary age child

Come have fun and learn new cricket skills

[geraldinecricketclub@gmail.com](mailto:geraldinecricketclub@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook



Rakaia Lions Freesias 2023



Gold River



Long Beach



Pink Passion



Verona



Versailles

Freesia Bulbs

Bag of twenty freesia bulbs For \$7.50

We now have freesia bulbs for sale as well as the lily bulbs. To order, please send payment and a note of which bulbs you would like to purchase to Susan at the GPS Office. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the Geraldine Children Social Worker Trust. Thank you for your support.

**School Holiday FUN** 23 SEP - 8 OCT *Bursting with events to entertain and spark imagination*

**MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MAKING**  
 Wed 27 & Thu 28 Sep, 1.30 - 2.30pm (5 - 8 year olds) & 3 - 4pm (9 - 12 year olds)  
 Super creative instrument making workshops. Recycle and make music with your very own tin can shakers, kazoos, diddly bows and more!  
*Maker Workshop, School of Art | \$10. Ages 5 - 12.*

**MUSIC CRAFT**

**SUPERHERO CIRCUS**  
 Fri 29 Sep & Fri 6 Oct, 11 - 11.45am  
 Super Duper Girl and The Ladderman save the day with stupendous stunts, amazing escapes and arbitrary alliteration! This family show is packed with superhero-themed circus and magic for all ages.  
*Cloisters Studio | Child \$10, Adult \$15. All ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.*

**Show**

**CRAFT**

**PUTIPUTI FLOWERS AND PAPER BUTTERFLY SPRING CRAFTING**  
 Fri 6 Oct, 1 - 1.50pm, 2 - 2.50pm  
 Get crafty this spring! Make a putiputi (flax flower) and a colourful paper butterfly with the Kahu Collective and Arts Centre team.  
*Great Hall | \$10. Ages 5 - 12 (5 - 8yrs adult supervision required).*

**PLUS Loads more events**  
 Visit [artscentre.org.nz](http://artscentre.org.nz) for the full programme

