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*Whāia e koe te iti kahurangi*

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# Newsletter

**Week 10 Term 3**

**22 September 2023**

**From the Principal...**

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

My first term at Geraldine Primary has come to an end and what an awesome time I have had. I have thoroughly enjoyed immersing myself into school life and being amongst the most incredible students.

This term has been full of so many great opportunities. Our lunchtimes have been busy with french, knitting, lego, jump jam, going to the turf, school singing, chess club, house basketball and kapa haka. We are so lucky to have such dedicated staff who thoroughly enjoy providing different experiences for our tamariki.

Last week we celebrated Māori language week and it was great to hear so much te reo being used throughout the school. Students interviewed all staff in te reo maori and all staff replied with beautiful confidence and clarity.

On Friday 15th September Mrs Wilcox took our Kapa Haka group to perform at the Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori event at Geraldine High School and the group also performed at the opening of the turf on Wednesday night.



On both occasions they represented our school with pride. Mahi whakamataku - awesome work.



Over the term we have held three house events and our students have been very busy demonstrating our school values to earn as many house points as possible. In our Year 0-3 tug of war, Kahurangi were victorious. In our Year 4-6 tug of war, Kahurangi were victorious again! The winners of the tangaroa house basketball were also Kahurangi... Whero gained the most value house points over the term. Once everything was counted our winning house this term is Kahurangi. Kahurangi also lead the overall table with one more term to go.



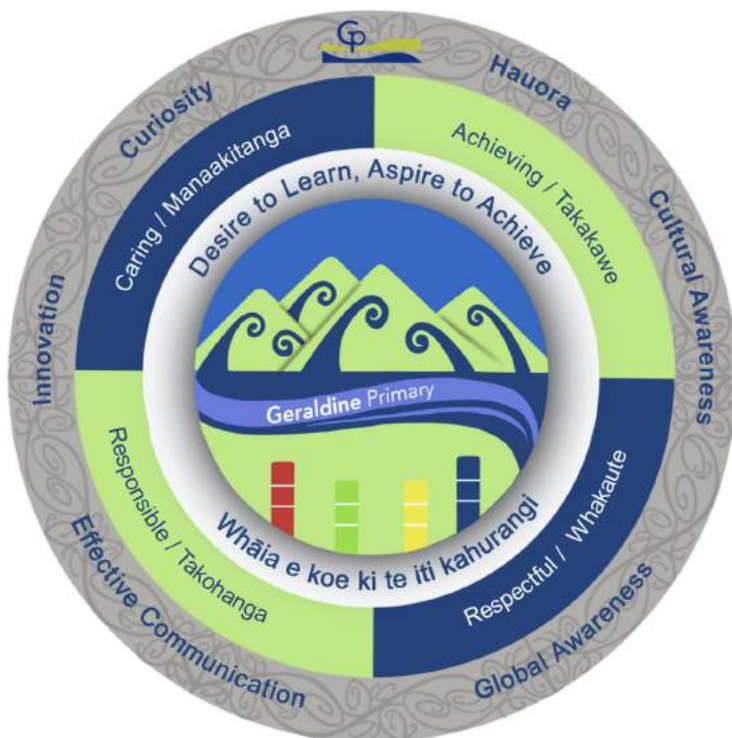
A huge thank you to our tangaroa syndicate for their end of term performance - a great way to finish term 3 with a creative and visual summary.



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

Our fourth theme on the graphic is 'Effective Communication'. This unit is derived from the phrase, *your voice and my voice are expressions of identity. May our descendants live on and our hopes be fulfilled.* During this unit our students will understand how learning a language provides a means of communicating with people from another culture and exploring one's personal world. We want students to be exposed to and develop Te Reo skills and basic sign language and also to use effective communication in a variety of settings.

In our next newsletter I will introduce you to the last two - innovation and curiosity.



One of our aims as a kura is to hear our whanau voices; Your voice matters to us. It helps us reflect on how we are doing as a school, and helps shape our future direction..... Therefore, at the start of next term I will be sending out a series of questions. Thank you so much in advance.

I wish you all a safe and happy holidays and look forward to seeing you back next term. *Kia kaha, kia toa, kia manawanui - be strong, be bold, be steadfast.*

Stuart Wilcox

## 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

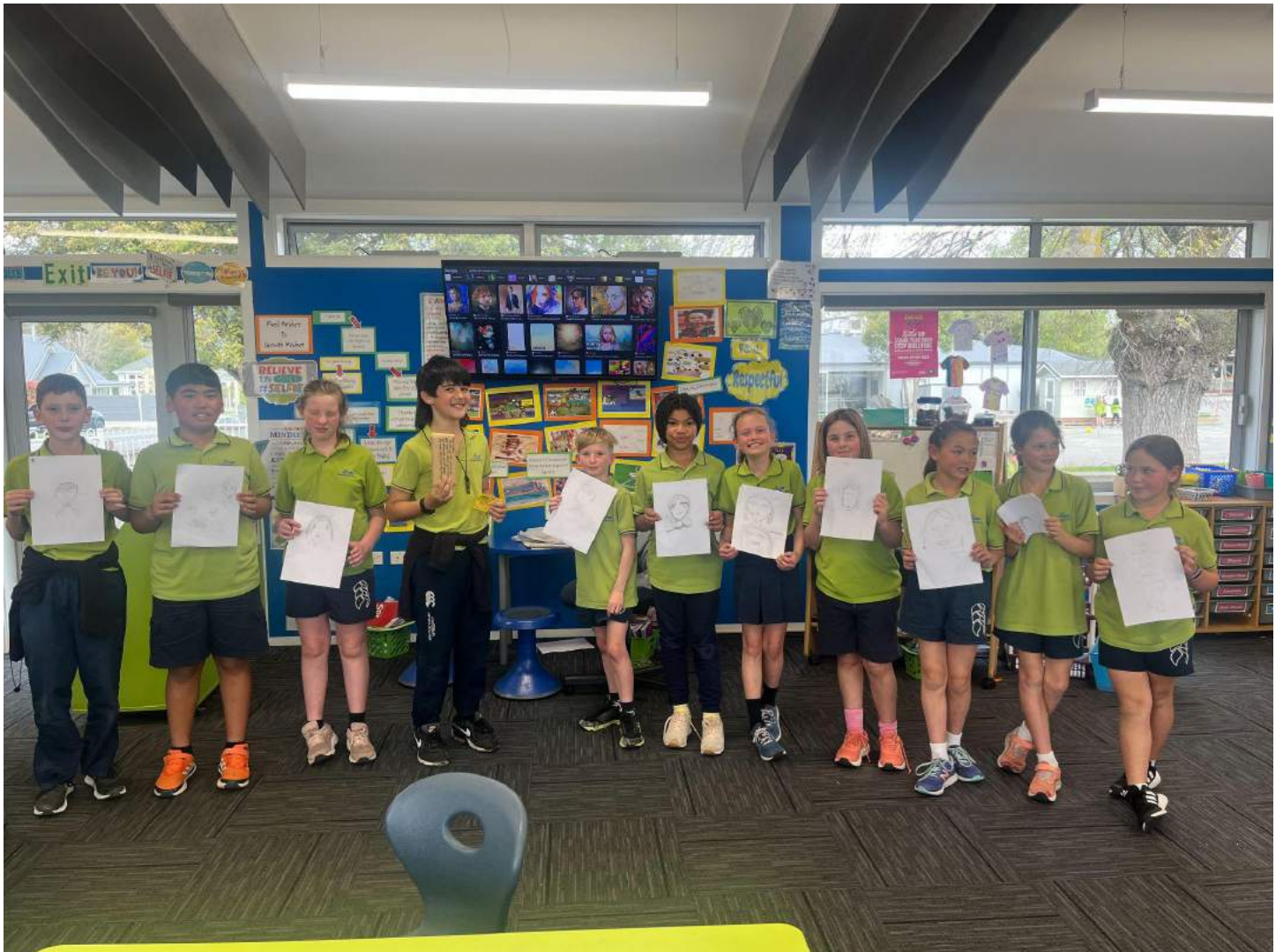
## End of Term Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following students who won a prize in the End of Year Gotcha Draw:

Deanna, R3; Mila, R13; Ethan, R; Yarra, R7 Maisie, R10 and Hunter, R8.

## Art Club

For the past four weeks, a small but committed group of 4-6 students have been attending weekly, lunchtime art club. This group has been led and guided by Nikau (Year 6), with the support of Mrs Wilson. Nikau taught sketching techniques such as hatching and shading while guiding us to create portraits and landscapes. Nikau is a talented artist and everyone appreciated the way he shared his knowledge in a supportive and encouraging manner. Everyone learnt a lot in the four weeks and enjoyed following Nikau's step by step instructions to create portraits that they were proud of.



## 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 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

## Notices



**HAVE YOU  
DOWNLOADED**

Rakaia Lions Freesias 2023



Gold River



Long Beach



Pink Passion



Verona



Versailles

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.

Freesia Bulbs

Bag of twenty freesia bulbs For \$7.50



## 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

Hislop Street, Geraldine, New Zealand

Public holiday

MON 25  
Sep  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Closed for South Canterbury anniversary day

Cooking in the wild



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

Orienteering



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

Create shelters



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



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](https://kidsalive.aimyplus.com)

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## **Geraldine Athletics Club**



**Calling all Athletes!  
The new season is almost here!**

**Athletics training is a fun way to maintain fitness for winter sporting codes.**

2023/24 season will begin with Registration night on 11th October, 5.45pm Geraldine Domain / Pavillion.

Training will then be held Wednesday nights from 5.45pm at the Geraldine Domain on Hislop St.

Athletes welcome to register from age 6yrs (as at 31st Dec 23)

### **Have you thought about Coaching?**

We are always on the lookout for new coaching team members to support our Athletes. If you would like to join the team please contact the Club Secretary Jo Hewson 021 2211234, or message us on Facebook

**For more information on our Club visit:**

**W:**<http://www.sporty.co.nz/geraldineathletics> **F:** <https://www.facebook.com/geraldineathletics>

*Hilton-Geraldine Tennis Club are inviting both new and established players to join us in Term 4 for the upcoming season.*

*If you are interested in coaching and/or interclub play, please contact Murray Bradshaw [murlyn6971@gmail.com](mailto:murlyn6971@gmail.com)*

*Our club nights are Fridays and interclub play is on Saturday mornings. We invite players from 5yrs to highschool aged.*

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





South Canterbury Eco Centre

# FAMILY HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 3rd October



**DIY Beeswax wraps**  
10am - 12 noon  
Drop in

**Be a Biodiversity Superhero**  
1pm - 2pm session  
Gold coin per child

See Facebook events for more information



### 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](mailto:secretarygasc@gmail.com)

### Learn to Swim

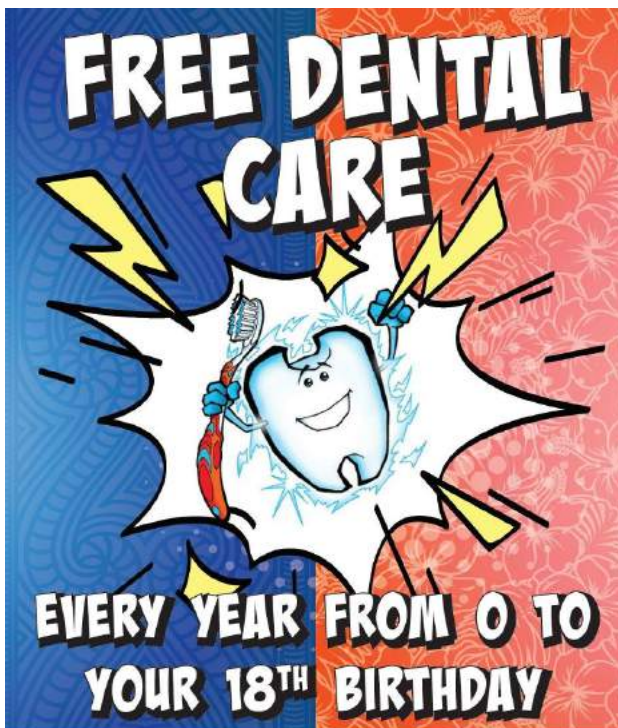
We offer 'Learn To Swim' lessons in the Geraldine Pool for children 5 years and older in 2 Blocks -

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

Very limited spaces available!

Contact [learn2swimgeraldine@gmail.com](mailto:learn2swimgeraldine@gmail.com)

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



Whether you are at preschool, home school, primary or high school, a training course, working or are unemployed – you can receive free dental care every year.

That should give you something to smile about!

[comm dental@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:comm dental@cdhb.health.nz)  
0800 846 983



COMMUNITY dental service  
**Te Whatu Ora**  
Health New Zealand

*Community Dental Clinics are closed from Monday 25/09/2023 reopening on Monday 09/10/2023.*

*We have limited appointments available over the Holiday period.*

*Please call **0800 846 983** or email: [commdental@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:commdental@cdhb.health.nz) to book an appointment.*

*If you cannot attend your booked appointment, please let us know so we can book another child.*

### **5 Tips for Healthy Teeth**

- *Brush morning and night*
- *Use a toothbrush with soft bristles and full strength fluoride toothpaste (1000ppm)*
- *Spit don't rinse!*
- *Brush your baby's teeth as soon as they appear*
- *Supervise brushing until eight years old*