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Newsletter

Week 10 Term 2

30 June 2023

From the Acting **Principal...**

Kia ora Whānau

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

Now that we are at the end of Term 2 and my job as Acting Principal is almost over I would like to thank a few people who have helped me over the term. To Kirsty Smith, Fe Wilcox and Cathy Taiaroa who have taken over my DP and Syndicate Leader duties, thank you. To Sarah Wilson, Siobhan Hayward and Ingrid Hanrahan who have all worked extra days to cover while the above teachers did other duties, we have really appreciated your support. Also to everyone else who has supported or helped me in many ways, I thank you. I am looking forward to getting back to my Deputy Principal role and back to the classroom.

On Wednesday our Tane Mahuta (Junior Syndicate) led our end of Term celebration assembly. A big thank you to them, as we know it takes lots of practice to make it run so smoothly. Kai pai!



Principals Awards

Congratulations to the following children who received a Principals at the end of term Celebration Assembly this week:

Miles, R1; Gabe, R2; Luken, R3; Lhiyhan, R4, Lucah, R6; Grace, R7; Jonty, R8; Siya, R9; Noah, R10; Mac, R11; Kyzah, R13.

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following children who won a prize in the Gotcha draw: Austin, R7; Tate, R3; Ayla, R9; Kohei, R2; Abby, R1; Ella, R10.



After many lunchtime practices, last week our two Jump Jam teams performed at the Jump Jam expo in Timaru where they did really well. A big thank you to the teachers involved in this and the parents for transporting the students.

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.

Jo Drake
Acting Principal | Tumuaki

I Am Hope

On Tuesday we had a visit from the I am Hope Ambassadors come and talk to our students. They read the book "Little People, Big Feelings" co-written by Mike King. Ask your children to tell you their take home messages from this session. You can find more information about I Am Hope here <https://www.iamhope.org.nz/>



Mihi Whakatau - Wednesday 19th July

Next term we are holding a Mihi Whakatau to welcome Stu Wilcox (new Principal) and any new students to Geraldine Primary School. This will start at 1.30pm. If your child has started school since the beginning of the school year you should have received an invitation to be part of the manuhiri (visitors) for this event. School parents are also encouraged to attend as tangata whenua (members of our kura). We would love to see you all there.

3WC - Three Way Conferences

These will be held on Wednesday 9th August from 1pm - 6pm and Thursday 10th August from 3pm - 5.30pm. School will be closed from lunchtime on Wednesday 9th August. Please book on

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/4ku67>

Kids Alive

During these chilly mornings we would like to thank Kids Alive for providing hot drinks, toast or cereal for students from 8.20am onwards. It is often very busy there on a cold morning. A big thank you also to parents who occasionally drop off a loaf of bread, weetbix, milo or fruit for the students to have in the morning.

Home and School - Ethel and Bethel

A big thank you to our Home and School for organising Ethel and Bethel. They have put so much work into it and we are looking forward to a fabulous night on Saturday. Thank you to everyone who has bought a ticket. Don't forget to bring your wallet as there are heaps of raffles and an action on the night. To all our businesses (local and afar) we thank you for your support with your donations of goods and vouchers for prizes.

End of Term Reports

Our end of Term 2 reports went home on Wednesday. They have also been uploaded to the portal (instructions below on how to access these. A reminder that if your child has just started at Geraldine this term they will not get a written report and if they have started in Miss Bathgate's class this year your child's report will not be available on the Portal as they have a different format. While our reports get checked quite a few times, sometimes errors can happen. If you find an error on your report and want it corrected and reprinted we are more than happy to do this. Please see the teacher involved.

Attendance

We are very pleased to announce that Scott Nelson has been appointed to the Attendance Officer role for the Geraldine area. If we find that your child is having a large number of absences and we don't know why, we may refer you to him and he will follow up on this. A big thank you to all those parents who are continuing to let us know why their child is absent. If you are planning a holiday during term time please let the office know via email so we have it for our records.

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:

- 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)

You will also be able to:

- Notify School of Attendance if you wish to do it this way

If you have any problems with getting this to work, do not panic over the long weekend. Feel free to pop in and see Mrs Drake and she can help you work through it before the terms reports go out.

Student Achievement Outside School

We regularly hear about the achievements of our students in their out of school activities. We would like to be able to further recognise these achievements in our newsletters and / or on our school Facebook page. If your child or a GPS student you know of has done well in an out of school pursuit, please let us know! A written explanation of their achievement, along with a photo would be appreciated. Please send details to - principal@geraldine.school.nz

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)

Mātua parents	Ko Tim raūa ko Pip ōku mātua. Tim and Pip are my parents.	Ka ngangaro That's better, big improvement!
tipuna/ tupuna grandparent(s)	Ko wai tō tipuna? Who is your grandparent?	Tūwhitia te hopo Feel the fear and do it anyway!

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 2 Calendar

Friday 30 June

Term 2 ends

Saturday 1 July

Home and School fundraiser - Ethel & Bethel Comedy Bingo

Term 3

Week 1

Wednesday 19 July

Mihi Whakatau – welcome for Mr Wilcox

Thursday 20 August-

Friday 28 August

Life Education

Week 4

Wednesday 9 August

3 way Conferences 1-6pm

Thursday 10 August

3 way Conferences 3-5.30pm

Week 6

Wednesday 23 August

Board Meeting, 6pm

Week 10

Tuesday 19 September

School Photos

Wednesday.20 September

Board Meeting, 6pm

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

KIDS ALIVE AFTER SCHOOL CARE



AGES
5-13yo

WHAT WE OFFER:

- OSCAR approved Provider.
- Fun, Games, Crafts and Sports.
- Great range of indoor and outdoor space.
- Help and support with homework.
- Walking bus from GPS.
- Healthy afternoon tea.
- Child focused & well trained staff.
- Inclusive and welcoming of all Children from all local schools.

WHEN & WHERE:
GERALDINE PAVILION
MON-FRI 2.45 - 5.30PM.

PRICE:
FROM \$18 PER CHILD.
WINZ SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE

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CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO **027 4038126**
www.kidsalive.co



Before School Care

Geraldine Primary School Hall.
7am-8.20am Mon-Friday (Term Time)
\$10 per day.



Breakfast | Fun & Games | Sports
Walk to class @ 8.20am.

For more information and bookings please visit our website
www.Kidsalive.co.nz



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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

Geraldine Primary School Hall, Geraldine, New Zealand

Puzzle Day

Mon
03
Jul



Come along for a day of puzzles, escape rooms, brain challenges and fun. A day not to be missed!

The Block

Tue
04
Jul



Come along to Kids Alive's very own "The block". A day of building, teamwork and fun. Let your imagination run wild.

Arcade Day

Wed
05
Jul



Bringing back and old favourite we have Arcade Day. Games, tokens and a whole heap of fun.

Pirate day

Thu
06
Jul



Arghhh, Dress up and join us for a day about Pirates, ships and friendly parrots. Will you find the buried treasure?

Teddy Bears Picnic

Fri
07
Jul



An idea from the Kids themselves, a day dedicated to our cuddly best friends. Games, crafts and a picnic with our soft toys.

Come join us for another week of fun and games. Bookings are now available. Get in quick to secure your spot. WINZ available for eligible Families.

For more information call 084-274038126 or 084-274038126

or email bookings@kidsalive.co.nz

Book now at kidsalive.aimyplus.com

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COMMUNITY dental service
Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand

- Community Dental Clinics are closing from 3/07/2023 to 14/07/2023 (Matariki). We have limited appointments available over the Holiday period.
- Please call 0800 846 983 or email: 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

Fun tech sessions @ the Library

Come along to explore some of
the STEM technology the
library has to offer.

From Merge Cubes and Bee-Bots,
to Nao the Library robot!

No booking required.

Geraldine Library **Temuka Library**
Monday 3rd July Monday 3rd July
10am - 12pm 2pm - 4pm

Timaru Children's Library
Monday 10th July
2pm - 4pm



Geraldine High School

Te Kura Tuarua o Raukapuka



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July School Holiday Programme

All around the World

Timaru Children's Library

Tuesday 4th & 11th and Thursday 6th & 13th
10:30 - 11:30am & 2:30 - 3:30pm

Bookings: call 03 687 7202 or email anita.dawson@timdc.govt.nz

Geraldine Library

Wednesday 5th & 12th and Friday 7th
10:30 - 11:30am

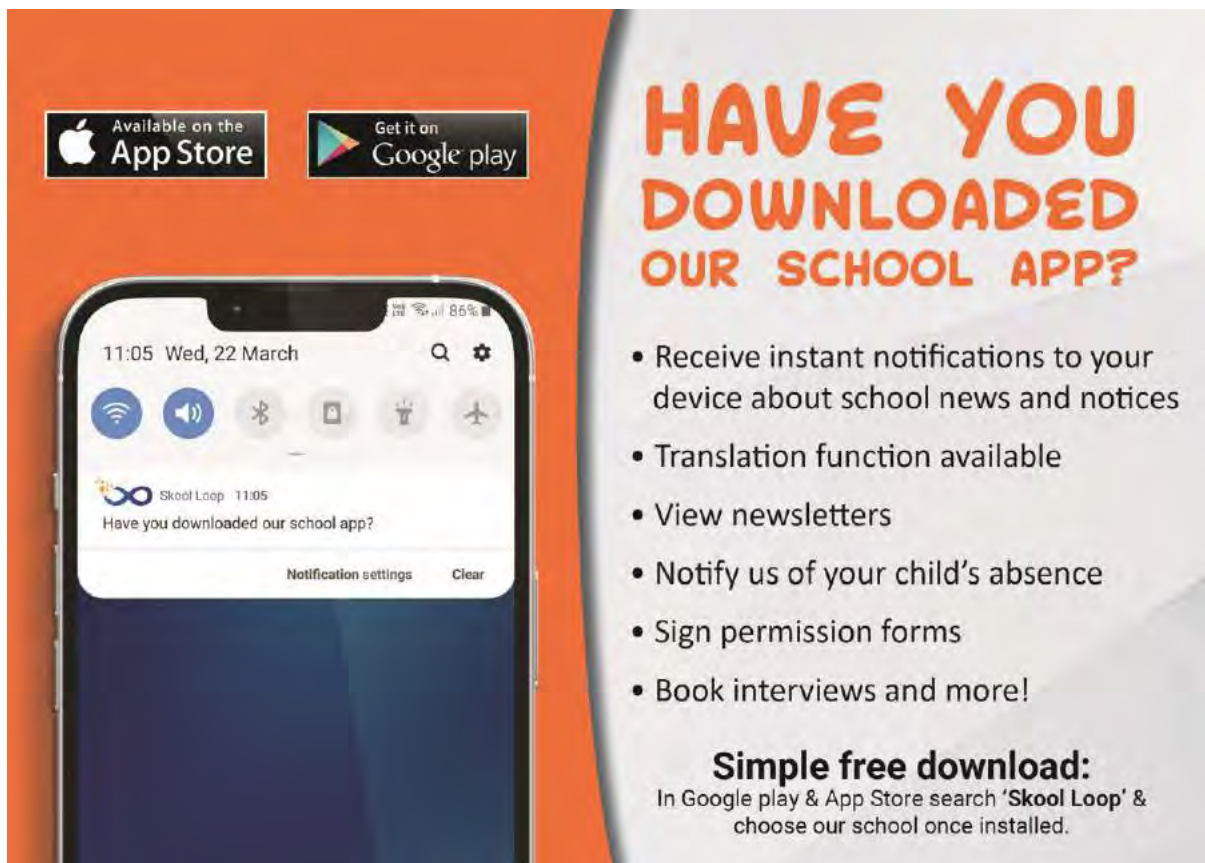
Bookings: call 03 693 9336 or email libger@timdc.govt.nz

Temuka Library

Tuesday 4th & 11th and Friday 7th
10:30 - 11:30am

Call 03 687 7591 for more information





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.

If you have been affected by a bereavement and would like to talk with others who may have had a similar experience then Anglican Care are holding a 'cafe style' meeting at St Mary's Hall, Church Street, Timaru on 21 July at 1.30pm. Any questions please contact Sue Dickson on 0273627593 or Alexia Bensemman on 0274623267

WE'RE TAKING OVER
TIMARU
6 - 8 JULY

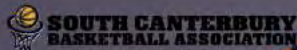


**SEASON 55
GRAND FINAL**

**FRIDAY 7 JULY 2023
PRACTICAL DAY**

7.30AM - 3PM, WINCHESTER SHOWGROUNDS

**JOIN THE JOURNEY! VISIT
YOUNGFARMERS.CO.NZ
FOR MORE INFORMATION**



**HOLIDAY
SKILLS
CAMP**
12 + 13 JULY

Join SCBA for a school holiday skills clinic.

For ages 9 to 13 - boys + girls
Wednesday 12th + Thursday 13th July
9am to 3pm over 2 days
\$80 per player
All abilities welcome

Register online - www.southcanterbury.basketball
Limited to 100 participants

Are you needing a bit of help and support?

If so, check out our website for more information



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MATARIKI

3 + 20 HONGONGI JULY 2023

CELEBRATE MATARIKI WITH
FUN WORKSHOPS THESE
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



**WHETŪ HARAKEKE
DROP-IN SESSION** FREE

Mon 3 & 10 July, 11am-12:30pm

Great Hall

Join Kahū Collective to create a beautiful whetū harakeke (flax star). Ages 8-12.



MAKE A PŪREREHUA \$10*

Wed 5 July, 10:30-11:30am & 1-2pm

Maker Workshop | Bookings essential

Create your own pūrerehua (bull-roarer) and learn the history of the instrument. Ages 5-10.



STICK CHART MAKING \$10*

Thu 6 July, 10:30-11:30am & 1-2pm

Maker Workshop | Bookings essential

Learn about Māori stick charts and create your own traditional navigation chart. Ages 5-12.



**KITE-MAKING
(MANU TUKUTUKU)** \$10*

Fri 7 July, 10:30am-12pm & 1-2:30pm

Maker Workshop | Bookings essential

Join us to create a kite (manu tukutuku) and learn the story of The Seven Kites of Matariki. Ages 5-15.

*Includes booking fee

artcentre.org.nz





Tennis South Canterbury School Holiday Programme



Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th July 2023

U8 10am-11am (each day)

8+ 11am-1.00pm (each day)

U8s \$15 per day,

Over 8s \$25 per day (\$55 3xdays)

Family rate if have 3 children (3rd child free)

Please tick the box beside which days you are attending:

Tuesday 11th July

Wednesday 12th July

Thursday 13th July

Venue: Trust Aoraki Tennis Centre, 27 Benvenue Ave, Timaru

Private coaching is available during the holidays out with these times,

Registrations close Monday 10th July 2023 – payment of Entry Fee

confirms Registration.

CHILDS NAME:	<i>Please indicate any medical concerns, c medications</i>
DOB:	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	
MOBILE NUMBER:	

*Unless otherwise notified this consent will be considered to include administration of basic first aid, normal photography and filming as a regular part of the tennis programme and photos maybe used for Tennis South Canterbury promotion or website display. This form will cover consent from the date signed until the end of the year. This information will not be used outside Tennis South Canterbury.

I (Parent/guardian if under 18) verify the information contained in this registration form is correct.

Sign: **Date:**

Print full name:

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Please make payment online to:

Tennis South Canterbury – Acc #: 12-3159-0000065-00 –

REF: HP (name)

Please send completed registration form to Anna:

admin@tennissouthcanterbury.co.nz