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# Newsletter

**Week 6 Term 4**

**17 November 2023**

**From the Principal...**

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

As we navigate ourselves towards the end of week 6 we have had so many awesome opportunities and successes that Geraldine Primary are able to share.

On Monday we held our annual athletic sports on a sunny and at times very hot day. The heat certainly did not deter the students. I was lucky to be helping with the sprints and I was blown away by the children's competitiveness, whilst also showing the values of encouragement and care. From where I was standing I could also see the high jump and again I was very impressed with everyone's effort.

A huge thank you to all whānau who came to watch. Your support means so much to the children. Thank you to the home and school for putting on a BBQ for everyone. This year we were lucky to receive help from GHS students. A huge thanks to Kori, Ivan and Harvey from Year 9, Ella, Carlos from Year 12, Bryn, Olly and Harry from Year 11 and Ryan and Jackson from Year 13. Their help was invaluable. Thank you to Geraldine Athletics Club for allowing us to use their equipment and facility and to Cory who assisted with set up, pack up and events during the day.

Lastly, well done to all teachers, including Malcolm, but in particular Mrs Smith who organised everything.



## Maize

Earlier in the week I was excited to announce our recent Home and School fundraiser - Maize Maze. The objective of this is to give our students awareness, appreciation and exposure of our rural sector. We are very lucky that the Ward family have decided that the maize will be planted on one of their paddocks, which is within walking distance from our school. To begin with room 3 has been given the task of being the guardians. Presently, they are visiting the paddock on regular intervals to see the preparation, planting and growth of the crop. We are also looking for students who would like to design the maze. Between now and the end of term we are hoping that all children can visit the paddock. Please keep up to date with the progress on Facebook.





## Tennis results

We are super proud of all of our students successes and recently we have seen Abigail, Ashlee & Kohei represent Geraldine Primary School at the Southern Regional Primary Schools tennis tournament in Dunedin and Abigail, Ashlee, Kohei, Henry and Felicity represented South Canterbury in the Regional tournament against Southern Lakes, Southland and Otago last Saturday & Sunday.

Awesome mahi - well done



Another student doing well on the National stage at the moment is Coby. Coby races speedway motorbikes and came third in New Zealand in a recent competition. Ka mau te wehi Coby!

My name is Coby. I race speedway motorbikes and I came third in New Zealand. I have been racing since I was 5. I race a 125cc bike. Speedway bikes have no brakes and we go round in an oval. You need to wash your air filter or it will bog on the start. I like racing in Invercargill.



Last Friday we held our first future student leader presentations. We were lucky to have 21 Year 5 students stand up and speak to their peers as to why they should be considered for a leadership position in 2024. It was so interesting listening to their very different points of view and their great ideas on what they would bring to Geraldine Primary. At times this was incredibly emotional and I was so proud of the amount of effort, energy and passion they put into their delivery and words. We will be announcing this during our Year 6 leavers/prize giving assembly on Thursday 14th December.

As we reach the last few weeks of the end of Term 4, please keep an eye out on Facebook and our new website for notices and communication.

A huge thank you in advance for your continued support.

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

Stu Wilcox  
Tumuaki

## **Breakfast BBQ 2023**

**Friday 1st December, 8am-9am**

The Breakfast BBQ this year will be held on **Friday 1st December**.

The Breakfast BBQ is held each year to raise funds:

-for our World Vision sponsored child - Mohosina from Bangladesh  
-to help with subsidising EOTC ( education outside the classroom) events for Senior Syndicate children the following year.

Our Year 6 students have been working in their groups and are busy organising their stalls for you all to enjoy. Year 6 students will be at school at 7:20am to set up. They will start 'operating' at 8am. Students who travel to school by bus will need to make other arrangements.

Some of the stalls are:

BAM! Nails, Chair of Despair, Soccer Extreme, Knockdown, Teach your Teacher a lesson, Hot Shots - keep an eye on Facebook for some more updates.

There will also be a stall with great quality second hand books and small plants.

It would be fantastic if families could provide some **baking** to sell at the popular cake stall. All of these items can be taken to Room 5 on Thursday or Friday morning.

All stalls will have games/ activities costing between 50c - \$1. There will also be baking to buy along with a couple of raffles. The Geraldine Lions will be running a sausage sizzle and O'H Yes Coffee will be there for your caffeine fix.

This is an event for the whole family and we hope to see many of you there in support of this great event.

Fiona Wilcox and Chelley Leov.

## **School Disco**

Friday 24th November

Years 0 -3     6.00 – 7.15pm

Years 4 -6     7.15 – 8.45pm

Parents will need to drop their children off and pick them up again at the end of the sessions. For safety and organisation reasons can children please be dropped off and picked up from the school playground side of the hall. Please note this disco is for Geraldine Primary School children only. The disco will be supervised by staff.

Thank you to the Home and School for providing us with the money to purchase food and drink.

If the children would like to purchase a glow stick, they need to bring \$2 on the morning of the disco to the table we will have set up outside Room 9. They will then get a stamp on their hand which they will show to a staff member when they come to the disco in the evening and they will receive their glow stick.

## Swimming

The school pool will open on 27 November. Please send your children to school with their clothing named, togs and a towel (also named).

Pool keys will be available for sale from 28 November. This year they will cost \$70.00, at the end of the swimming season you will receive a \$10 refund when you return your key.

## Reports

Reports are due out soon and will be online. We will let you know when they are available to view. The instructions to log into the edge Portal are below:

## 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)

## Library Stocktake

It's that time of year that a Library Stocktake will be done in about a fortnight. Could you please return all Library books and have a look at home for any ones that are overdue or missing.

We don't like charging people for missing books but are finding we are having to as it costs us a great deal of money each year to replace them. Thank you for your understanding in this area.

## Te Reo

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We have been focusing on asking how the children are when we do the roll in the mornings.




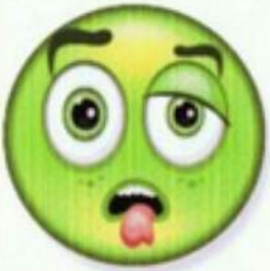




<b>pēhea</b> how	<b>Kei te pēhea koe?</b> How are you?	<b>Whakanuia!</b> Round of applause!
<b>pai</b> to be good	<b>Kei te pai ahau.</b> I am good/fine.	<b>Tapatapahi ana!</b> What a flash guy! Choice!

We have also been learning these feelings to respond to

"Kei te pēhea koe?"

"Kei te harikoa ahau" ( I am happy) or

"kei te hoha ahau," ( I am fed up!)

 <p><b>Harikoa</b></p>	 <p><b>Pouri</b></p>	 <p><b>Ngenge</b></p>	 <p><b>Mauiui</b></p>
 <p><b>Riri</b></p>	 <p><b>Mataku</b></p>	 <p><b>Mamae</b></p>	 <p><b>Hoha</b></p>

### 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

### Calendar

#### Week 7

Friday 24 November School Disco

#### Week 8

Wednesday 29 November Year 6 children GHS Transition day for those children moving to GHS next year

Friday 1 December Breakfast BBQ 7.30-8.30am

#### Week 9

Wednesday 6 December Board Meeting, 6pm GPS

#### Week 10

Thursday 14 December End of Year Prize Giving 9.15-10.15  
Carols in the Park 11.30-12pm

## 2024

### Term 1

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Wednesday 31 January 2024 Term 1 starts

#### Week 2

Tuesday 6 February Waitangi Day - school closed

#### Week 8

Friday 22nd March Kahui Ako TOD - school closed

Friday 29 March

Good Friday - school closed

Monday 1 April

Easter Monday - school closed

Tuesday 2 April

Easter Tuesday - school closed

#### Week 11

Friday 12 April

Term 1 ends



## Notices

### Geraldine Riding for the Disabled are looking for new volunteers!

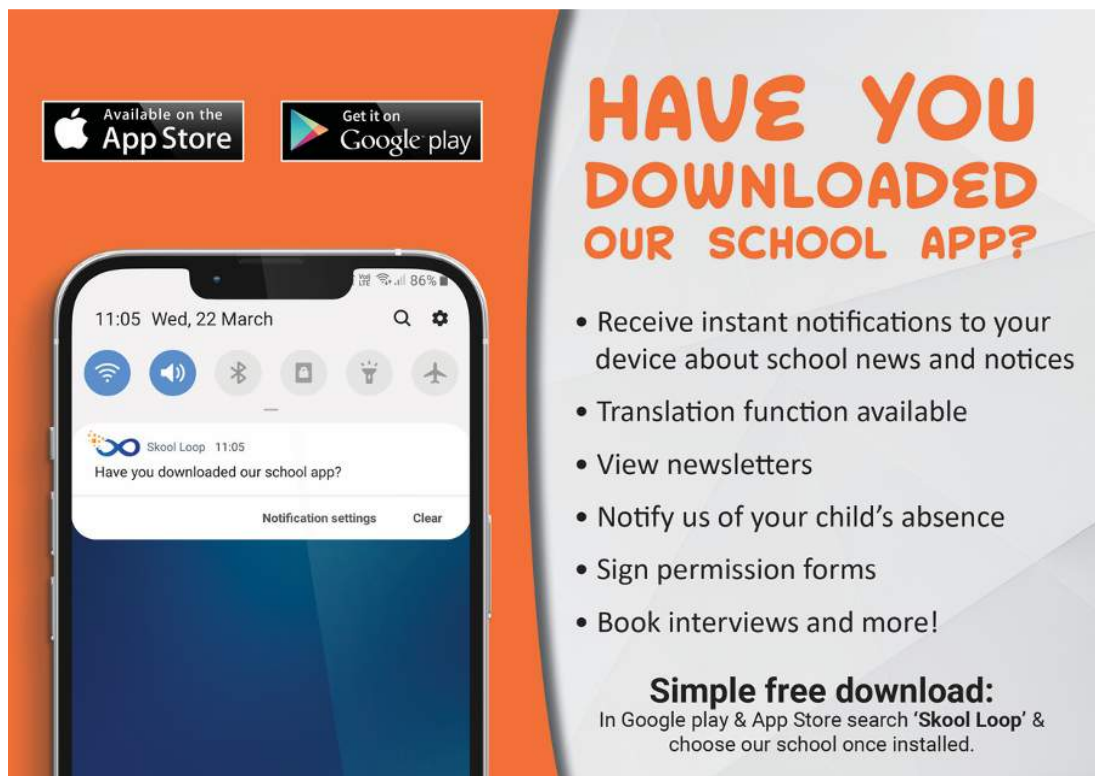
Our local Riding for the Disabled organisation is on the search for some new volunteers to help out with their weekly riding sessions for students from our local schools. You don't need to be skilled with horses but being confident around them is important. Let's ensure this wonderful asset in the Geraldine community is sustained for the future.

When: Tuesdays in Terms 1 & 4, from 10am-12.15pm.

Where: McKenzie Street, Geraldine (opposite Geraldine High School)

Tasks: Leading horses or being a 'side walker' (support students walking beside the horse)

Please contact Jenny Perano on 027 437 5048 or via the 'Geraldine Group Riding for Disabled' Facebook page if you would like more information or to be involved. Volunteers are Police vetted which is taken care of by the RDA group.



**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.

**The Fresh Choice  
Geraldine Christmas Parade 2023  
From 6.30 - 8.00pm  
Friday 1 December**



*We are once again delighted to be hosting the Geraldine Christmas Parade on Friday 1st December. The theme this year is Nursery Rhymes and we hope you will join us. Please find all the information you need and the registration form here.*

[\*\*INFORMATION SHEET\*\*](#)

You can also pick up the information and registration form and posters from the Geraldine Community Resource Centre on Peel Street.

[www.geraldine.nz](http://www.geraldine.nz)



# PARENT CHILD TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY  
26.11.2023  
10.30AM START



\$10 ENTRY FEE 

TRUST AORAKI TENNIS CENTRE   
27 BENVENUE AVENUE

REGISTER AT [WWW.TENNISOUTHCANTERBURY.CO.NZ](http://WWW.TENNISOUTHCANTERBURY.CO.NZ)





TIMARU COMMUNITY  
*Christmas Dinner*

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Christmas Day at 12pm  
CAROLINE BAY HALL, TIMARU

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All Welcome - No Charge

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

Text or phone: 021 0848 1046

Donations Appreciated  
ASB Bank 12-3159-0111099-00

**Facebook:**

Timaru Community Christmas Dinner

**Email:**

timaruchristmasdinner@gmail.com





## Timaru District Active Transport Network

Have your say to make Timaru District the destination to walk, scoot and cycle!

# WIN! WIN! WIN!

Take the survey and be in the draw to win one of the amazing prizes purchased locally from DC Cycles!

### 16 YEARS AND UP PRIZES:

**1ST PRIZE:** 22 Ebig 300SE Ebike & Helmet | *Valued at \$3,769*

**2ND PRIZE:** Cube Aim 2022 Mountain Bike & Helmet | *Valued at \$1169*

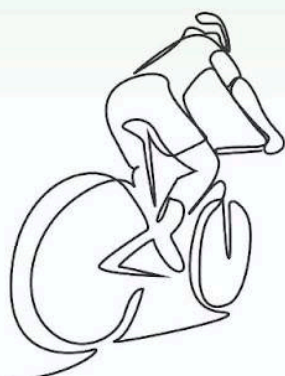
**3RD PRIZE:** \$100 Voucher to DC Cycles

### UNDER 16 YEARS PRIZES:

**1ST PRIZE:** A Mountain Bike & Helmet (Bike model will depend on age of winner)  
*Valued up to \$1169*

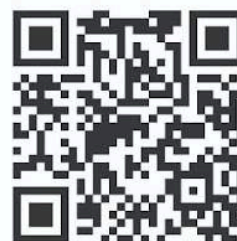
**2ND PRIZE:** A Scooter & Helmet (Scooter Model Will Depend On Age Of Winner)  
*Valued up to \$300*

**3RD PRIZE:** \$100 Voucher to DC Cycles



Darren & Linda of DC Cycles and Shelley Wilson  
Active Transport Project Manager, Timaru District Council

TAKE THE  
SURVEY HERE!



#### Terms & Conditions:

To be eligible for entry, entrants must make a submission to the active transport survey via the timaru district council website before 11:59pm, december 11th, 2023. The winners will be selected from the pool of eligible entries by a random selection by app, by the active transport project manager. All reasonable attempts will be made to contact competition winners using details provided upon submission, winners have 24 hours to get in contact to claim their prize. Should those attempts fail, another winner will be selected via the same process. Competition winners will be notified on or before december 14th, 2023. Prizes are not redeemable for cash, nor transferable to any other person. If a prize or part of a prize becomes unavailable (for any reason), timaru district council reserves the right to limit entry, cancel or amend the prizes at its own and sole discretion, including providing the winners with a substitute prize, either in full or in part. Timaru district council's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. Anyone who works for Timaru District Council or their immediate family are ineligible for entry. Other t&cs apply.