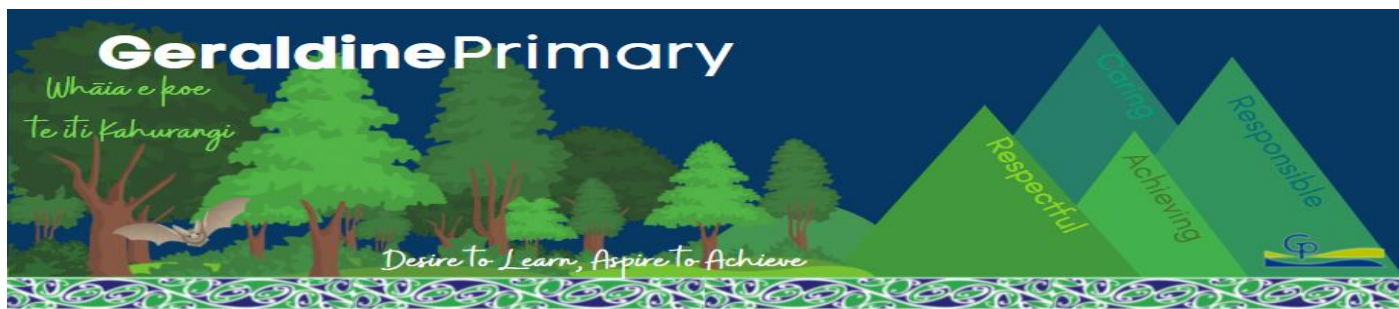




Newsletter/Pānui 1

Friday 14th February 2025

Term 1

<u>Contact information:</u>		<u>Term Dates:</u>	
Stuart Wilcox – Principal principal@geraldine.school.nz		Term 1	30 January – 11 April
Office – Ph 03 693 8208 office@geraldine.school.nz		Term 2	28 April - 27 June
Website: https://www.geraldineprimary.school.nz/		Term 3	14 July - 19 September
		Term 4	6 October - 12 December
<u>Important Dates:</u>			
Tuesday 25 th February – Tangorua Triathlon			
Wednesday 26 th February – Length Swimming Carnival			
Friday 28 th February – Width Swimming Carnival			
5 - 7 March – Year 6 Camp			
13 – 14 March – Year 5 Camp			

Principal's Kōrero

Kia ora koutou whānau and welcome to our first Pānui for 2025.

We have already come to the end of week 3 and Geraldine Primary is in full swing. All classes have been busy getting to know one another and build those important and long-lasting relationships. Swimming is well underway and a huge thank you to our Home and School for funding the swimming coaching. Please remember that classes will be swimming up until the end of week 5 and maybe week 6 depending on the weather! Our senior triathlon and senior and middle school swim carnivals will be in week 5, postponement days are in week 6.

Our building refurbishment has been completed, and the transformation of this learning space is outstanding. We can confidently say that all our students, at GPS, are being taught in modern, 21st century learning environments.

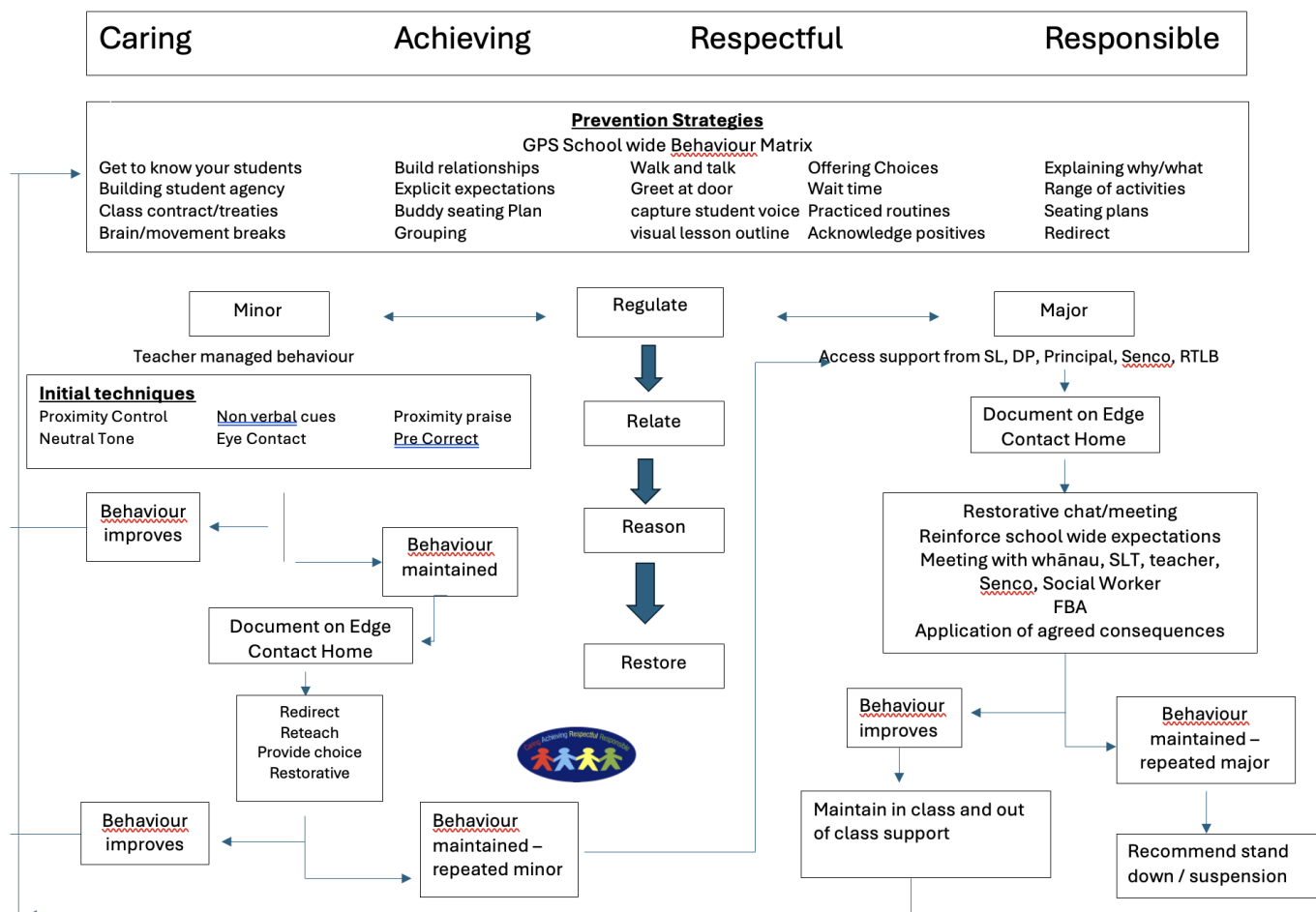
We have placed new interactive screens into Room 11 and Room 1. These complement our other interactive screen, which is in Room 3. We are looking forward to seeing how these are used by the students and teachers.

One of our strategic goals is to work with whānau to continue to drive school wide attendance. We have recently written a new policy and procedure to attendance, which can be found on our school website. The purpose of this policy is to remind us of our accountability as adults and to highlight the important student outcomes. Please take some time to read the three points below.

1. To ensure all enrolled students are accounted for daily at 8.55am and 1.30pm whether present or absent from school.
2. To assist students to attend school on a regular basis; which is vital for effective learning.
3. To give students the opportunity to develop personal skills, e.g. the importance of being punctual and accountable

This year we have launched our Social and Emotional Programme across our school. This is called Te Āiotanga - tranquillity, calm and peace. All classes will be explicitly taught values, emotions, regulation, Te Whare Tapa Whā and how our brain works. Our aim will be to develop all students' social, emotional capacity and build empathy and resilience.

Geraldine Primary would like to share our behaviour flow diagram. This diagram is designed to make our processes transparent and coherent. We are keen to align our behaviour processes around emotional safety of children. Therefore, we are looking at being proactive as staff and using lots of prevention strategies, that enable us to set expectations and boundaries together with the children. We will be using a more restorative approach rather than punitive. We will be publishing this onto our website with definitions of what minor and major behaviours are. Please have a look at our process and you are more than welcome to email me with any questions.



Last night we held our Community Expo. It was wonderful to see so many parents and children. The purpose of this event was to showcase what programmes we do, to meet our staff and more importantly to form long lasting friendships and connections with other whānau. I am excited to see who will be drawn as the Principal for the Day.

Our Head Students and Whānau leaders have started their Playground Champions Programme, and I am looking forward to seeing them in the playground as peer support to the children at school.

For your information Geraldine Primary will have 2 visitors from the Education Review Office on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th February.

Lastly, a huge thank you to our Home and School for the most incredible work that they did over the holidays, the start of term and continue to do with the Maize Maze. This is a phenomenal effort, and we are super proud of their continual support. We are extremely grateful and lucky.

Thank you once again for trusting us with your Tamariki and we look forward to a fantastic school year.

Manaakitia te tangata
Ahakoa ko wai

Ahakoā no hea

Treat people respectfully, irrespective of who they are and where they come from.

Ngā mihi

Stu Wilcox

Our Head Students and Whānau leaders for 2025 	Room 4 refurbishment 	Room 5 Refurbishment 
Our new canopy and deck area 	Our Community Expo 	Our Community Expo 

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.

Clothing

Please name your child/ren's clothing, hat, togs and towel so if they are found we can return them to you.

Gate by Office block

After school the bus students line up behind this gate before being allowed to go to their bus.

PLEASE we request that you do not use this gate to come into or leave school from 2.40 until 3pm.

SCHOOL POLO TOPS

We have been advised that the Warehouse, Timaru have limited stock of our polo shirts. You are welcome to call The Warehouse, Timaru and speak to someone in the clothing department. They will be able to advise on availability of sizes and also take an order for you. There is more stock at the Distribution Centre in the North Island waiting to be barcoded before being sent to Timaru.

The new stock is a different green with a navy stripe on the collar and sleeves. We are aware that there will be a transition period whereby our students will be wearing different coloured green polos for a couple of years. The Warehouse also has some stock in a few sizes that is the old colour with the black stripes. Both of these colours will be considered our uniform.

Fern for Schools Programme

Thank you to the following local business or farms that nominated GPS for the fuel for schools programme. For every 100 litres of bulk fuel they purchased from Fern, 50 cents was donated to us to purchase equipment packages.

SR & LM Geary	HJB & SJ Sheed
K R Christie	Silverdale Dairies Limited
Beat Tech Limited	SR & LM Geary - 1891 Fairlie Geraldine Highway
C & J Cummings	George Williams Contracting Limited
M J & J N Denton	Michael Holmes Holdings Ltd
Geraldine Hire	Clay Downs Farming Company Limited
McArthur Park Ltd	BC & TE Brown Limited - 219 Flatman Road
JD Ward Contracting Ltd.	GB Hammond - 64 Painton Road
BC & TE Brown Ltd.	G B Hammond-Pleasant Valley Road
Talbot Paterson Family Trust.	Jamieson Transport Limited

Home and School News

Our mission

To support Geraldine Primary School to further enhance the learning environment by providing resources to the school and most importantly the students.

What do we do?

Generally we meet around once a month and discuss requests for funds, funds we have available to donate and how do we ensure we keep funds coming in so we can provide for the students.

Where do the funds go?

In 2022 we contributed \$25,000 towards replacement of the school pool liner and have made a commitment to do the same every 10 years.

Annual donation of \$ 15,500 for

- **Swimming Lessons \$ 5,500**
- **Reading Resources \$ 3,000**
- **Educational Games \$ 2,500**
- **Off site events \$ 2,500**

- On site events \$ 1,000
- Robot Maintenance \$ 1,000

In 2024 we also funded over \$ 4,000 for additional requests such as School Sports Tops, Local Legends Books, Epro 8 Entry, Magnatiles, Student Leadership lunch, Matariki evening food, Breakfast BBQ sausages, Disco drinks and snacks.

Want to join us?

We would love you to join us to contribute as much or as little as you can, as we continue to support and help make Geraldine Primary the truly special school it is.

Did you know we have a Facebook page? Find us at Geraldine Primary Home & School Committee.



**KIDS ALIVE
AFTER SCHOOL CARE**



WHAT WE OFFER:

- OSCAR Approved Provider.
- Crafts, Team Games, Sports, Baking And Scavenger Hunts
- Walking School Bus From GPS
- Healthy Afternoon Tea
- Help And Support With Homework
- Great Range Of Indoor And Outdoor Space
- Inclusive And Welcoming Of Children From All Local Schools

When & Where:
Geraldine St. John's Rooms
Mon-Fri 2.45pm - 5.30pm

Price
From \$20 Per Child
Winz Subsidies Available

Contact Us For More Information
0274038126
www.kidsalive.co.nz

Community Notices



**KIDS ALIVE
BEFORE SCHOOL CARE**



WHAT WE OFFER:

- Breakfast
- Arts & Crafts
- Fun Team Games
- Daily Quiz's & Riddles
- Help & Support With Homework
- Oscar Approved Provider

When & Where
Geraldine Primary
School Hall
Monday-Friday
7am-8.20am (Term Time)

Price
\$10 Per Day
Winz Subsidies Available

Contact Us For More Information
0274038126
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Four Peaks Seido Karate Beginners Class

Venue: Geraldine Bowling Club rooms, 45 Wright Street, Geraldine, 7930

Training Days and Times:

Tuesday 6-00 pm until 7-30 pm General Grade class with Sensei Gisell

Thursday 5-00 pm until 5-50 pm General Grade class
and 5-50 pm until 6-50 pm Beginners class with Sensei Peter

Friday 6-00 pm until 7-30 pm General Grade class with Senpai Colin

Four Peaks Geraldine Seido Karate beginners classes run from THURSDAY 13th February 2025 from 5-50 pm until 6-50 pm. Cost is just \$2 a session. We recommend that juniors be at least 6 years old and accompanied by a training parent/caregiver.

Seido Karate is a martial art that develops the following :

- Great Fitness Training developing stamina, strength and co-ordination skills.
- Builds up confidence and self-esteem as well as resilience in a supportive environment.
- Great Self Defence & Martial Art that will give you the skills and confidence to cope in any situation.
- Ideal for families as parents and children can train together in the same classes.
- Quality coaching from time served martial artists

Contact Sensei Gisell on 02102287049 for more information or come down when we train and see what we do.



What is XPACE? www.xpace.co.nz  Find us on Facebook

- XPACE is a fantastic family experience where parent and child form a team and race together, side-by-side.
- A team is one parent and one child aged between 6 and 14.
- Each team must locate and complete 10 mystery challenges, beat the clock and all the other family teams – with the fastest and luckiest crowned XPACE champion.
- Challenges range from physical like the sack race to to artistic like the painting challenge.
- Teams can choose their own pace – flat out from the start or a fast walk – the choice is completely up to you.
- Most of all, XPACE is about seeing your child shine and you get to be there, every step of the way.
- Form your family team now, sign up online to your local event and we will see you in your town this summer.
- Go to the XPACE website www.xpace.co.nz and register before all of the places fill up.

Join our school team for a fun family and community day at XPACE. Our school receives a 50% discount on registrations and we will get to start together in the same wave (code expires February, 11).

50% OFF YOUR ENTRY USE THIS DISCOUNT CODE AT CART *CLICK VALIDATE AND GO TO CHECKOUT

TREAT

TIMARU - TUESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 6PM

