



Newsletter/Pānui

Friday 27th September 2024

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<u>Important Dates:</u> Thursday 17 & Friday 18 October – Year 6 Ropes and Transition at GHS Friday October 25th – Pet Day Monday October 28th – Labour Day Tuesday October 29th - TOD	

Principal's Kōrero

Kia ora koutou whānau and welcome to our Pānui.

It is incredible to think that Term 3 has come to an end, and what a full term it has been.

Our tamariki have had 7 extra sporting opportunities, 2 EOTC events, 5 extra academic opportunities, 4 community events, 2 lunchtime clubs, 3 Cultural events. Our student council has met 6 times this term. The student council created and sent out a Google form to all students and whanau to seek their thoughts and ideas about a Pet Day. Google responses were collected and analysed by the Student Council and planning for the day has progressed. Miss Bathgate has been involved throughout this process. The Student Council were split into two subgroups. One group has mapped out the areas of the school for Pet Day, the other group has been working on the organisation for the day.

Our staff had professional development about Ross Greene's Collaborative Problem Solving technique, and within this work we learnt how to identify a student's lagging skills and unsolved problems. Our PB4L team has sent a review to all stakeholders within our school community. Even from a small parent response sample we can see that PB4L works, and our values are very well understood and the same can be seen within the staff and student reviews. We are now developing our systems and processes so we can be more in line with Collaborative Problem Solving and our trauma informed and neurodiverse knowledge.

I would like to take this opportunity to give everyone some staffing news. We are excited that Jodi Gardner will continue to teach at our kura during 2025. We love her energy and passion. Annalise Roberston will be joining our Tāne Mahuta team in Term 4. Annalise has a degree in Performing Arts and is currently in the last year of her Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning at the University of Canterbury. She has just completed her last placement at Geraldine Primary and has a good understanding of our school processes. She will be employed for 4 mornings a week in Room 15 to co-teach our growing New Entrants. Mrs Hanrahan will continue to be Room 1's class teacher, whilst Mrs Wilcox is resting and recovering. Sadly, Deanna Averill, our School Family Support Worker, has decided to retire at the end of this school year. Geraldine Primary is very lucky to have such a great person based within our kura and we will miss her compassion, care and great sense of humour. Geraldine Primary is committed to keep our class sizes as low as possible, so we will

be starting the year with 4 classes in the Junior School, 4 classes in the Middle School and 4 classes in the senior school. A huge thank you to our board for supporting this strategic direction in 2025.

Last week was Te Wiki o te Reo Māori and I had the privilege to be part of two events that celebrated and supported this great event. Our Kapa Haka group performed at the Geraldine High Schools cultural evening and the highlight for me was seeing both kura singing waiata together on stage. On the Friday a group of our school leaders went to Waihi Lodge to sing and teach the residents six60's Pepeha.

On Friday 13th September five students had the incredible opportunity to meet Jorja Miller in person. They spent time trying on her Olympic Gold Medal as well as asking questions and gathering autographs. Each of them wrote a letter to Mrs Hanrahan explaining why they deserve to attend. Maeve Gollan wrote, *'Dear Mrs Hanrahan, I would love the opportunity to go to Timaru and see Jorja Miller, because I really enjoyed seeing the strong women who competed at the Olympics and how it inspires young girls who are just starting to play sports. I am doing gymnastics and ballet, and if I could go and see this, it would inspire me to reach the top. It is also amazing how they overcome pressure and injuries to get back up and try again. I would love to hear her story.'*

During Term 3 six students had the opportunity to visit the Men's Shed every Wednesday. It is so great that we have amazing support from our community. The finished bird houses look incredible, and we are super proud of their mahi. A different set of Year 5's will go next term.

A huge thank you to Sarah Dunkley for her mahi in organising the wool in school container, activities and demonstrations. For lots of children this experience was very new and had a large impact on our tamariki.

Lastly, thank you to our kaiako for their consistent and conscientious work ethic. I know they put in so many more hours before and after school to ensure our tamariki receive outstanding education and experience lots of fun and different opportunities.

Have the most wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 14th October.

Stu Wilcox

Flynn Cummings meeting Jorja 	Ayla Cooper meeting Jorja 	Kahurangi Term 3 whānau winners 
Student Leaders at Waihi Lodge 	The finished bird houses 	Our Kapa Haka group 

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Mōhio

Our Mōhio groups have finished up for the year with two busy terms being taken by Mrs Hanrahan and Mrs Drake. The knowledge group finished up their unit on Vets with a visit to Willowbank and the Wildlife Hospital. They also had a visit from one of our parent vets, Amy Avery. Mōhio tau, our maths group, competed in the Problem Challenge run by Otago University. The questions were quite hard but congratulations to Jessica Martin who achieved Merit with her results. They also competed in the University of Canterbury Kiwi Maths Competition with Skylah Midgley, Flynn Cummings, Bethany Reardon. Aoife Alicaba, Molly Fetu, and Jessica Martin received an Achieved Grade. Lachie Trevathan received a Merit. Well done to these students.



Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following tamariki who won a Gotcha Draw:
Flynn, R11; LeviC, R11; Jayden, R11; Josiah, R4; Daniel, R10; Violet, R4

Principals Certificates

Tāne Mahuta	Room 6: Room 7: Room 8: Room 9: Room 15:	Greer Olivia Brianna Māia Violet
Tāwhirimātea	Room 10: Room 11: Room 13:	Ryan Ollie Ariella
Tangaroa	Room 1: Room 2: Room 3: Room 4:	Ashton Neve Joseph Jackson

PB4L Certificates

		PB4L	Desire/Aspire to Achieve
Tāne Mahuta	Room 6: Room 7: Room 8: Room 9: Room 15:	Dakota Shalom Brianna Nina Niall	Porter Samantha Liam Hendrix Eleanor
Tāwhirimātea	Room 10: Room 11: Room 13:	Ryan W Austin Isabelle	Mela Lucian Mya
Tangaroa	Room 1: Room 2: Room 3: Room 4:	Phoebe Mason Joseph Willow	Noah Jessica Hudson William Y

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.

Home and School News

Thank you for your support this term. We are looking forward to some more fundraising opportunities in Term 4. Hoping you have a restful break in the holidays.

Follow us on Facebook

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

Community Notices

The Community Dental Service will be closed for the upcoming school holidays.

Closed from Monday 30th September 2024. **Reopen** Monday 14 October 2024

The Timaru Community Dental clinic at 18 Woolcombe Street, Timaru will be open during the break. If your child is experiencing any dental pain/discomfort, you can call us on 0800 846 983 and/or email: commdental@cdhb.health.nz and one of our clinicians will contact you.



Cheap As
Meal & Gardening Ideas

In association with the
 Geraldine-St Andrews Foodbank

September 25th, October 30th &
 November 27th - 5-6:30 pm - St Andrews
 Church hall

Come join us for an evening of affordable
 and delicious meal ideas for families and
 individuals. Feed yourself or a family on
 a budget.

Learn cheap easy vegetables to grow.

A tin donation for the Geraldine
 Foodbank is appreciated.



**POLAR
 EXTREME!**

Daily activities happening at
 Timaru District Libraries
 these School Holidays
 30 September - 11 October

Check out our website, Facebook
 and Instagram pages for session
 dates and times

Holiday Programme calendars
 out soon!

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School holiday activity

**WAYS
 WITH WOOL**

Wednesday 2nd October
10am - 12pm

Learn wool crafts and about wool
 as a sustainable resource

**Supported by Timaru
 Creative Fibre volunteers**

at South Canterbury Eco Centre

TIMARU TEN at Levels Raceway on October 26th:
Something for Everyone - Kids Mile, Walks starting with 3km distance, 5km and 10km Runs.

-Free Food

-Coffee Cart

-Spot Prizes and Voucher Giveaways

-Prize for best dressed

OR enjoy the sun and watch the fun !

-After function with free drink at Speights Ale House.

Sign up at timaruten.nz '



Home Interaction Programme for
Parents and Youngsters

Empowering parents to support their 2-5 year
old child for life long learning

- FREE for families and tamariki
- weekly workbooks with fun activities and storybooks
- available for families accessing 8 hours or less of ECE

Coordinator - Jenna Chapman
Ph/text 027 283 1320
Facebook @HIPPYTimaru



GERALDINE
Swimming
CLUB

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

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 in Term 4 and Term 1.

Very limited spaces available!

Contact learn2swimgeraldine@gmail.com

Also checkout our Facebook Page for updates about the 2024/2025 season!



PRIMARY YEARS 5-11

Feel confident to tackle the primary years

Over six fun, practical and inspirational sessions, a trained facilitator will guide you through topics including:

- The importance of love and connection
- Different parenting styles
- Understanding your child's big emotions
- Discipline and boundaries
- And lots more!

Thursday's 7:30 - 9pm
Starting 17th October for six weeks
Grown Together
44-46 Rothwell St, Timaru

Book online at www.growntogether.nz
Contact us at admin@growntogether.nz if you have any questions.

ToolBox for Parenting Place



MUNDELL'S MULTI HUB

MUNDELL'S SCHOOL STUDENT GOLF LEAGUE

REGISTER NOW!!

24TH OCT- 21ST NOV

- Team of 2
- 6 teams
- Play 9 holes each week
- Play a different course each week
- Start at 3.15pm

REGISTER NOW!
\$10.00 per person each week

Register by 11th October
email or phone us!!

NOTE
you can register more than two per team but only two play on the night. Spectators are welcome!!!

DRINKS AND SNACK MENU AVAILABLE
weekly specials available

 entertainment@mundells.nz  03 693 1101

Geraldine Athletics



Calling all old and new Athletes!

The new season is almost here!

Athletics training is a fun way to maintain fitness for winter sports, have great fun and meet new friends on our warm summer evenings.

Our 2024/25 season will begin on 16th October, 5.45pm Geraldine Domain Oval.

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

Athletes welcome to register from age 6 - 100+ years (as at 31st Dec 24)

Have you thought about Coaching?

We are always on the lookout for new coaches to support our Athletes. If you would like to join the team in any way please contact the Club Secretary Jo



TWILIGHT NETBALL COMPETITION

Geraldine Old Girls Netball Club presents our annual Twilight Netball Competition. Eight weeks of social netball, for anyone and everyone. Held on Monday evenings at

GERALDINE DOMAIN COURTS

from

MONDAY 14th OCT - MONDAY 9th DEC 2024

\$180 per team

with an experienced umpire every week

or

\$240 per team

without an umpire

READ THE DETAILS

- We will NOT be playing Labour Monday, 28th October.
- Teams are to be entered by Monday 7th October and full team payment needs to be received before the first game.
Geraldine Old Girls, ANZ 01 0885 0665869 000, reference: (Your team name)
- You can have up to 3 males on the court for your team, one in each third (*shoot, mid, defense*)
- If enough teams enter we will have an A and B grade. Let us know what grade you'd like to play in.

TO REGISTER

Kim Andrews
0273722334
kimmijanel@gmail.com

GERALDINE, 7930

Dance Class **Beginners – Just For Fun** **(Years 1-4)**

BALLET – MODERN DANCE
AND HEAPS MORE!

3pm – 3.30pm – GPS Hall
Every Tuesday of Term 4
\$5 each child per class

This is a fun class incorporating beginner's ballet, modern dance and a bit of freestyling too.

The point of this class is for girls and boys who want to learn a bit of dance for fun to do so.

Students are welcome to change into their dance clothes or leotards and ballet/jazz shoes if they want to but they can also wear their school uniform or whatever they are comfortable in.

Being in barefeet is great too – that's what I will be in!!!

Teacher: Suzi Pethig-Jones (Jack and Māia's mum)

12 years experience in ballet and modern dance

Give me a call/text with your child's name if you are interested and I will send you a reminder at the start of term 4 – phone 021 665 334