



NEWSLETTER/PĀNUI

5 March 2025

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<u>Important Dates:</u> Tāwhirimāteā Triathlon – Monday 7th Feb – 1.30 - 2.30 Year 6 Camp – 5th – 7th February Year 5 Camp – 13th – 14th 3-way Conferences – Wed 2nd April	

Principal's Kōrero

Kia ora koutou whānau and welcome to our Pānui.

What an incredible last few weeks at Geraldine Primary!

Perseverance, determination and grit are excellent human traits to acquire, and I would like to say that I have seen these in abundance over the last few weeks.

- The Year 5 and 6 Triathlon was an absolute spectacle. All the children that participated demonstrated the above traits. I was blown away by those that competed against others, but also those that competed against themselves. For some, taking part was a huge challenge and I commend them for giving it a go.
- Our Swimming Length Carnival was equally as competitive and demonstrated the amount of progress children have made in the pool. I have so many highlights of the day, but the one that sticks out is the Year 6 whānau relay, hotly contested and competition at the highest level.
- Finally, Friday we saw the width carnival. This means that everyone has been able to showcase their swimming progress from years 4-6.

Last Monday we held our Whānau picnic. This was a great opportunity for our whānau leaders to come together, talk to their whānau students and play some games. We are looking forward to more whānau events during the year.

Over the next few days our Year 6 and Year 5 children will be going on their school camps. I can't wait to hear all their stories once they return.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all our kaiako and whānau who help to make all the above possible. It is a mammoth amount of organising and paperwork that goes into every event, and I am so grateful for our teacher's energy, management skills and care. Not only are they trying to organise camps but also plan teaching and learning. Thank you again I am so proud of everyone.

In week 4 our school were visited by two ERO inspectors. This was a great opportunity to discuss the school's current successes, progress and targets. We will share their summary once it has been finalised.

Te Āiotanga (tranquility, calm and peace), is our school social emotional programme. Our aim, as a Kura, is to ensure every child gets explicitly taught about their different emotions, how their brain works and other children's brains work, to get a balanced wellbeing through Te Whare Tapa Wha and how to link these to our school values. This programme will help all tamariki to self-regulate, build empathy and resilience. To help consolidate these lessons, we also have a whole school hui every Friday. This is our Kotihitanga time and a chance to connect.

On Saturday Miss Bathgate took a team of 9 students to the Winchester Show to take part in the Agri Kids' competition. The students showed lots of enthusiasm and worked well as teams to complete the activities. Also on Saturday, Leo Hansen won himself 2 trophies in the junior baking at the Winchester/Geraldine A&P Show. Ka pai Leo.

Geraldine Primary will be holding our 3-way conferences on Wednesday 2nd April. The school will be closed for instruction on this day. We have set this day in conjunction with Geraldine High School. 3-way conferencing is a great way to meet your son/daughter's teachers, to discuss learning and how they are progressing within the school environment.

This is just a reminder that your child's teacher is your first point of contact. If they are unable to answer your questions or queries, then we have a robust system and process that can be found under Complaints Procedure on our school docs platform.

On Thursday 27th March Geraldine Primary will officially open our Rūma 4 and Rūma 5 classrooms. Everyone is welcome to come along and be part of this celebration. Please see the poster below.

Our Community Engagement group are busy planning school events and our next Mix and Mingle will be Wednesday 26th March at 2.45pm. Please see the poster below.

As you can see Geraldine Primary continues to be a fun and thriving kura, with lots of exciting learning opportunities.

Stu Wilcox

Whero Whānau together 	Kakariki Whānau together 	Lachie and Lottie 
Year 6 Whānau Swim relay 	Start of the triathlon 	Leo Hansen with his winning trophies 

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Unfortunately Mrs Smith in Room 3 will not be available on this day. Parents of Room 3 children will be contacted by Mrs Smith to make an alternate time.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/vpab3>

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following tamariki who won a Gotcha Draw:

Hezekiah, R3; Minh, R9; Tommy, R9; Cohen, R10; Maya, R11; Leon, R13.

PB4L Certificates

		PB4L	Desire/Aspire to Achieve
Tāne Mahuta	Room 6: Room 7: Room 8: Room 9:	Tessa J T Milly T Georgie P Richie W	Leo H Aria W
Tāwhirimātea	Room 10: Room 11: Room 12 Room 13:	Kade H George B Shalom-Hope Grace S	Nycole B Leo H Siya A Arlo C
Tangaroa	Room 1: Room 2: Room 3: Room 4: Room 5:	Willow W Flynn C Georgie P Kyzah J Mia S	Hosanna W Lottie S Uno M Emily A Ollie W

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.

Welcome

Welcome to the following students who have started school recently:

James, Noah, Iannah, Tommie, Scarlett, Jett, Louis, Richie and Harry R9;
Maximo, Sophia, Riley, Liam, Laura, Lucas, R6; Jazeen, R8; Shenal, R7; Kade, R10; Adia, R11;
Taiga, Kenuth, R13; Chloe, Methuja R1; Ruby, Lulu, R2; Elina R3; Wren, R4; and Oliver, R5.

We hope you enjoy your time at Geraldine Primary School.



AFTER SCHOOL MIX AND MINGLE

You are invited to a “mix and mingle” after school on March 26th 2.45pm – 4pm

This is a chance for parents to come and meet and/or catch up with other parents from the school community and some of the school staff. Even if your child has been at the school for a while or has just started, please come along and enjoy some afternoon tea and outside games

- Afternoon tea will be supplied
- Outside games will be set up for both kids and parents to enjoy
- Artists of any level are asked to come along and “fill a spot” with your very own chalk creation



*You are warmly invited to
the official opening of our
refurbished classrooms:*

Rūma 4 and Rūma 5



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.



Geraldine Primary Home and School Committee

We are excited to let you know our annual Trail Ride fundraising event is coming up! We are also having our AGM soon and would love to see some new faces. Give as much or little time as you have to help raise funds for our school. Meetings are usually once a month on a Monday evening.

Beautiful Valley Trailride

SUNDAY 6 APRIL 2025

<u>VENUE:</u>	The Spurs, Beautiful Valley, Geraldine (signposted from Geraldine/Fairlie Hwy, 15 minutes from Geraldine)
<u>SIGN ON & SCRUTINEERING:</u>	Sunday from 9.30am
<u>COST</u>	\$60.00 Senior 16 yrs & over \$40.00 Junior 11 - 15 yrs \$20.00 Children 10 yrs & under
<u>REQUIREMENTS:</u>	All Riders Under 16 yrs Must Be Accompanied By An Adult Rider Bikes & Riding Gears Must Be Clean Boots, Helmet & Spark Arrestor Muffler (Compulsory) No Dogs Please.



"Proudly Supports The Safety Of This Event"

- HIGH COUNTRY FARMLAND AND FORESTRY TRAILS
- SUITABLE FOR TRAILBIKES & QUADBIKES
- CHILDREN'S, BEGINNER OFF-ROAD LOOP, SHORTCUTS
- NEW ENDURO OPTIONS FOR EXPERIENCED RIDERS
- BBQ/REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
- KNOBBLY TYRES ESSENTIAL
- FUNDRAISING FOR GERALDINE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Enquiries to Email

EMAIL: trailrides@xtra.co.nz for event posters & cancellation notices
www.facebook.com/AdventureTrailridesEvents



Follow us on Facebook

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

Community Notices

BRICKSTONE

Brickstone is back in 2025!
Brickstone is back! With a bigger venue at TBHS!

When?
Saturday 29th March 2025
10am - 4pm
Timaru Boys High School Hall

Price
Family - \$10
Adult - \$5
Child - \$2

Why come to Brickstone?
Epic exhibitions, play pits, competitions, food trucks, sausage sizzle and more!!

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BRICKSTONE

GET CREATING!!!
Can you create something EPIC with LEGO?

We would love to see your creations on the 29th of March.

Bring your creations to the Timaru Boys High Hall for amazing LEGO prizes!

Drop off? Friday 28th 3-5pm Saturday 29th 10-12pm

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GERALDINE JAB RUGBY
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Junior Registrations 2025
Calling all 5-13-year-old girls and boys:
Please register using the new Rugby Xplorer portal
auth.rugbyexplorer.com.au/register
and join the Geraldine JAB Facebook page

\$60.00 SUB
(\$40.00 for any subsequent child/ren from the same family)
Each registered player receives a mouthguard, beanie and training shirt
EMAIL: geraldinejabrugby@gmail.com

CLUB OPEN DAY
GRFC CLUBROOMS ON GEORGE STREET
Saturday 22 March from 11am

SENIOR MENS AND WOMENS PRESEASON GAMES

JUNIOR SKILLS CAMP

SKILLS CAMP AGES 9 - 14 ALL ABILITIES GIRLS & BOYS 23 - 24 APRIL 2025 9AM - 3PM STEC STADIUM \$80 PER PERSON LIMITED TO 100

REGISTER BELOW

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST PAYMENT AND CONFIRMATION TO FOLLOW
[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

PROVIDED BY TBHS BASKETBALL LED BY HEAD COACH SHANNON EDWARDS

Registrations Now OPEN Seniors close, March 5th (contact Shaun)
Junior/Youth registrations close March 24th
2024 players will be contacted New players email the club

PLAY FOOTBALL 2025
Girls & Boys 7- 18
First Kicks 4-6
Seniors—Male 15+

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