



NEWSLETTER/PĀNUI

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<u>Important Dates:</u> Principal's assembly - Friday 11th April 1.30pm End of term - Friday 11th April	

Principal's Kōrero

Kia ora koutou whānau and welcome to our Pānui.

I remember saying to myself at the start of term 1 that before I know it, it will be the holidays. I can't believe how true this has become! My question is, why do terms go so quickly? The simple answer is because we do so much...

- Student Leadership Day
- Mihi Whakatau
- School swimming 4 weeks
- Community Evening/learning expo
- Whanau picnic
- ERO visit
- Senior triathlon
- Length Carnival
- Agrikids
- Year 6 camp
- SC Triathlon
- Year 5 camp
- Tawhirimatea triathlon
- Woodbury School Rippa
- PALS training
- Pipe Band
- Kapa Haka
- Phase 2 Assessment Week
- Year 5 and 6 Rippa
- Mix and Mingle Event
- Opening of room 4 and 5
- Student leaders Playground Champions training
- South Canterbury swim sports
- Kids Lit Quiz
- Three way conferences
- Year 5 and 6 Rippa final in Oamaru

As well as all the above our teachers have been taking part in professional development around the new literacy and maths curriculum. Adding Te Āiotanga (school social emotional programme) to their weekly programs, as well as planning engaging lessons, building relationships, daily summative assessments, being caring, nurturing and developing a more restorative approach to challenging behaviour. Our kaiako are outstanding and it is a privilege to be working with them - thank you so much.

We would like to congratulate Jodi Gardner who is expecting her first baby in September. This is such wonderful news. Jodi will take her maternity leave from the 22nd of August 2025. We are about to start the recruitment process, and we will keep everyone updated.

During the last few weeks we have seen so many different group and personal successes. Our two rippa teams went to Fraser Park to compete in the Year 5 and 6 Primary School's tournament. Both teams were outstanding and represented our kura with pride. The GPS black team narrowly missed out on a final place. However, our GPS green team made it to the final and were placed 4th overall, which means they go to Oamaru and represent South Canterbury.

We sent a group of swimmers to the South Canterbury School's swimming competition in Timaru, where Mia Patterson had lots of personal success.

At the beginning of the week four senior school students went to Grantlea Downs to participate in the regional heats of the Kids Lit Quiz. They did the most amazing job and won! This means that they qualified for the New Zealand National Finals in Wellington on Saturday 24th May.

We are so proud of these tamariki and all of our tamariki at GPS - well done.

This term our school value focus has been Manaakitanga - Kindness

He aroha wakatō

He aroha ka puta mai

If kindness is sown

Then kindness is what you shall receive

During our Friday assemblies I always read out a whakatauki and then try to put it into a child context. The above whakatauki is one that we have used for the last 4 weeks, and it really captures the essence of compassion and empathy. Two things that we are working really hard to expose at our kura. Please use this at home too.

I would like to say a huge thank you to our Home and School for their continued fundraising ideas. This term they have been busy most weekends, weather permitting, up at the Maize Maze. This is a massive responsibility and extremely time consuming. However, they have done this with humility and with no recognition. On Sunday the Home and School are also present at Beautiful Valley Trail Ride, where they are cooking food and helping to be martials. These events raise a considerable amount of money to our kura. They help to pay for swimming tuition, maintenance of the swimming pool, school trips, reading books, Epro 8 entries. Thank you so much Home and School for everything you do. We are looking forward to Dancing with the Stars at the end of term 2.

Our Community Engagement group has also been busy this term organising and discussing possible new school events. Our mix and mingle was very well supported with lots of whānau working on their chalk art design together. I was so impressed with the artwork - well done everyone. Once again thank you to our Community Engagement Group, this was a wonderful idea and so well received by everyone. Special thanks to Renee White for supplying the beautiful prizes.

Thank you to everyone who attended 3-way conferencing and I hope you found the time with the teacher valuable and informative. It is great to be able to share learning, progress and goals. Also thank you to all those that took the time to complete our review. Your feedback is extremely important to us and allows us to include your voice in future plans.

Geraldine Primary has been working to develop a deeper understanding of children, and the way that we as a school, and as adults deal with challenging situations, such as unexpected or testing behaviour. We know so much more about the brain and the effects of change, trauma or learning disorders have on each child. Therefore, we are developing our response to these situations in a more holistic, communicative and restorative approach. Please read the statements below.

If a child can't read ... we teach
 If a child can't spell ... we teach
 If a child can't swim ... we teach
 When a child can't behave ... we punish

The statement above is very thought provoking and for lots of us goes against our own experiences and makes us a little uncomfortable. However, at GPS we are learning to reframe these challenges and using them as an opportunity to teach and give the children more tools in the kete, so that they can be more successful in their future endeavours. We are moving away from the word consequence and using a more collaborative problem-solving approach and restorative approach. This will increase positive relationships, positive communication and have a better understanding and appreciation of our unique differences. You can find our behaviour flow diagram on our website.

Please remember that school breaks up for the holidays on Friday 11th April and Term 2 starts on Monday 28th April.

On Thursday we had a visit from Sam who runs Parkside Dairy. He wanted to share his daughters first birthday with us by bringing in cakes and then he presented the school with \$1000. This is from the sale of the burgers they have been making. Thank you so much Sam.

Our confirmed ERO report is on our website for you to access.

Finally, we wish Mrs Jo Drake lots of fun on her sabbatical to the Northern Hemisphere during term 2 and we look forward to hearing her stories on her return during term 3.

Thanks, whānau for helping to make this term so enjoyable.

Stu Wilcox

Our Year 5/6 Rippa Teams 	Winners of our chalk art competition 	Winning team of the Kids Lit Quiz 
Fraser Park waiting for the rippa game to start 	Lots of beautiful Kotahitanga 	Wonderful chalk art design 

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following tamariki who won a Gotcha Draw:

Ollie H., R5; Sophie, R5; Joseph, R1; Jamie, R13; Grace, R13; Joseph, R1

PB4L Certificates

		PB4L	Desire/Aspire to Achieve
Tāne Mahuta	Room 6: Room 7: Room 8: Room 9:	Florence C Ayla T Tilda Harry R	- Vinnie M Porter -
Tāwhirimātea	Room 10: Room 11: Room 12: Room 13:	Ryan W Flynn B Monte H Thatcher F	Hunter S Alexis P Sonny H Taiga O
Tangaroa	Room 1: Room 2: Room 3: Room 4: Room 5:	Skyla M Lilah JG Joy F Elise P Ollie H	Joseph HC Bethany R Liam G Jackson C Dahlia N

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.

Scooters

If your child has lost or misplaced a scooter Malcolm may be looking after it for you. Please check with him.

ENROLMENTS FOR TERM 2 2025

Geraldine Primary School is accepting applications from parents / caregivers who wish to enrol their child in Term 2 2025. Enrolment packs are available from the school office. As well as in-zone places, a limited number of out of zone places will be available in years 4 - 6 (please enquire for more information). An enrolment scheme or zone is in place and details of this can be obtained from the school office.

The deadline for out of zone applications for Term 2 2025 is 3pm, Wednesday 9th April 2025.

To apply for an out-of-zone place please email the school office at office@geraldine.school.nz

Parents / caregivers of children living within our enrolment zone who intend to enrol their child at Geraldine Primary School during 2025, should also notify the school office.

We invite parents to contact the office if they wish to learn more about our school and arrange a tour. Phone 693 8208

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.

AGM: Monday 8th April, 7pm in the staff room. Bring a friend and come and check out what we do. All are welcome!

Follow us on Facebook

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

Beautiful Valley Trailride

SUNDAY 7 APRIL 2024

VENUE: The Spurs, Beautiful Valley, Geraldine
(signposted from Geraldine/Fairlie Hwy, 15 minutes from Geraldine)

SIGN ON & SCRUTINEERING: Sunday from 9.30am

COST
\$60.00 Senior 16 yrs & over
\$40.00 Junior 11 - 15 yrs
\$20.00 Children 10 yrs & under

REQUIREMENTS: 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.

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- CHILDREN'S, BEGINNER OFF-ROAD LOOP, SHORTCUTS
- ENDURO OPTIONS FOR EXPERIENCED RIDERS
- BBQ/REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
- KNOBBLY TYRES ESSENTIAL
- FUNDRAISING FOR GERALDINE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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



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

Closed On: Friday 18th April,
Monday 21st April &
Friday 25th April
Reopening on: Monday 28th April

Our community dental clinics Timaru (18 Woolcombe Street) will be open during this School Holiday period:

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.

Community Notices



'Cheap AS' Meal Ideas

In association with
Geraldine - St Andrews Foodbank

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

7-8pm April 2nd + May 7th
St Andrews Hall

A tin donation for the Geraldine Foodbank is appreciated.

Tots to Teens.

Autumn is upon us, and our latest issue is jam-packed with content to help Kiwi parents: issue2504.totstoteens.co.nz/

What's in this issue for parents?

- » Should we step in, or step back, when our kids face conflict?
 - » The real deal on bedwetting
 - » Road trip hacks to survive without screens
 - » Schools/ECE's + social media: what parents need to know
- » Boost your child's bounce-back skills with simple resilience tips
- » Plus: epic pies, a giant skillet cookie, and awesome giveaways!



Open Day
4th May 10.30am



**TE KURA TUARUA
O RAUKAPUKA**
GERALDINE HIGH SCHOOL

BACK IN TIME, MOVING FORWARD

Music bonds us. Yesterday, today and forever



Female Vocal Workshops

Wednesdays 6-7pm

Beginning April 30

Register your interest:

mcnallyvocalstudio@gmail.com

Timaru Girls High School
The Drama Suite



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WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL



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TEAM FOR AN AMAZING
DAY ON THE RANGITATA
RIVER

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\$85 / PERSON
AGES 10+

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY
PROGRAMME
14TH - 25TH APRIL

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE, FACEBOOK
AND INSTAGRAM FOR DETAILS
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME CALENDARS
OUT SOON!

TIMARU DISTRICT LIBRARIES



Methven Scarecrow Trail

Saturday April 12 - Sunday April 27

Awesome school holiday activity
Only \$15 - eftpos or cash please
Info & Maps available from the
Methven ihub & Methven Four Square

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