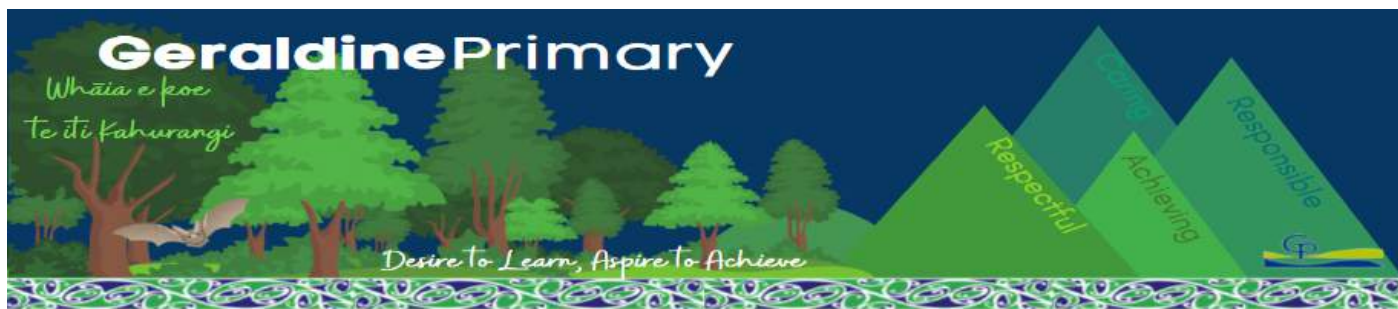




NEWSLETTER/PĀNUI

Friday 1st August 2025

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Important Dates to Remember • Wednesday 6th August – 🏠 Open School Day Come join us between 9.30am and 4.00pm to experience a full day of learning, fun, and community connection. • Thursday 14th August – 🏔️ Tangaroa Ski Trip Our lucky Tangaroa students are heading to the slopes — more info coming soon! • Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th September – 🎭 School Production Curtains up! Two magical nights and one matinee (Thursday) of talent, teamwork and creativity. More details and ticket info coming soon.	

Principal's Kōrero

📖 **Geraldine Primary School – Pānui | Week 3 Update**
Kia ora koutou whānau – Welcome to our latest newsletter!

We've hit the ground running this term at Geraldine Primary and there's been a real buzz of learning, leadership, and laughter around the school grounds. Here's what we've been up to and what's coming your way soon...

💙 Focusing on Respect – In All the Right Ways!

This term, our kura has had a big focus on **respect** – what it looks like, sounds like, and feels like across our school. During our Friday hui, we explored how we show respect in the classroom, and it was awesome to see our tamariki demonstrating just that — putting their hands up, waiting their turn, and listening to each other with care. Ka rawe!

Our incredible **Playground Champions** have also been out and about during playtimes, spotting and celebrating students who are showing respectful behaviour — big thanks to them for leading the way!

We're continuing to use the **Brain Ladder** as a tool to help students recognise emotions and use what they already know to respond thoughtfully and respectfully. It's all part of our ongoing journey in developing self-awareness and kindness.

Whānau Basketball – Bringing the Heat!

Over the last couple of weeks, our school hall has been alive with whānau pride as teams have battled it out in our **Whānau Basketball Tournament!** The games have been played with fantastic competitive spirit and sportsmanship.

A huge congratulations to:

- 🏆 **Kōwhai** – Senior School Champions
- 🏆 **Whero** – Middle School Champions

Our junior students are up next week with a modified version of the game – we can't wait to see them in action!

We've also been so proud of our senior leaders who've taken the initiative to **referee, score, time, and manage teams** — true leadership in action!

Open School Day – Wednesday 6 August

Whānau – we would love to see you at our **Open School Day** on **Wednesday 6 August, 9.30am to 4.00pm**. It's your chance to jump into the learning alongside your child and experience the amazing mahi happening across our classrooms.

What's happening in the morning?

From **9.30am – 12.30pm**, you'll get to visit classrooms and take part in a range of learning activities like spelling, fitness, writing, maths, art, tie-dyeing, and more!

☕ **10.40 – 11.00am**: Come enjoy a cuppa in the hall.

Highlights include:

- Year 6 and Year 5 writing groups
- Men's Shed visits for Year 5 students
- Amazing tie-dye and art production in many classes
- And loads of creative literacy and numeracy fun!

Midday Fun:

- **12.30pm**: School picnic (bring your lunch and a blanket!)
- **12.55pm**: Staff vs Senior Students sports match
- **1.30pm**: Whole School Jump Jam
- **1.45–2.30pm**: **PALS rotations & Tuakana-Teina fun** (older students supporting younger ones!)

 **3.00 – 4.00pm**: Join us for **Community Kai and Connection**
Pop into classrooms, have a bite, and chat with our wonderful teachers.

School Production – The Stage is Set!

Our school production is well underway and excitement is building!

- Props and costumes are in creation mode.
- Helen Oishi (our talented parent and High School art teacher) is painting beautiful scenes.
- The stage setup is nearly complete!

We're incredibly grateful for the support from our school whānau – your help is what makes this magic possible. More details on show fortnight (Week 7 & 8) and ticket sales are coming soon!

Tech Upgrades in the Hall!

Thanks to the support of our **School Board**, our hall's sound and visual systems are getting a major glow-up! We're nearly done and can't wait to use the new setup for performances, hui, and events.

Shaping Our Future – Strategic Plan & Vision

We've been busy using your end-of-Term 1 feedback to shape our new **2026–2028 Strategic Plan** and refresh our **school vision and logo**. Thank you for being part of that journey. I look forward to sharing our future direction with you later this term.

Board Elections – Be Part of the Journey!

Our **School Board Elections** are still open. If you've ever thought about having a say in the direction of our kura, now's the time! Nominations are open — check your inbox or contact the school office for info.

Ngā mihi nui for your continued support and enthusiasm. It's a joy to work alongside such a strong and caring school community. We look forward to seeing many of you on **Open School Day** and celebrating another action-packed term together.

Stu Wilcox

Senior whānau basketball champions Kōwhai



Middle whānau basketball champions Whero



Junior school keen supporters



Making the cave for our production



Making rocks to go around the fire for our production



Making 3D trees for our school production



Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following tamariki who won a Gotcha Draw:
Uno, R3; Eoghan, R10; Sarah, R4; Millie, R7; Liam, R8; Carson, R13

PB4L Certificates

		PB4L	Desire/Aspire to Achieve
Tāne Mahuta	Room 6: Room 7: Room 8: Room 9:	Maximo M Ezra L Nial -	- Rory B Jazeen Scarlett H
Tāwhirimātea	Room 10: Room 11: Room 13:	Megan Charlie T Aila Theo	Ryan Flynn Nikolai Lucas H
Tangaroa	Room 1: Room 2: Room 3: Room 4: Room 5:	Alexis Eva Ayla M Manreet B Oliver M	Mac Zac Amanda S Sarah H Oliver L

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

Fundraising Ideas – We’d Love Your Input!

Are there any fundraisers you’d love to see before the end of the year? We’re planning to run the popular Cookie Time fundraiser again in the lead-up to Christmas, but we’re always open to fresh ideas!

If you have a suggestion, feel free to send us a message via our Facebook page or email—we’d love to hear from you.

 Email: gpschoolnews@gmail.com



Facebook: [Geraldine Primary Home & School Committee](#)

Uniforms – New & Second Hand

If you’re looking to purchase new uniform items or Whānau tops, please visit the school’s online store at <https://gps.hssp.co.nz/>. Every purchase made through this site contributes directly to our Home & School fundraising efforts—thank you for your support!

Kowhai Tee



Kakariki Tee



Kahurangi



Whero Tee



We also have a selection of second-hand uniforms available at the school office for a gold coin donation. Feel free to pop in and chat with the office team if you'd like to browse what's available.

Keep Up To Date

Follow us on Facebook - find us at Geraldine Primary Home & School Committee.

Community Notices



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have a go
day

Geraldine Golf Club Sunday 7 September

\$10
PER PERSON

Join us from 9AM for a day of fun & golf, 6 & 9 holes!
Prizes for best score, and more! New to golf, no worries,
all levels welcomed. Register now to secure your spot.

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aorangi golf

Register at www.golf.co.nz/futures

Cheap As Meal
Idea's

In association with Geraldine
– St Andrews Foodbank

Come join us for a fun afternoon of
affordable & delicious meal ideas for
families and individuals. Feed yourself or a
family on a budget. Plenty of tastings to try.

Saturday 9th August 2-3.30pm
Saturday 13th September 2-3.30pm
@St Andrew's Church Hall, Wilson Street

**A tin donation for the Geraldine Foodbank is
much appreciated.**

Position Available Temuka & Geraldine A & P Association Secretary

As our Secretary / Administrator, you will be the backbone of our operations, ensuring smooth communication and efficient administration. Key responsibilities include:

- Managing correspondence and records
- Organizing meetings and keeping minutes
- Supporting event coordination
- Handling administrative duties
- This is a paid part time position.

For further information please contact:
Winnie Lawrence on 027 331 9039



2025 Photography Competition

Friday 14th November – Saturday 15th November 25
The Lodge Theatre, Talbot Street, Geraldine

Photography Categories – Senior (Over 18 years)

Sponsored by Ashbury Outdoors, Timaru – The Geraldine Photography Club

- One object in the photo
 - Water
 - Rustic

Photography Categories – Students (18 years & under)

Sponsored by The Geraldine Photography Club

- Wildlife
- The Colour Green
- Food

Please read the following rules before entering:

- All Photographs submitted for the competition must be taken by the exhibitor. You may be asked to provide a digital copy of the photo should these rules not be followed.
- Photos may be rejected at the discretion of the Conveyor.
- Photos MUST be printed to the size of 6 x 8 inch (15cm x 20cm)
- Own digital developing accepted but must be cropped to the right size.
- Photographers are allowed two entries per category.
- All photos to be presented un-mounted. They will be attached to matt boards by the organisers.
- Only write the title of your print on the back of the photo. Please don't print your name on the photos.
- All photos must be submitted in a A4 Envelope along with the entry form.
- If you are unable to collect your photos on Saturday 15th November, please also include a stamped self-addressed envelope with your entries.
- Students only have the option of posting or emailing their photos this year but they MUST be kept as the original photo files (don't make your photos smaller) along with a copy of your entry form.
- The conveyor of the section accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to items on display.
- Prize Giving will be Saturday 15th November at 4pm when the judges will present the prizes and certificates to the winners.

Entries close Monday 6th October 25 at 5pm. No late entries will be accepted.

Harold needs your help!

Harold loved visiting all your amazing children and he hopes they had a great time in the Life Education classroom. The 2 sessions Harold and your child shared at Life Education cost \$24 to deliver. We are so thankful the school pays \$7 per child towards the cost. The Life Education Trust Mid-South Canterbury team fund the remainder of the cost through grants, local support and donations along with fundraising.

How can you help?

If you can cover the \$17 cost for one local child to attend the Life Education lesson, this would be a big help. If you can sponsor more than one child that would be amazing, awesome and incredible!

Get in touch by emailing our Administrator: admin@lifeedmsc.org.nz

Harold can't wait to see you all next year!



Ursula Moray Williams Creative Writing Competition 2025

Open to local children aged between
5 and 18 years.

Entry forms and guidelines
are available at Timaru District Libraries
or may be downloaded from our website
www.timarudistrictlibraries.co.nz

Entries close at 6pm,
Friday 15th August, 2025.

