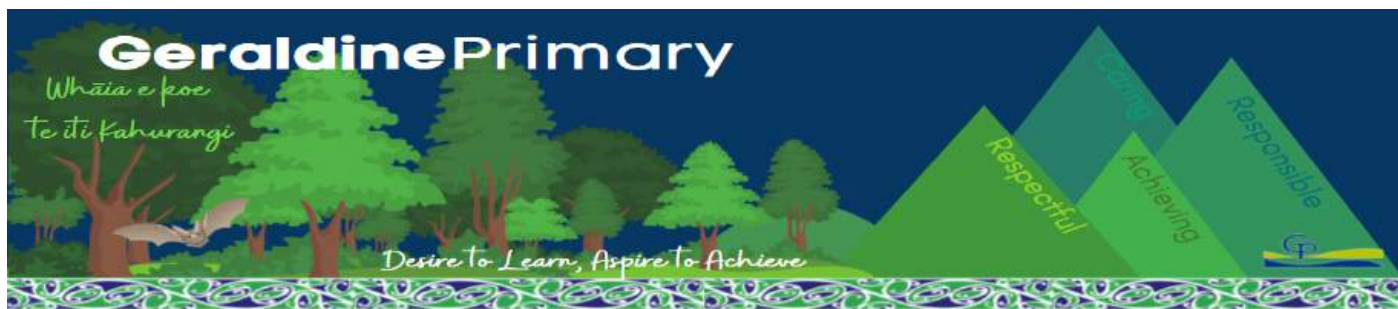




# NEWSLETTER/PĀNUI

15 August 2025

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| <p><u>Important Dates:</u><br/>         Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August – Daffodil Day<br/> <b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September – 🎭 School Production</b><br/>         Curtains up! Two magical nights and one matinee (Thursday) of talent, teamwork and creativity.</p>                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                         |

## Principal's Kōrero

Kia ora koutou whānau and welcome to our Pānui.

## Mid-Term Update & Spotlight on Self-Regulation

We're officially halfway through the term, and Geraldine Primary is buzzing! Our tamariki have been shooting hoops in whānau basketball, crafting powerful speeches, and giving squash a go. In the classrooms, our kaiako are leveling up their skills with the new Maths and English curriculums. And... the countdown is on – the final push for our school production has begun (watch this space!).

This term, we're also focusing on our school value of respect and a superpower every child can learn – **self-regulation**.

It's the ability to manage **behaviour**, **emotions**, and **reactions** so you can tackle whatever comes your way – whether that's a tricky maths problem, waiting patiently for your turn, or keeping cool when things don't go your way.

### 🧠 The 3 parts of self-regulation:

- **Cognitive** – focus, plan, and solve problems
- **Behavioural** – manage actions and impulses
- **Emotional** – recognise and respond to feelings

When tamariki strengthen their self-regulation, they're building skills for school, friendships, sports – and life beyond the school gates.

Last Wednesday, our school staff attended the screening of an Australian film called *Seen*. This powerful documentary shines a light on the experiences of children and young people living with the impacts of trauma. It challenged us to think deeply about empathy, connection, and how we can create safe, nurturing spaces where all tamariki can thrive. The messages from the film link strongly to our focus on self-regulation – reminding us that understanding emotions is just as important as teaching reading or maths.

## Geraldine Primary – Weeks 7 and 8

**We may only be going into Week 6**, but excitement is building! Here's what Weeks 7 and 8 will look like as we get ready for our Week 8 production, *What Lies Between Light and Dark*."

In Weeks 7 and 8 we are changing our timetable to fit in with practises and performances. Please see the new timetable below. (Note school still starts and finishes at the same time)

### School Day Timetable (Weeks 7 & 8)

- **Morning:** 8:50am – 10:00am
- **Break:** 10:00am – 10:20am
- **Middle:** 10:20am – 12:00pm
- **Lunch:** 12:00pm – 12:45pm
- **Afternoon:** 12:45pm – 2:45pm

**Week 7 – Rehearsal week** - during this week we will be holding daily rehearsals for each syndicate as well as a whole school run through with costumes on Thursday.

### Week 8 – Show Week

**Monday and Tuesday** - Dress rehearsals within the school day.

**Wednesday 3rd September** – Normal School Day

#### Evening Show 6:30–8:00pm

- Leads: arrive 5:00pm (hair/makeup)
- All other students are to arrive at the rooms listed below between 5:45–6:00pm
- Students need to wear home clothes or their uniform as costumes will stay at school
- Students are to be collected from designated classrooms after the performance

**Thursday 4th September** - Students come to school as normal

#### Matinee Show 12:30–2:00pm

- Parents attending the show can sign their children out after they have taken off their costumes.
- Costumes stay at school – go home in uniform

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**On Wednesday and Thursday nights please drop your child off and collect them from the following rooms:**

- **Room 1:** Senior Boys
- **Room 2:** Senior Girls
- **Rooms 12/13:** Middle Girls
- **Rooms 10/11:** Middle Boys
- **Room 8:** Junior Girls
- **Room 6:** Junior Boys
- **Leads:** Staff Room (costumes, makeup, hair), then wait in Room 14 (Sarah Dunckley's room)

 **Important Reminders:**

- **Please ensure your child arrives on time** so we can start each performance smoothly.
- All students will be marked present upon arrival and supervised by staff in classrooms during the show.
- At the end of each evening show, students will go back to their rooms with their teachers to get out of costumes. Parents, **please wait outside classrooms during this time** while teachers supervise changing and sorting of costumes for the next performance.
- **Every child must be collected by a parent or guardian at the end of the evening shows.** We will let students go once we see a parent. Please bear with us at this time as we need to ensure the safety of all our tamariki.
- Costumes do **not** go home – they stay at school after each show.
- If your child is feeling tired from the evening performances we will allow them to have a later start to the school day. **This will be no later than 10am.** Children are allowed to arrive at school at the usual time and buses will be running as normal.

Last week, we opened our classrooms to parents and extended whānau for a special peek into our learning and our incredibly supportive environments. We welcomed over 100 families, who either joined in and worked alongside their children or watched from afar. It was wonderful to see whānau staying for break and lunch, enjoying Jump Jam, and watching our PALS rotation activities. We are so lucky to have such wonderful kaiako, tamariki, and whānau.

Yesterday, the senior syndicate tamariki headed to Roundhill for their annual ski day. The weather on the mountain could not have been better—big blue skies and wall-to-wall sunshine. All of the children stepped outside their comfort zones, challenging their skiing abilities and showing great perseverance. A huge thank you to our incredible whānau, who supported the day by helping with ski boots, scooping up children from the lifts, finding skis, and coaching turns. And, of course, a big thanks to our kaiako for organising and managing such a safe, fun-filled day. There are certainly lots of tired children today!

One of the government's current priorities is managing and reporting weekly attendance. Over the past few weeks, attendance has been a challenge for many whānau due to the various sicknesses circulating in our community.

Thank you for keeping your children at home when they are unwell, and for contacting the school office before 9am so we can correctly code absences. Your efforts make a big difference. We encourage parents to continue phoning, emailing, or using Edge to notify us before 9am each day.

We really appreciate your support with this.

I have some staff news to share. Sadly, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Strowger have decided to resign from Geraldine Primary School. I would like to express a huge thank you to both of them for their many years of dedication and commitment. During their time here, they have taught and supported many children, and we are truly grateful for the positive impact they have made on our school community.

Sarah Wilson has decided to further her studies in structured literacy, while Sarah Strowger is looking forward to spending more time with her daughter, Macy. We wish them both every success and happiness in their next chapters.

Please don't forget to come and purchase your production tickets

Ngā mihi

Stu Wilcox

Learning how to play squash – part of our Kiwi Sport



Level 1 Children getting ready



The Crew...



Our snow boarders



Looking extremely happy



Loving the sunshine



## Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following tamariki who won a Gotcha Draw:  
Jack, 7; Klaus, 4; Honor, 7; Mac, 8; Wren, 4; Oliver M, 5;

## PB4L Certificates

|              |                                              | PB4L                                     | Desire/Aspire to Achieve                    |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Tāne Mahuta  | Room 6:<br>Room 7:<br>Room 8:<br>Room 9:     | Hendrix<br>Shenali<br>Malen<br>Rhaikko   | -<br>John<br>Isabelle<br>-                  |
| Tāwhirimātea | Room 10:<br>Room 11:<br>Room 12:<br>Room 13: | Noah<br>Isaac N<br>Samantha<br>Mason W   | Noah<br>Isaac N<br>Shaun<br>Bianna K        |
| Tangaroa     | Room 1:<br>Room 2:<br>Room 3:<br>Room 4:     | Methuga<br>Ownerdeep<br>Harper<br>Josiah | Charlotte<br>Fletcher<br>Harrison<br>Franco |

## 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.

### LATE TO SCHOOL

A reminder that if you are arriving late to school, please check in at the office, and the Office ladies will take children to their classrooms if necessary.

### APPOINTMENTS/DEPARTURES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Thank you to all caregivers who let the office know in advance of early departures due to appointments etc, This allows staff to have your child/ren ready at the office with their bags.

**Daffodil Day** - On Friday 29th August, we will be celebrating Daffodil Day. Students are encouraged to wear yellow and bring a gold coin to support our local Cancer Society.

If you wish to make an online donation, you can also do so on the following link. All money raised goes to our local Cancer Society.

<https://fundraise.daffodilday.org.nz/t/geraldine-primary-school>



## Home and School News

### **Follow us on Facebook**

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

# Community Notices

**Geraldine Children Social Work Trust**  **Geraldine Children Social Work Trust**  
*"Empowering the future" "Supporting the present"*

The Trust is funded by grants and fundraising to pay the salaries of the two family support workers working in the schools and early childhood centres in the Geraldine district. The Trust has been offered an opportunity to sell lily bulbs (sold in bags of 4 bulbs, single varieties only for \$11.00 per bag) and fountain bulbs (sold in bags of 20 bulbs, for \$6 per bag). Please email your order to: [Susan@geraldineschools.co.nz](mailto:Susan@geraldineschools.co.nz). Payment preferably should be made online to the GCSWT account 00-0000-0115137-000. Please include name and school as Particulars and Reference. (Alternatively, a cash payment can be made to Susan Fooks at the Geraldine Primary School office.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 School: \_\_\_\_\_

**Lily Bulb Order Form**  
 (sold in bags of 4 bulbs, single varieties only) \$11 per bag (see attached sheets)

|                                | Yes                      | No                       |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Concor D'or (OT yellow)     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Shrine On (yellow, OT)      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Beville (yellow OT)         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Sclaria (white)             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Casablanca (white)          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Sobrietas (pink)            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Kencelango (pink-rose)      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Tardelance (pink, OT)       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Maslor (pink, OT)           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Tisento (white, OT)        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Pure Passion (red OT)      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. White Tornado (white-rose) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. Red Eyes (red-rose)        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14. Yellow Strike (yellow OT)  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15. Redford (red OT)           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Total Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Oriental Lilies**  
 Bag of four lily bulbs For \$  
 The roots from the top of bulb should be planted 10cm deep.



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

We are now processing enrolments for 2026.

If students live in zone, they can enrol now. If they are out of our zone, they can sign up to receive a notification when these enrolments open on the 15th September.

Would you be able to please share the below article link with your school Whanau?

<https://hail.to/geraldine-high-school-te-kura-tuarua-o-raukapuka/article/ykLTLiT>

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**SAVE THE DATE:**  
 Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025 - Tinwald Hall