



# NEWSLETTER/PĀNUI

Friday 23 August 2024

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| <p><u>Important Dates:</u></p> <p>Open Day – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August<br/> School photos – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September<br/> Tangaroa Celebration Assembly – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September</p>                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                     |

## Principal's Kōrero

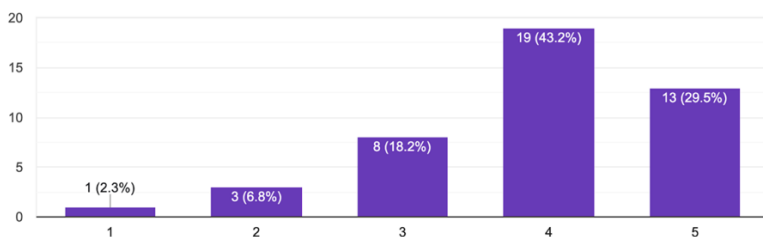
Kia ora koutou whānau and welcome to our Pānui.

I always pride our kura of being a compassionate, empathetic and supportive environment, where our tamariki are encouraged to be their true selves. I often find myself playing football in the morning with such an array of different ages and different cultures. Sometimes I stand back and admire their kotahitanga (togetherness) and manaakitanga (kindness) and realise that ko tātou tēnei (this is us), our very special culture.

Thank you so much for spending time to complete our Arts and Positive Behaviour for Learning review. This information gathering is so important to us, so that we can improve our kura together. At Geraldine Primary we have four values that are part of our DNA and can be seen immersed in our school signage, lessons and student teacher conversations. These are: achieving, caring, responsible and respectful. We have designed specific lesson strategies that teach our tamariki how to show these values in the playground, assembly, classroom, cloakrooms, toilets, library, trips, camps, on the internet, in the office and when eating kai. We constantly revisit these and are looking at how we can include them during reteaching conversations.

In Term 4 2023 we consulted with staff, students and whānau regarding the draft statement around the delivery of the Health Curriculum at Geraldine Primary. Many thanks to those who took part in this review. The survey data told us that 93% of parents felt we were doing a good job teaching Health and Wellbeing. Many students and staff are happy with what is being covered currently in Health Education, and there was a high level of support for the Te Whare Tapa Wha model.

Rate how you feel the Draft Health Statement meets the needs of the students of Geraldine Primary School.  
44 responses



The survey data tells us that one of the key needs in the teaching of Health is to continue to implement well-being and resilience into our programme. Feedback also told us that a few parents wanted more information around the Navigating the Journey Topic. Parents were invited to discuss this with classroom teachers before the programme was delivered in 2024.

Over the next few weeks our Tāwhirimātea Syndicate are going to be participating in an academic pilot study that aims to measure and support students' emotional well-being, particularly in managing anxiety and encouraging resilience.

We will be focusing on one of the following children's books each week:

- Don't give up: You can be Resilient
- I Feel Angry
- I Feel Anxious
- You Can Do It: Have a Go!
- I Feel Panic

We will be monitoring this very closely and if successful we will hope to use this programme in conjunction with our brain illustrations and be part of an exciting social emotional and resilience programme at GPS for 2025.

On Thursday our Tangaroa syndicate went to Roundhill Ski Field for their annual ski trip. This was a beautiful blue bird day, and everyone challenged themselves and had a great time. Thank you so much to our Kaiako team for their excellent organisation and to our awesome whānau for their help and support.

Parents and wider whānau are welcome to join us on Wednesday 28th August for our Open Day from 9.30am - 4pm. You are welcome to join in with your child's learning and visit any class to see the activities. There will be a school picnic and an afternoon of fun Tuakana Teina activities, in which whānau are very welcome to be part of. Please have a look at our Open Day timetable which can be found by clicking the link: [Open Day Timetable](#)

Thank you once again for your support.

Stu Wilcox

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| <p>Our winners of the Tangaroa speech competition.</p>  | <p>Tangaroa ski trip to Roundhill.</p>  | <p>Waiting for our ski lessons.</p>  |
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The ski group together at the end of the day.



The new roof being put onto Block 5.



Thank you to Noah and Joy for showing us your Traditional Tongan dance.



## Tangaroa Speech Competition

After a focus on persuasive writing and speech writing, the Tangaroa Syndicate held the finals of the 2024 Great Tangaroa Speech Competition on Monday. There were 6 topic choices ranging from "Is Barbie a positive role model?" to "Should cell phones have been banned during school hours?" Not only did the children have to write their own speeches, but they also had to present them in their classes. All children in the Tangaroa Syndicate took part with the top 3 presentations in each class being chosen for the Grand Final. We have all been so impressed with the hard work and high standards that all the children achieved. The 12 finalists presented their speeches with Bill Westwood, Fiona Wilcox and me as the judges. The calibre of all the speeches was very high so it made the choosing of the top 3 incredibly difficult with lots of discussion... but..... 3rd Lilah Johnston Gotty, 2nd Theo Polasek and 1st Molly Fetu.

Molly goes on to represent our school at the Timaru District Schools 2024 Speech Competitions for Year 5/6 students on Thursday 5th September. We wish Molly all the very best for this competition and am sure the judges there will be very entertained.

## Wellness Week



THANK YOU to Paula for giving her time to do some Yoga with all of our Tamariki who really enjoyed the sessions.

### Colouring Competition Winners:

|     |           |     |       |     |        |     |         |
|-----|-----------|-----|-------|-----|--------|-----|---------|
| R1  | Charlotte | R2  | Pippa | R3  | Bonnie | R4  | Krystal |
| R6  | Leo       | R7  | Amber | R3  | Billy  | R9  | Nicolai |
| R10 | Alilia    | R11 | Jonty | R13 | Jaxon  | R15 | Hazel   |

### Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following Tamariki who won a Gotcha Draw:  
Ariza, R9; Eric, R3; Rory, R15; Jack, R10; Josiah, R4; Matthew, R13

### PB4L Certificates

|              |                                              | PB4L                                     | Desire/Aspire to Achieve            |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Tāne Mahuta  | Room 6:<br>Room 7:<br>Room 8:<br>Room 9:     | Georgie<br>Ysabella<br>Caleb H<br>Ayla M | Greer<br>Monte<br>Ted C<br>Jairo    |
| Tāwhirimātea | Room 10:<br>Room 11:<br>Room 13:<br>Room 15: | Zoe<br>Felicity<br>Casper<br>Arley F     | Mila<br>Jack<br>Thomas<br>Malen R-A |
| Tangaroa     | Room 1:<br>Room 2:<br>Room 3:<br>Room 4:     | Kase<br>Haries<br>Arielle<br>Ownerdeep   | Jack<br>Lilia<br>Cobe<br>Daphne     |

### Welcome

Welcome to the following students who have started school this term:

Kyrie and Sophia, R8; Jackson L, Jackson P, Elora, R2; Joseph, R3; Ella, Niklaus, R10; Dakota, Benjamin, R6; Rory, Hazel, Jack, and Isobel, R15; Dom, R4;

### 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.

#### SCHOOL UNIFORM

A reminder that children are expected to wear the correct uniform to school. If they have lost their polar fleece, please encourage them to look for it and then go ask Mrs Drake if they cannot find it.

We are looking for donations of any green poloshirts that are no longer required. Our supply is very low at the moment.

## Request from Parkside Dairy

If you are ordering a lunch for a Friday, could you please have your order in by 11.30 at the latest. Thank you.

## **Daffodil Day**

Next Friday 30th 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 do so on the following link. All money raised goes to our local Cancer Society.

<https://daffodilday.org.nz/g-primary-school>



**Our school is proudly supporting the Cancer Society this**

# **Daffodil Day**

Kei te tautoko whakahi  
tō mātou kura Te Kāhui  
Matepukupuku i tēnei  
Rā Daffodil

**Find out more at**  
[\*\*daffodilday.org.nz\*\*](https://daffodilday.org.nz)

 **Cancer Society** |  **ANZ**  
Major Sponsor

**Cancer Society Daffodil Day**  
Te Rā Daffodil

The poster features a blue background with yellow daffodils and stars. It includes three Polaroid-style photos of children and adults in yellow clothing, smiling and holding yellow balloons. The text is in white and yellow, with the Cancer Society and ANZ logos at the bottom left.

## Geraldine Children Social Work Trust



**Geraldine Children  
Social Work Trust**

The Trust is funded by grants and fundraising to pay the Salaries of the two social workers working in the schools and early childhood centres in the Geraldine district. The trust has been offered an opportunity to sell lily and freesia bulbs. A sheet is attached for colours.

Name:

Phone Number:

School:

Amount Paid. \$

### Lily Bulb Order Form

(sold in bags of 4 bulbs, single varieties only. Double 2 bulbs per bag). \$11 per bag.

- |                                                      |                                                   |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Arletta (white) <input type="checkbox"/>          | 2. Pure Passion (red OT) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Belville (yellow OT) <input type="checkbox"/>     | 4. Redford (red OT) <input type="checkbox"/>      |
| 5. Out of Stock <input type="checkbox"/>             | 6. Seattle (pink OT) <input type="checkbox"/>     |
| 7. Concor D'or (yellow OT) <input type="checkbox"/>  | 8. Shine On (apricot OT) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Kandango (Pink DOUBLE) <input type="checkbox"/>   | 10. Siberia (white) <input type="checkbox"/>      |
| 11 King Solomon (dark pink) <input type="checkbox"/> | 12. Sorbonne (dark pink) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. Marengo (pink OT) <input type="checkbox"/>       | 14. Tisento (white OT) <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 15. Master (pink OT) <input type="checkbox"/>        | 16. Yellow Strike OT) <input type="checkbox"/>    |

### Freesia Bulb Order Form

Sold in bags of 20 bulbs, single varieties only) \$7.00 per bag

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|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Fragrant sunburst (yellow) <input type="checkbox"/> | White Serenade (white) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pink Passion (pink) <input type="checkbox"/>        |                                                 |

Please email your order to trustee Susan Pooke at [susanp@geraldine.school.nz](mailto:susanp@geraldine.school.nz) as soon as possible. Payment preferably should be made online to the GCSWT account 03 -0839-0115137-000. **Please include name and school as Particulars and reference.** (Alternatively, a cash payment can be made to Susan Pooke at the Geraldine Primary School Office.)

## Home and School News

### Geraldine Primary Home and School Committee

Final Week. Have you created your child's fundraising page? Have you made your order – trust me, you want these in your freezer! Please head to our Fundraising Hub page here to sign up and share your fundraising page.

All orders need to be in by Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August / Pick up date: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September.



### Follow us on Facebook

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

# Community Notices

on the  
spot

Parkside Geraldine

NEW!!



NEW!!

Every Happy Tummy Meal sold from 21 August 2024 to 23 August 2024

Parkside will donate \$1 to Geraldine Primary School.

Happy Tummy Meal

Kid's burger  
1/2 Chips  
300ml Cool Change  
Or swap the Cool Change and Chips for  
500ml Pams Water and 70ml Yoghurt

All for just \$9.50.

A convenient and healthy choice for a school lunch for the little bunch.

## THE COFFEE BOYS & Geraldine Community Choir

Perform

**All You Need Is Love**

A Charity Concert in aid of the  
Geraldine Children Social Work Trust  
& Pleasant Point Children's Charity at  
The Academy Blackboard Evening.

FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

Usual \$5 door entry then donations for the Charities will be accepted.

Doors open 7.15pm The Academy, Talbot Street, Geraldine



### 2024 Photography Competition

Friday 15th November - Saturday 16th November 24  
The Lodge Theatre, Talbot Street, Geraldine

Photography Categories - Senior (Over 18 years)  
Sponsored by Ashbury Outdoors (Harry & Awla Dupont)

- Black & White Photography
- Nostalgia
- Street Photography

Photography Categories - Student (18 years & under)  
Sponsored by local agents Gretchen Gould & Kiriwai Bishop  
along with Property Brokers Real Estate

- Fur & Feathers
- Digital Art
- Sports

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.
- Photo's MUST be printed to the size of 6 x 8 inch (15cm x 20 cm)
- 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 16th November, please also include a stamped self-addressed envelope with your entries.
- The conveyor of the section accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to items on display.
- Prize Giving will be Saturday 16th November at 4pm when the judges will present the prizes and certificates to the winners.

Entries close Monday 7th October 24 at 5pm. No late entries will be accepted.



## JUNIOR CRICKET COACHING CLINIC WITH PRO NZ CRICKETERS

Kyle Jamieson, Todd Astle and Cole McConchie

This is a great opportunity for budding young cricketers of all ages to improve their skills and learn from Pro New Zealand cricketers! The Geraldine Cricket Club will host the event over South Canterbury Anniversary weekend. To register go to our Facebook page: Geraldine Cricket Club and complete the link (Google form) or email geraldinecricketclub@gmail.com

The club will have a presentation after each session and will put on a free BBQ.

Where: Geraldine Domain, Astro Turf

When: 21st September 2024

Time:  
Kids will be allocated a 1 hour time slot in groups depending on their ability, current grade or age.

"Have a Go" & C Grade 9:30 am - 10:30am.

B Grade 11:00 am - 12:00 pm.

A Grade & Yr 9,10,11 1:00 pm - 3 pm

### COST:

Geraldine Cricket Club Members - FREE

Non-Members - \$15 per child

Payment via bank transfer to: 03-0839-0011450-00. Reference your child name/s +