



NEWSLETTER/PĀNUI

Friday 13th December 2024

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<u>Important Dates:</u> Wednesday 29th January – Student Leadership Day Wednesday 29th January – Year 4 Chromebook set up 10.30am - 12.30pm Thursday 30th January – Term 1 starts for whole school Thursday 6th February – Waitangi Day Thursday 13th February – Community Expo 5.00 - 6.30pm	

Principal's Kōrero

Kia ora koutou whānau and welcome to our Pānui.

This is our last Pānui for 2024!

Thank you very much for such an amazing year. I have thoroughly enjoyed being Principal of Geraldine Primary School. It inevitably comes with many challenges, but the positives and successes have been outstanding.

This week we have held many great events that have brought our community together. This culminated with Prize Giving and Carols. It was extra special to begin our Prize Giving with Karakia from our Kapa Haka group.

At prize giving we celebrated, Charlie Trevathan being awarded the Wilcox Family Athletics Cup. Kase Ochsner being awarded the Grant Family Perseverance Cup. Neve Ward being awarded the Citizenship Cup. Levi Tubb and Pippa Geary being awarded the Year 6 Values Award. Jess Martin and Jamie Waldron being awarded the Year 6 Achievement Award.

Our Whānau Leaders and Head Students for 2024 handed over the mantle to the new leaders for 2025. We had 32 Year 5 students apply for a leadership role. A huge thanks to all of them for putting themselves out there. They presented beautiful persuasive and emotive speeches. Congratulations to:

Head Students - Fletcher Coleman - Lilah Johnston Gotty

Whero - Lachie Trevathan - Lottie Cleverly

Kowhai - Flynn Cummings - Eva Pridham

Kahurangi - Lucy Avery - Bethany Reardon

Kakariki - Daphne Newcombe - Krystal Courage

Rangatahi Leader - Anaia Te Rahui-Hobbs

Congratulations to Kahurangi who are our winning whānau for 2024. They finished on a total of 305 points. Kakariki were second, Whero third and Kowhai in fourth place.

I would like to share a small section of my end of year address:

‘Positivity, resilience and compassion are words that we always hear, but don’t necessarily understand or know what they truly mean, and when they can be called upon. However, in the last 8 months life has thrown many new curve balls, but I feel my family and our school have responded to these with positivity, resilience and compassion. This has allowed us to move forward with purpose and renewed direction. I would like to say a huge thank you for the incredible amount of aroha my family and I have received and continue to receive during this time.’

It is always sad to say goodbye to our Year 6 students and their whānau, but we know they will take their great foundational learning and their values on their next journey.

Thank you and I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

See you all in 2025

Kia kaha

Kia toa

Kia manawa nui

Stu Wilcox

Suzi Pethig's dance group



Our Year 5/6 girls' basketball teams



Our winning whānau for 2024 Kahurangi



Meeting members of DOC to plant our Weta Motels



Our kura singing carols to the community on the domain



Our jump jam team at the Christmas parade



Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following tamariki who won a Gotcha Draw:
Ayla, R8; Siya, R8; Franco, R4; Fletcher, R3; Liam, R8; Theo, R2.
Elora, R9; Ownerdeep, R4; Ivy, R4; Anton, R9; Luken, R2; Lewis, R10.

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.

Community Notices

The Community Dental Service will be closed for the upcoming 2024-25 Christmas and New Year period:

Closed from: Tuesday 24 December 2024
Reopen: Monday 6 January 2025

Our Timaru dental clinic (18 Barnard Street) will be open during the January 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.



Come and see Luminaires abso-loot-ley hilarious musical for families

Pirates of the Curry Bean!

January 21-26th Fantastic school holiday activity.

Tickets from \$5

Anchors away and set sail for the swashbuckling pirate adventure on the high seas in this piratical musical that's sure to shake your booty!

<https://events.humanitix.com/pirates>



- XPACE is a fantastic family experience where parent and child form a team and race together, side-by-side.
- A team is one parent and one child aged between 6 and 14.
- Each team must locate and complete 10 mystery challenges, beat the clock and all the other family teams – with the fastest and luckiest crowned XPACE champion.
- Challenges range from physical like the sack race to to artistic like the painting challenge.
- Teams can choose their own pace – flat out from the start or a fast walk – the choice is completely up to you.
- Most of all, XPACE is about seeing your child shine and you get to be there, every step of the way.
- Form your family team now, sign up online to your local event and we will see you in your town this summer.
- Go to the XPACE website WWW.XPACE.CO.NZ and register before all of the places fill up.



HOLIDAY CODING ACTIVITIES



CODINGNZ

- Learn coding languages online with help from expert live tutors.
- Ages 9 to 10, 11 & 12, 13 to 15, 16+
- 1 hour online at either 4pm, 5pm or 6pm. Sessions available between Jan 6 & Feb 9 2025.

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