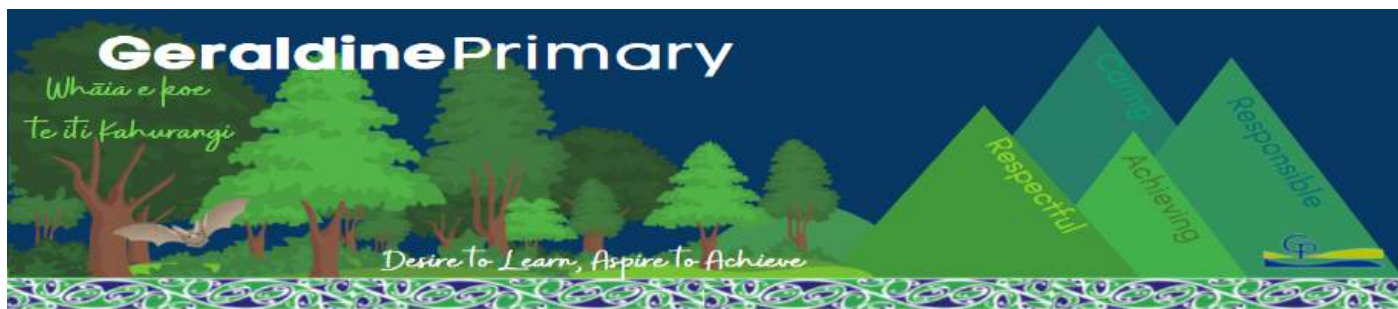




NEWSLETTER/PĀNUI

Friday 18 July 2025

Term 3 Week 1

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Coming Up at a Glance

Date	Event
Week 2 (w/c 21 July)	Senior Whānau Basketball Competition begins
Week 3 (w/c 28 August)	Middle School Whānau Basketball Competition
	Junior Whānau Basketball Competition
	Open School Day – Wednesday 6 August
Week 4 (w/c 4 August)	 9:30 am – 4:00 pm
	 Whānau picnic
	 Tuākana–teina learning
	 Classroom visits 3:00–4:00 pm
Week 5 (w/c 11 August)	Tangaroa Ski Trip
	Production Week
Week 8 (w/c 1 September)	 Wednesday 3 Sept: Evening Performance – 6:30 pm
	 Thursday 4 Sept: Matinée – 12:30 pm, Evening – 6:30 pm

Principal's Kōrero

Kia ora koutou whānau and welcome to our Pānui.

Term 3 has started off just as Term 2 finished — with lots of gusto and energy!

Already, our classes have enjoyed a visit from the Life Education Trust's iconic Healthy Harold programme. Harold and the Life Ed mobile classroom help our tamariki learn about health, resilience, food choices, and emotions in a fun and hands-on way. The programme is used in around 86% of NZ schools, helping children develop important life-skills through interactive learning

Using the “Brain Ladder” to Support Self-Regulation at School (and Home!)

At GPS, our “Brain Ladder” continues to be a powerful tool in helping tamariki (children) understand and manage their emotional states. Students are learning to identify whether they're in the **green**, **orange**, or **red** zone—and then draw on a kete (basket) of strategies to help them return to balance.

As a parent of two boys, I've discovered something incredibly important: **a dysregulated adult cannot regulate a dysregulated child**. If I am angry or overwhelmed, engaging with my son only makes things worse. Instead, I step away—take a breath, use my own tool from the ladder, and return when I'm back in my **green zone**.

"What Lies Between the Light and Dark" – Whole School Production Preparations Begin!

Our school is buzzing with creativity! Rehearsals are under way and artwork, stage props, and costume designs are taking shape. From enchanted forests to hidden caves, every detail is being brought to life by our students' energy and imagination. We can't wait to share this magical journey with you!

Collaboration with Men's Shed

A big mihi to the local Men's Shed! Six Year 5 students are heading over for the next five weeks to craft trees, a fire, and a cave for the production. A huge thanks to our community partners for their generous support and skilled guidance.

Speedway Star at Our School

On Friday, we were thrilled that **Coby Drake**, a talented Year 6 student, shared his impressive journey and achievements in the exciting sport of **speedway racing**.

Coby brought in his racing bike and full set of gear, giving students a close-up look at the equipment used in this high-speed sport. It was fascinating to learn that Coby began riding at just **three years old**, and today, he races on a bike that reaches speeds of **around 50 km/h** on an oval dirt track!

His passion, dedication, and accomplishments in the sport truly inspired us all.

Thank you, Coby, for taking the time to share your story with the school – and congratulations on all you've achieved so far in speedway. We can't wait to see what you do next!

A Flashback to Holiday Fun: "Dancing with the Stars"

At the start of the holidays, the Home & School Committee dazzled us with our main fundraiser: **Dancing with the Stars**! Six amazing couples took to the stage, supported by volunteer sound crew, chefs, sponsors, and many more — who together made the evening shine. Whānau from across our community came out in force, and it was heartwarming to see the breadth of support. Huge thanks to everyone involved—your dedication and mahi made it truly unforgettable!

Whānau Basketball Competition

Next week, the fun kicks off with our **senior students** battling it out on the court. Week 3, the **middles** take over. Then in Week 4, our **juniors** step up to wrap it all up! Our awesome whānau leaders have been hustling—sign-ups are rolling in and the lunchtime tournament brackets are near ready.

17 Annual Open School Day – Wednesday 6 August

Time: 9:30 am – 4 pm

Bring your whānau along to:

- Join in classroom learning alongside your tamariki
- Enjoy a lunchtime whānau picnic
- Take part in afternoon tuākana-teina activities
- Drop in to classrooms from 3 – 4 pm to browse your child's mahi and catch up with their teacher

It's always special seeing our school buzz with whānau energy—don't miss out

🌟 A Few Friendly Reminders

- Wear comfy **sports shoes** and drink plenty of water during the basketball tournament.
- During this cold weather please remember to wear a named school fleece.
- For Open School Day, bring a **picnic rug or lunch**, and a warm smile for classroom learning moments.
- Teachers love to share your child's achievements—so feel welcome to chat and celebrate together at 3–4 pm!

📅 Parent Election Timetable

We are preparing for our upcoming **Board Elections**, and here are the key dates for whānau to keep in mind:

 Date	 Event
Wednesday 16 July	Close Main Roll
Friday 18 July	Call for Nominations
Wednesday 6 August (12 noon)	Nominations Close
Wednesday 13 August	Voting Papers Issued (<i>by email or post</i>)
Wednesday 10 September	Election Day  Polls close at 4:00 pm
Tuesday 16 September	Votes Counted – Results Declared
Wednesday 17 September	New Board Takes Office

If you're interested in standing for the board or just want to learn more about what's involved in being a trustee, please don't hesitate to contact me or speak with a current board member.

Ngā mihi nui

He Oranga Ngākau
He Pikinga Waiora
Positive feelings within you enhances wellbeing

Stu Wilcox

Room 1 listening to one of Harold's great jokes!



Room 11 learning some of the songs and choreography



Lunchtime rehearsal time in the library



The girls learning the important skill of hammering 	The boys listening carefully to instructions 	Coby Drake at assembly presenting his achievements in Speedway 
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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

Dancing with the Stars Fundraiser a Shining Success!

We're thrilled to share that our recent Dancing with the Stars event was a spectacular success, raising over \$20,000 for our school!

The evening was filled with dazzling performances, enthusiastic support from our community, and an incredible spirit of generosity.

A heartfelt thank you to all the dancers, volunteers, sponsors, and attendees who made this event unforgettable.

Your contributions will make a meaningful difference, and we couldn't have done it without you!

THANK YOU AGAIN TO OUR SPONSORS!!!!!!



Home & School Committee

Geraldine Primary

dancing 2025 with the stars

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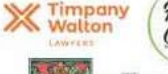









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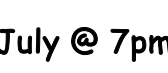


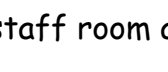
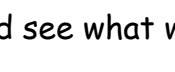










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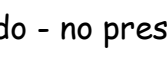
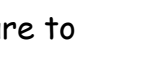











Next Committee Meeting - Tuesday 22nd July @ 7pm

All are welcome - come along to the school staff room and see what we do - no pressure to join the committee.

Keep Up To Date

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

Community Notices



Calf & Stock Feed FUNDRAISER





Get involved and invest in our Geraldine community today!

We need your help to build our NEW, purpose built, under 2 year olds early childhood education centre right here in Geraldine.

Donate a calf or "virtual stock food"

Contact Amanda Howson or Sarah Duncley, GORKA Board
geraldinekindyfundraising@gmail.com

Help Grow Our Community's Future Geraldine Kindergarten Fundraiser

Donate a Calf or (virtual) Stock Feed

To the Farm Owner (Please pass this onto your farm/stock owner if this is not you. Thank you.)

Geraldine Kindergarten needs your help! We have set a mammoth goal to build a new centre for children under 2 years of age. We have secured land across from our current kindergarten. We are now raising funds to build the new centre!

Why this matters to our rural community:

- Keeps young farming families in our area with quality childcare and education
- Supports working parents so they can focus on their operations
- Invests in the next generation of rural leaders
- Strengthens our tight-knit agricultural community

Why we're building: With many young children in our area and limited options for under-2 children, we saw the urgent need to expand. Our current kindergarten is at capacity, and families shouldn't have to drive long distances for quality early childhood care and education.

The opportunity: We're launching a NEW purpose-built centre for our under-2s, giving working families the reliable early childhood care and education they need right here in Geraldine.

How you can help: We're asking farmers to donate a calf or "virtual produce" - meaning the equivalent cash value of your farm products. This makes it easy to contribute in a way that fits your operation, whether you prefer to donate livestock or convert your produce value to cash as your contribution. Just like we support each other during hard or tough seasons, this is our chance to invest in what matters most - our children and our community's future.

Every contribution helps. Together, we grow stronger.

Calf (actual)

- We are seeking confirmation of donations in a spring term welcomed call to the **Timpani Calf Sale in December**
- Please complete the form below by **30 July** to indicate the number and the breeding of any actual calves you would like to donate.
- We will work with **Nathan Hubbard from PGD Whangata** to coordinate the calves for sale. He has advised that Dairing/Bull bulls and Friesian bull calves sell the best.
- A **GORKA** (Geraldine District Free Kindergarten Association) **unique calf tag** will be provided to help with identification and marketing of these animals for sale day.
- You will supply the **NAT tag** for the animal/s
- Four Peaks Transport** are generously supporting this fundraiser with some transport for the day

Produce (virtual)

- Another option is to donate the value of a product (ie, calf's worth of, say, butter, meat, quantity of grain etc)
- You donate a pre-calculated amount directly donated to the kindergarten. No actual produce is exchanged.
- The money will be paid directly into the Geraldine Kindergarten Association Bank Account.

Calf Donation Form

Kindergarten Connection (Group)			
Former Details Contact name & phone number			
Email address			
Transport for Sale Day (please indicate)		Own Transport	Transport Required
Pick-up Address			

Calfs	Friesian Bull (preferred)	Dairing/Bull Cross Bull (preferred)	Dairing/Bull Cross Heifer	Other
Example				
Total Number				

If you would like to donate a calf, but can't confirm the breed yet, please still return a form indicating this, we would love to have you on board!

Virtual Produce Donation Form

Kindergarten Connection (Group)	
Former Details Contact name & Phone number	
Email address	
Receipt Required	Yes () No () (please tick one)
Name & Address for Receipt	
Virtual Produce Donated	Donated Amount \$
Receipt Payment Made (if known)	

Please send deposit money to:
Geraldine District Free Kindergarten Association Incorporated 03-9839 009/877 094

If you're keen to be involved, let us know before **30th July 2025**

- Complete this form (either drop it to the Geraldine Kindergarten on Wilson Street or emailing it to geraldinekindyfundraising@gmail.com OR)
- sign up online here: <https://www.geraldinekindyfundraising.com> OR
- hold your phone/iPad camera over the QR code for the link to sign up!

If you have any questions or you'd like to know more please get in touch via email geraldinekindyfundraising@gmail.com

We thank you in advance for your generous contributions towards this major fundraiser. Amanda Howson & Sarah Duncley on behalf of the GORKA Board



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.

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Inspire • Encourage • Empower • Enable

Instagram and Facebook icons

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**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
