



NEWSLETTER/PĀNUI

Friday 26 July 2024

Term 3 Week 1

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<u>Important Dates:</u> <u>22nd August – Senior Syndicate Ski Trip</u> <u>28th August – School Open Day</u>	

Principal's Kōrero

Kia ora koutou whānau and welcome to our first Pānui for Term 3.

He aroha whakato
He aroha ka puta mai

'If kindness is sown, then kindness is what you shall receive.

I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday and were able to enjoy some quality time with the whānau. It is great to see everyone back at school, looking refreshed and excited to tackle the many challenges and adventures of Term 3.

This term is full of lots of great things to look forward to. We are continuing with our Student Leaders visiting Waihi Lodge every other Friday, and this term 6 students from Year 5, 3 girls and 3 boys, will be going to the Men's Shed every Wednesday. Next week our Middle and Junior Syndicate will be going to the Geraldine Museum and our Student Leaders have organised a fun Olympic themed whānau sports events. During week 4, GPS will be holding a wellness week to promote health and wellbeing. We have a relaxing week planned for everyone to enjoy, including a dress up day on Friday 16th August.

A special thanks to Paula Flannery who is donating her time to teach our tamariki yoga. Paula runs fantastic sessions in our community for more information please contact her on 021 023 81968.

Our Matariki evening was an awesome opportunity for our school and local community to come together and share kai and conversation. We truly appreciate the power of connections and relationships, and we are always looking at other ways to bring our whānau together. Our Parent Community Engagement Group are busy planning coffee mornings and our Open Day, which will be held on Wednesday 28th August. During the morning, of our Open Day, all classroom instruction will be open to parents, so you can sit alongside your child and share learning. The afternoon will be a little different. More information about this will go out to whānau nearer the time.

Our block 5 refurbishment is well underway, and we are looking forward to it being completed by the end of Term 4. Presently, they have taken away all the old cladding and are now adding underfloor insulation blocks. I will keep you up to speed as the term progresses.

Thanks once again for all your incredible support. Geraldine Primary is a fantastic school and I feel so proud to be part of its journey.

Stu Wilcox

The first week back at Geraldine Primary School

 Ashton learning the importance of accurate measuring at the Men's Shed.	The Men's Shed group listening to important health and safety instructions. 	Our Kapa Haka group practicing during Thursday lunch break. 
Year 5 students playing netball during lunch break. 	 Students loving life in the sandpit.	Students having a great time on the school field. 

Thank you

Thank you to the following community members that have nominated our school for the Fuel for School scheme:

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School Notices

Safety Concerns:

Please do not stop on the yellow dotted lines near the crossing on Cox Street to drop off or pick up children. We need to have our children as visible as possible before and when crossing.

Please keep the bus stops outside the office clear between the hours of 8.30-9.00am and 2.30-3.15pm. Buses pick up and drop off students at these times.

If you are wanting to cross the road outside the office when the buses are parked up, please walk to the last bus and cross behind it as it you will be more visible to cars driving past.

Weather

Looking at the weather forecast for next week, it is timely to remind you of what we would do in case of extreme weather conditions.

If a decision is made by Geraldine High School that the buses need to go home early, parents of **bus students** will be rung by GPS staff to see if someone will be at home to meet the bus. If we do not get a reply before the buses leave, students will be kept at school.

If a decision is made by Geraldine Primary School to close the school we will put this on facebook and Skool Loop. If it is during the day students will be able to be collected from the classes indicated.

Whānau Olympics

Week 2 Friday 2nd August 11:00 - 12:30

On Friday 2nd August all students will come to school representing their whānau/group. This can be by wearing their whānau colour, wacky headgear or anything else that might set you apart from the crowd. Our whānau leaders will be judging who looks the best...

After morning tea all students will meet in the following Whānau rooms, where you will be split into two Whānau groups.

Whero-Room 10/11

Kahurangi-Room 1

Kakariki-Library

Kowhai-Rooms 8/7

The events are:

Gumboot Throw

Noodle Javelin

Sack Race

Costume Obstacle Course

The last event will be the Whānau Tug of War.



GPS MINDFUL WEEK- TERM 3, WEEK 4

M

Say something kind to yourself. Make a start on your colouring competition. Lunchtime breathing exercises with bubbles !

T

Yoga with Paula! Juniors at 9:15, Seniors at 9:35, Middles at 10.

W

Find a moment to take five deep breaths. Lunch with Music.

TH

Do a quiet and calming activity you enjoy. Colouring competition due!

F

Dress up in something that makes you feel happy. Could be sports uniform/clothes, Pjs, a favourite outfit!
Announce colouring competition winners.

After lunch each day you will get a visiting teacher to spend 10 minutes in your class leading a wellness activity!



Home and School News

Second Hand Uniforms

Our stock of second-hand uniforms at school is quite low. If you have any old uniform items, we would be very grateful to receive them.

Home and School Committee News

Welcome to Term 3!!!

We hope you all had a lovely school holidays.

There is more to come soon on our next fundraising activity.

Our next committee meeting is Monday 12th August @ 7pm in the school staff room. Please come along if you would like to learn more about what we do and if you are considering being involved.

For now, if you are needing any new uniform items or Whanau tops please see the school website <https://gps.hssp.co.nz/> - A contribution is given back to the school from each sale to help support the Home & School fundraising.



We also have a selection of second hand uniforms available from the school office for a gold coin donation. Please see the team in the office if you want to look at the range available.

The Home & School Committee Team

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



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St John Youth is for all young people aged 5 to 18 years, so come
and learn, connect and grow with us.

Four Peaks Division



Tuesday



6:15pm - 7:30pm



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