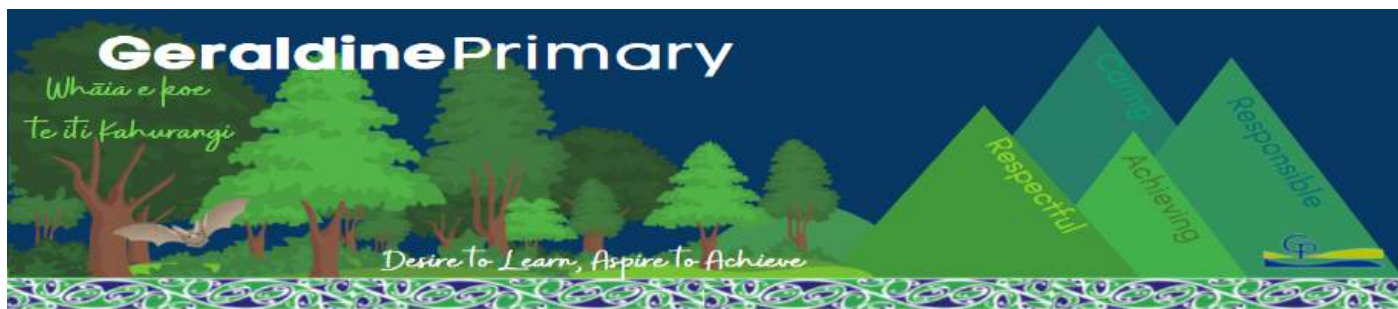




NEWSLETTER/PĀNUI

Friday 13th June 2025

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<u>Important Dates:</u> Friday 20th June – Matariki (school closed) Tuesday 24th June – Matariki Mix and Mingle – School Hall 2.45pm Thursday 26th June – Principals Assembly 9am Friday 27th June – End of Term	

Principal's Kōrero

Kia ora koutou whānau and welcome to our Pānui.

A huge thank you to Ben Necklen who came to our kotahitanga hui last Friday. He talked to the children about his climbing expedition to scale Mount Cook. His narrative was so poignant and demonstrated that with careful planning, training, resilience and trust we can achieve any challenges they may lie before us. Thank you so much Ben, your talk was so inspirational, and your photographs were just incredible.

Earlier this year, our Student Council shared their goal of bringing a little fun to our school year through a few well-timed non-uniform days. After much discussion and plenty of creative ideas, the winner for this term was clear...pyjamas!

On Monday 9th June, our cosy dream came true! The chilly winter weather made it the perfect day to arrive at school in our warm, snuggly PJs. In partnership with the **Rotary Cans for a Cause** campaign, the Student Council teamed up with Mrs Taiaroa and Rotary representative Scott Ackroyd to support this fantastic community initiative.

This year, for the first time ever, Rotary Clubs across Aotearoa New Zealand are joining forces to fight food poverty, with the ambitious goal of collecting **1 million cans or non-perishable food items** during June 2025. It will be the largest food collection campaign in New Zealand history.

Best of all, the generous food donations collected will stay right here in the **Geraldine community**. So, a big thank you to everyone who contributed—you've helped make a huge difference.

On Tuesday 10th June I had the pleasure and privilege of accompanying our Year 5 and Year 6 team of South Canterbury cross country runners and their whānau. The course at Waihi School was very challenging in wet muddy paddocks and a high fast flowing river. However, this did not deter the athletes, and they were very eager to get started. The Year 5 girls went first followed by the Year 5 boys, Year 6 girls and Year 6 boys.

The teams consisted of:

Year 5 girls, Ada, Zoe, Lydia, Melody and Felicity

Year 5 boys, Judah, Ollie H, Roman, Oliver W, Josh and Gunnar

Year 6 girls, Krystal, Chloe, Alexis, Bethany, Hosanna
Year 6 boys, Levi, Lachie, Luciano, Ryder, Reed

All the children ran brilliantly and showed our school values throughout each race. They all felt an enormous sense of achievement once they had completed the course and all cheered on their fellow peers. We had 3 children in the top 3 for their races and everyone else smashed their personal goals. Lachie came 3rd, Judah came 1st= and Krystal came 1st. Our Year 6 boys team finished 2nd overall. Our Year 5 boys team finished 1st overall. Our Year 6 girls team finished 1st overall. Well done everyone and a huge thanks to the whanau for your management, support and encouragement. Lastly, thank you to Mrs Hanrahan for her organisation.

On Friday the 30th May we had a professional learning day solely dedicated to upskilling in Maths and unpacking the 2025 New Zealand Maths Curriculum. We joined via Zoom with other schools within our community as well as schools further afield. It was a very worthwhile day giving teachers the time and space to dig deeper and reflect on their current teaching practices and how they align to the new curriculum. One thing that all staff were unanimous on was that the new curriculum requires a higher level of thinking and knowledge at each year group compared to our previous curriculum - we will all be working hard!!

Another aspect of our teacher only day we enjoyed was looking into 'rich learning tasks'. Rich learning tasks are *"a mathematical problem that encourages deeper understanding and exploration by incorporating multiple strands of the curriculum and demanding higher-level cognitive skills. It's not a straightforward problem with a quick solution, but rather an engaging, open-ended challenge that allows students to explore various strategies, make connections, and persist in finding solutions"*. We are looking forward to building more rich learning tasks into our Maths lessons.

Friday 13th June was the first across schools Raukapuka Waiata Festival. Children from local kindergartens, pre-school, primary schools and Geraldine High School all came together to share kai, whanaungatanga and waiata. This was a beautiful idea and showcased the richness of our cultural identity. A huge thanks to Mr Robertson for being such an inspirational tutor and getting the group to such a high level.

At the end of this term, you will be receiving a written report explaining your child's current progress and achievement. It is evident that the expectations or outcomes at the end of each unit are higher than they were last year. Our teachers are working hard to teach these new concepts, as a whole class, so that all students are exposed and are working at the correct year level. Teachers differentiate tasks accordingly to enable students to consolidate this new knowledge and skills and extend when necessary. However, because of these curriculum developments you might see a change in your child's progress or achievement compared to previous years. Please see the statement from the Ministry of Education below.

Statement from the Ministry of Education to Support Schools with Reporting to Parents

As part of our focus on lifting student achievement we have introduced new, knowledge-rich and internationally-comparable curriculum this year for Maths in Years 0-8 and English in Years 0-6, and Te Reo Rangatira Years 0-6 and Pāngarau Years 0-8 wāhanga ako.

This means we are currently changing from the old to the new curriculum. We want to acknowledge that schools and kura will only have been using the new curricula from the start of 2025, which includes new teaching and assessment methods and content.

Because of this you could see a change in your child's progress or achievement compared to previous years which may be the result of changes in the curriculum expectations for your child's year level. If you have concerns or questions about your child's achievement, we strongly suggest you talk with your child's teacher or kaiako. They will also have used their own observations, classroom tasks and other tests to report on the progress your child is making.



Te Poutohu

Lastly, a huge congratulations to Annalise and Ben Robertson who are expecting their second child in December. We are so excited for them both.

He Oranga Ngākau

He Pikinga Waiora

Positive feelings within you enhances wellbeing

Stu Wilcox

Cans for a cause donation 	Year 6 boys 2nd place 	Year 5 boys 1st place 
Year 6 girls 1st Place 	Our awesome Year 5 girls 	Team photo 

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following tamariki who won a Gotcha Draw:
Liam, R12; Archie, R8; Felicity, R4; Klaus, R4; Stanley, R13; Nikau, R4

PB4L Certificates

		PB4L	Desire/Aspire to Achieve
Tāne Mahuta	Room 6: Room 7: Room 8: Room 9:	Laura N Emilia S Thomas	- Annabelle M Archie Noah A

Tāwhirimātea	Room 10: Room 11: Room 12: Room 13:	Noah F Alexis Michael S Stanley M	Ariella W Charlie M Manveer B Blake D
Tangaroa	Room 1 Room 2 Room 3 Room 4 Room 5	Chloe O Levi D Harrison Abhijot S Melody N	Daphne N Lucy A Liam Franco T Riley G

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.

Arriving at or leaving school during school hours

If your child is late for school or returning to school after an appointment, please bring them to the office to sign in and the office staff will take them to class.

If you wish to collect your child during school hours, please let the office know so we can have them waiting for you at the office.

Home and School News

Frozen Pies and Savouries

Our Frozen Pies and Savouries fundraiser has now closed and we can't thank you enough for the support given to this. We sold over \$5,000 of items which should get us around \$1,500 donated to the school. Every bit helps 😊

Please remember eEach Seller must pick up their sales 26th June. This will be from the school hall between 2:30pm and 3:15pm

Dancing with the Stars is back - 28th June 2025!

The countdown is on and we are busy with final preparations!!!

There are limited tickets available so please get in touch with us if you wish to come along to this great event.

We are also looking for helpers for the night so if you want a chance to see the dancers in action while giving us a hand please reach out.

We are putting together a grocery gift basket for a raffle item and would love your support.

If you are able to donate a non-perishable item towards this can you please deliver it to the school office by Tuesday 24th June.

Introducing our last two dancing couples



Our next committee meeting is next Tuesday 17th June at 7pm in the school staff room - if you are interested in learning what we do please just come along and join in.

Keep Up To Date

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

Community Notices



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SOUTH CANTERBURY

JUMP JAM

EXTRAVAGANZA 2025

Southern Trust Event Centre
Timaru
Thursday 19th June 2025
9:00am - 4:00pm

JUMP JAM EXTRAVAGANZA provides an annual showcase of students' enthusiasm and achievement in the Jump Jam schools aerobic programme.

Teams from South Canterbury schools will be working on elements of synchronization, movement quality and leadership before bringing their favourite Jump Jam routines to the stage.

Doors open 8.30am
Everyone Welcome
Gold coin donation on entry

Estimated event schedule:
9.00 - 10.30am
Year 1-4 Teams
10.50am - 12.50pm
Year 4-6 Teams
1.10 - 2.10pm
Boys Teams
2.30 - 4.00pm
Year 7-8 Teams
Actual times may vary

Logos: TRUST, AORAKI, Alpine Energy, Tairāwhiti, XCM, HEARTLAND design & print, Mackenzie

Geraldine Hockey

League

Please reregister your players!!



Due to a computer glitch all current registrations have been lost - please reregister your players. Apologies for the inconvenience.

Wednesday afternoon, term 3, Geraldine Domain Turf

Funsticks for 5-year-olds – 3.15

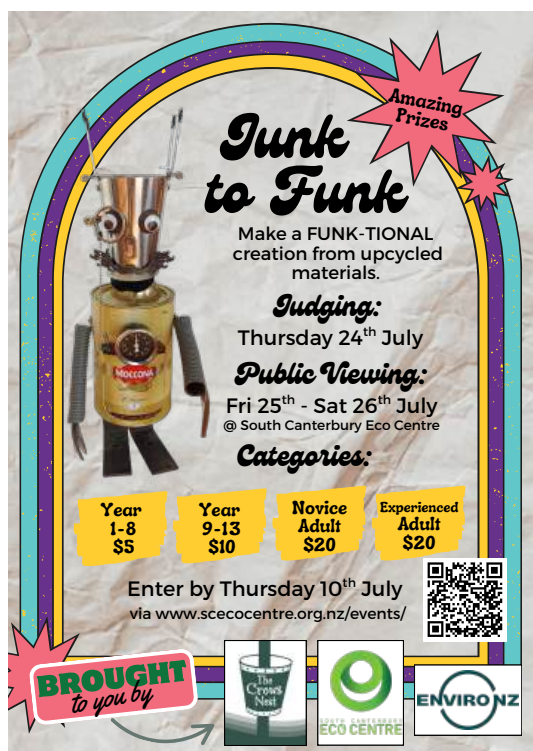
Junior League games for year 2-6 from 4pm

League games for year 7/8 from 6pm

To register your interest for players/coaches/volunteers please use the following form

<https://forms.gle/MgJmMjvmD56K7agN6>

To register an entire team or for queries please contact Hils McCullough nofrillshils@gmail.com



Junk to Funk

Make a FUNK-TIONAL creation from upcycled materials.

Judging:
Thursday 24th July

Public Viewing:
Fri 25th - Sat 26th July
@ South Canterbury Eco Centre

Categories:

Year 1-8	Year 9-13	Novice Adult	Experienced Adult
\$5	\$10	\$20	\$20

Enter by Thursday 10th July
via www.scecocentre.org.nz/events/

Logos: Brought to you by, The Crows Nest, ECO CENTRE, ENVIRONZ

Geraldine Lioness Lions Club presents a

GARDEN EXPO

21ST JUNE 2025

Geraldine Primary School Hall

9.30 to 3 pm.

Garden theme stalls, workshops,
demonstrations.

Limited stalls still available.

For details ring Elizabeth 0273083538

