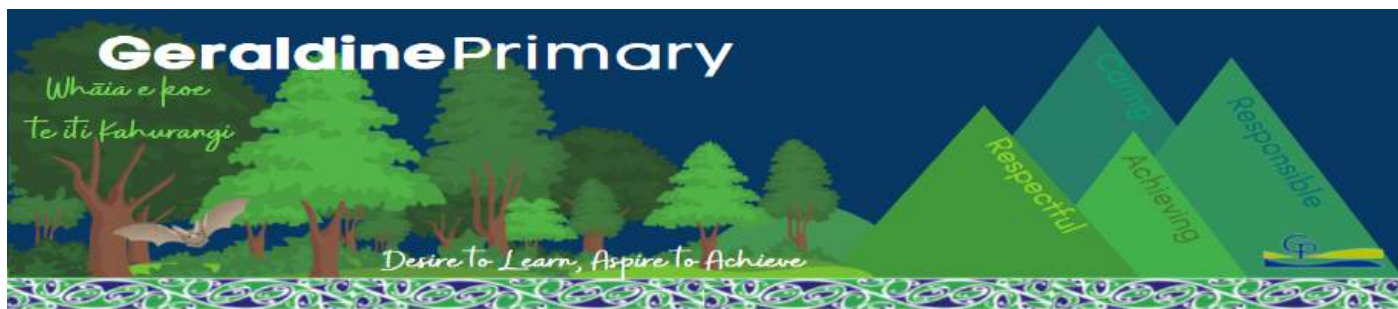




## NEWSLETTER/PĀNUI

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Term 2 Week 9

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| <p><u>Important Dates:</u></p> <p>Start of Term 3 – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July<br/> Open Day – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August<br/> School Production (evening) – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September<br/> School Production (matinee &amp; evening) – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September</p>                                                                             |                                                                                                                                            |

### Principal's Kōrero

Kia ora koutou whānau and welcome to our Pānui.

Wow, where has term 2 gone? It feels crazy that I am writing our last Pānui before we break up for the holidays.

I feel so proud with the amount of academic, cultural and sporting opportunities our tamariki have been involved in this term. I had the absolute privilege of taking two Year 5 and 6 Football teams to Timaru on Tuesday, in the South Canterbury Primary School Football Festival. The Geraldine Soccer Stars and the Geraldine Football Fans showed great skill level, energy and teamwork throughout the long day. The Soccer Stars had a win, loss and a draw. Whereas the Football Fans won all their games. The Football Fans made it to the final and played Bluestone. After full time it was 0-0, extra time 0-0, so it went to a penalty shootout. Unfortunately, the Football Fans lost. This did not dampen their spirits and cheered and high-fived each other. A huge thank you to the whānau who helped manage and support and to Mrs Hanrahan for excellent organisation.

On Friday our two ePro 8 teams will be going to Ashburton to take part in the regional semifinals. Watch this space.

Manawatia a Matariki!

On Tuesday afternoon we hosted another very successful Mix and Mingle for our school community. The hall was buzzing with so many tamariki and their whānau members.

Matariki is a special time of year for all people who live in Aotearoa - it is an opportunity for us to **reflect** on the past year and those we have lost, **connect** with friends and whānau and **set** goals and intentions for the year ahead.

We created art works using whetu (star) shapes in our school whānau group colours: Kakariki, Kahurangi, Kowhai and Whero, engaged in korero with others and shared delicious kai and inu (biscuits and hot chocolate!) Thank you to all who came and to our school community engagement group for their support.

It was great to see our kura support the 'Can for a cause' campaign. Our collections of food items go directly into our community and will help lots of families or individuals at a time of year when people can find extra winter costs a struggle to meet. We received a lovely letter from St Andrew's church and an email from Scott Ackroyd, who is the Rotary President Elect

*Dear Geraldine Primary School & Community,*

*On behalf of our Rotary Club, I want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous donation of food items to your local Geraldine food bank. Your incredible effort and kindness will go a long way in supporting individuals and families in need within our community.*

*It's truly inspiring to see students, staff, and families come together to make a meaningful difference. Your commitment to helping others shows the true spirit of compassion and community.*

*Thank you once again for your support and generosity, and we look forward to working with you again.*

This term a small group of year 5 students were lucky to be selected to go to the men's shed, and on Wednesday we invited the beautiful adults from the men's shed to share in kai, meet the staff and for the children to say thank you. This was a great opportunity to discuss next term and how we would like to focus on making props for the school production. We have also decided to have two groups of six children who will complete a 5-week project and the swap over. This means more children will be able to experience this wonderful opportunity.

Recently we reviewed our **Arts curriculum**. Students, whānau and staff members all completed a survey at the end of last year. Thank you very much to those families who took the time to fill in our survey.

The survey data told us that parents overall felt we were doing a good job teaching **The Arts**. They were happy that their children were confident in expressing themselves creatively, had opportunities to participate in a range of artistic experiences, and were developing skills that would support them as they move through school. There was some interest in seeing more opportunities for performance and showcasing student work. Most students enjoyed participating in the Arts and could describe a variety of activities they had been involved in, such as music, drama, dance, and visual art. Teachers feel somewhat confident delivering Arts programmes, especially Visual art but noted that finding enough time in a busy curriculum to cover all areas in depth can be a challenge.

Last year we consulted with parents, staff and students regarding PB4L. Thank you to those who took part in this review, your feedback is always appreciated and valuable in guiding us forward.

The key outcomes from the survey were positive and indicated that students, staff and whanau had a clear understanding of our values and reward system. The children were enthusiastic about receiving Gotchas and enjoyed choosing a reward.

There was an identified need to revisit our behaviour management plan to ensure this worked for all students and was consistent, transparent and cohesive. There has been a shift in PB4L towards using a more restorative approach rather than punitive.

After our staff completed Professional development in Trauma Informed Practices, we have launched our Social and Emotional Programme across our school. This is called Te Āiotanga - tranquillity, calm and peace. All classes are being explicitly taught values, emotions, regulation, Te Whare Tapa Whā and how our brain works. The aim being to develop all students' social, emotional capacity and build empathy and resilience.

## **Spotlight on Learning: English in the First 6 Months at School**

At our kura, we value working in partnership with whānau to support tamariki in their learning journey. Over the next few Pānui, we'll be sharing helpful information from the Ministry of Education's Parent Portal to give you a clearer picture of what learning looks like across the different year levels, starting with **Year 0**.

In the first six months at kura, tamariki are developing the building blocks of literacy – learning how sounds, letters, and words work together. They're also beginning to express themselves through kōrero (speaking) and tuhituhi (writing). This stage is all about growing confidence, building a love of stories, and encouraging children to share their ideas.

We've included some simple Ideas and activities you can try at home to support your child's progress in English.

Keep an eye out in future Pānui as we continue to explore learning across the year groups.

### **Ideas to support oral language at home**

With your child, you could:

- play with language by using made up words, silly voices, or changing tone or volume
- ask questions, talk about your thoughts, describe what is happening and ask them to do the same
- tell them stories of your genealogy and the places you come from
- play word games
- make up stories, rhymes and songs
- give simple instructions and ask them to give instructions to you
- ask them to explain how something works.

Yesterday we had our final assembly – this was a great opportunity to come together and celebrate in our Geraldine Primary successes and reminisce on the many awesome events. We had a beautiful performance from the kapa haka group and finished with presenting the whānau trophy. This term the winning house was Kakariki.

As a school, Term 2 is always very busy, and we just wanted to say a special thank you to some people who have helped us this term:

- Maia Rae from South Canterbury netball, Whaea Brenda and Whaea Liv from Te Aitarakihi marae.
- The Home and School - for continuing to organise great events that help get those extra things for our school like sports uniforms, sandpit toys, books and much more.
- Our teachers that have organised our EOTC events - high ropes, cross country, Epro 8, junior syndicate trip to south canterbury museum, Kids Lit quiz in Wellington, jump jam.
- The parent helpers that helped with our cross country, south canterbury cross country, football competition, and many more - a big thank you.
- Thank you to the men's shed for their great tuition and guidance - great insect motels.
- Mr Robertson for his time in Room 1, with Kapa Haka and being a student mentor this term.
- Home and school for Dancing with the Stars and all other fundraising.
- Thank you to Waihi lodge for allowing our school leaders to be part of your events.
- Community Engagement Group for arranging our fantastic Meet and Greet this term.

Geraldine Primary looks forward to term 3, where there are lots of great events and experiences for our tamariki and whānau. We are excited about our school production, 'what lies between light and dark'. We will be having 3 performances that our whānau and community can come to. These will be on Wednesday 3rd (evening) and Thursday 4th September (matinee and evening). We are in the process of designing posters and tickets!

Another date for your diaries is our Open Day, Wednesday 4th August. This will be an opportunity to sit alongside your child and be part of their classroom routine. More details will come out nearer the time.

Lastly, please remember that we have board elections on Wednesday 10th September. Being part of the board is a wonderful experience and a role that makes a difference to our kura. Closing date for board nominations is Friday 18th July.

Please have a safe, enjoyable and relaxing holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 14th July.

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

Stu Wilcox

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| <p>Community Engagement Group Mix and Mingle</p>        | <p>Matariki Mix and Mingle</p>   | <p>Matariki Stars</p>           |
| <p>Great turn out for our Matariki Mix and Mingle</p>  | <p>Football Festival teams</p>  | <p>The amazing Men's Shed</p>  |

## Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following tamariki who won a Gotcha Draw:  
Uno, R3; Josh, R5; Olivia L, R5; Milly, R7; Oscar, R10; Blake, R13.

## Principal's Certificate

Congratulations to the following tamariki who received Principal's certificate this term:

Room 1 - Daphne Newcombe  
Room 2 – Millie Newton  
Room 3 - Elina Overcomer  
Room 4 - Japneet Bhatia  
Room 5 - Ollie Hudson  
Room 6 - Florence Chapman  
Room 7 - Hazel Linton-Keane  
Room 8 - Kyra Clifford  
Room 9 - Minh Hill  
Room 10 – Henry Swartz  
Room 11 – Jack Milliken  
Room 12 – Monte Hudson  
Room 13 – Harper Keen



## 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

## HOME & SCHOOL COMMITTEE NEWS

### Dancing with the Stars

🎭 It's Showtime! A Night That Makes a Difference 🎭

The curtains are rising, the lights are shining, the stage is set and the dancers are ready for action - it's showtime for our major Fundraiser!

This isn't just a show - it's a celebration of community, generosity and the power of coming together for a cause that matters. Expect an evening full of entertainment, inspiration, and opportunities to give back.

💖 All proceeds go toward Geraldine Primary

Let's raise the curtain and make this a night to remember.

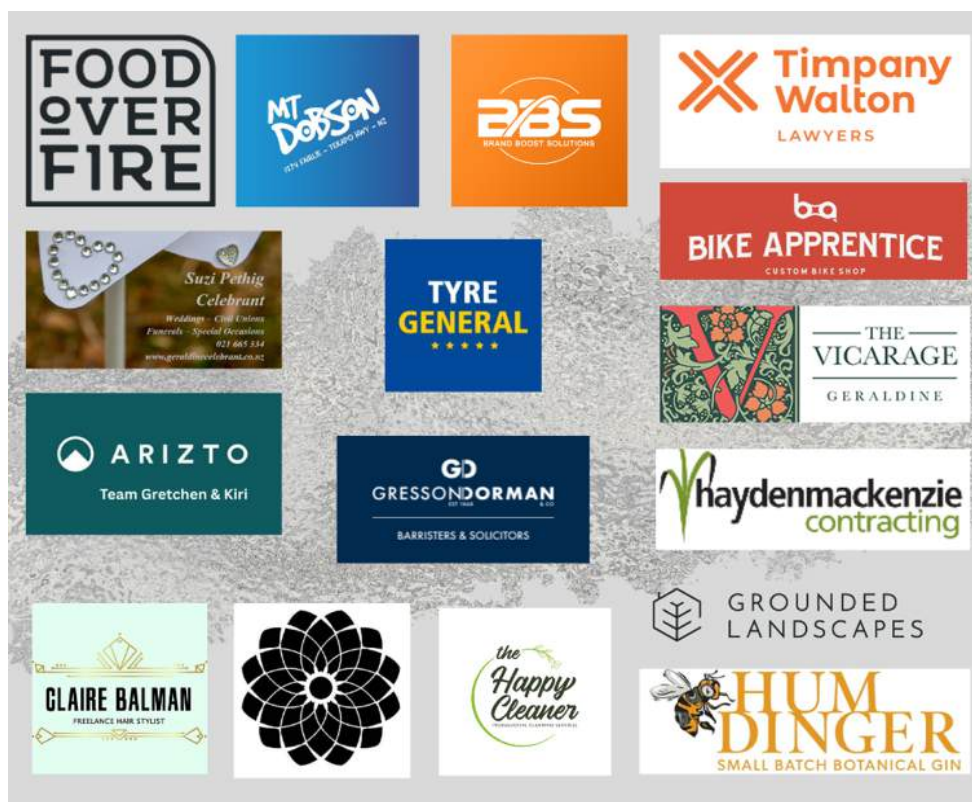
See you at the show!

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!!!!!!





🙏 Without these amazing businesses supporting us, we just couldn't make this event happen! So a BIG shout out to all our SILVER sponsors, we thank you for your support! 🙏



Our BRONZE level sponsors! You absolute legends. We know that you all get asked repeatedly for sponsorship and donations so, from all of us on the Home & School Committee thank you so much for your overwhelming support! 🙏



## Keep Up To Date

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

## Community Notices

**Are you spending the School Holidays in Christchurch?**  
Join the research fun!  
Come play with us!

We are trying to understand how common interruptions – big and small – affect the moments you share with your child.

We're looking for parents and their child aged 5.5 to 9 years, to take part in a fun play session and interview. The session takes about 1.5 hours, takes place at the University of Canterbury, and is happening on Saturdays and Sundays. Sessions are available during the school holidays. You and your child will receive a gift as a thank you for your participation.

**WANT TO TAKE PART?**  
To get involved, email or scan the QR code to learn more and register interest

Scan 

email: [olivia.caccioppoli@pg.canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:olivia.caccioppoli@pg.canterbury.ac.nz)

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Human Research Ethics Committee approval reference: HRBC 2024/11

Timaru District Libraries

# Mythical Creatures

School Holiday Programme  
30 June – 11 July 2025

Check out our website, Facebook and Instagram for details.  
Holiday programme calendars out soon!

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY**  
**JUNK TO FUNK**

Get crafty - **upcycle a record** from the Crows Nest into a functional masterpiece - perfect for entering the Junk to Funk competition!

 Tuesday 8th July  
 10am – 12pm  
 \$5 per person  
 SC Eco Centre

Spots are limited - book now!  
Pre book by Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July  
[www.ecocentre.org.nz/events/](http://www.ecocentre.org.nz/events/)

The Community Dental Service will be closed for the upcoming school holidays

**Closed from: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June,**  
**Reopening on: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July.**

Two of our community dental clinics will be open during this School Holiday period:

**Ashburton** (38 Elizabeth Street)

**Timaru** (18 Woolcombe Street)

If your child is experiencing any dental pain/discomfort, you can call us on **0800 846 983** and/or email: [comm dental@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:comm dental@cdhb.health.nz) and one of our clinicians will contact you.

## Food and Beverage Menu

## Sweet Treats

### School Holidays Learn to Crochet

Friday 10th July  
At Austins Millford Store  
10.30am-12.00 pm  
All materials supplied  
\$5 per person

Contact Anna to book  
021 878 136

Devonshire Teas and coffees available



### SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

Monday 30th June - MAKE A WALL HANGING - get creative with Pom-poms and other fibres. 10.30 am-12.30 pm. \$15 per child. Book with Tracey on 0273015307

Tuesday 1st July - FUN WITH STAMPS - make your own stamps and create some art. 10.30am-12.00 pm \$10.00 per child. Book with Tracey on 0273015307

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### SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

Monday 7 July - 10.30am-12.30pm - make a Mini Journal and pen set. \$15 per child. Book with Tracey on 0273015307

Tuesday 8 July - MERVING - make a Mug Rug. 10.30am-12.00pm \$10.00 per child. Book with Tracey on 0273015307

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### School Holidays

Build sessions  
Thursday July 8th - 10th  
10.30am - 11.30am  
12.30pm - 1.30pm  
\$10 per person

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**Winter Hours**  
Will be 10.30am - 2.30pm  
Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
Normal hours will resume  
Thursday 4th September

# PUB QUIZ NIGHT

Rotary  
Temuka Geraldine Rotary Club



### Test Your Knowledge for a Great Cause!

Fundraising for: Dream Day Out

Supporting young people from our community to experience an unforgettable outdoor adventure at Peet Forest Outdoor Centre - building confidence, friendships, and life skills!

#### LOCATION:

The Village Inn, Geraldine

41 Talbot Street, Geraldine 7830

DATE: Tuesday, 8th July

TIME: 7PM

Entry Fee: \$10 per person (\$5 per team)

Email: Team name & number to  
berrym17@gmail.com