



NEWSLETTER/PĀNUI

March 2025

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Principal's Kōrero

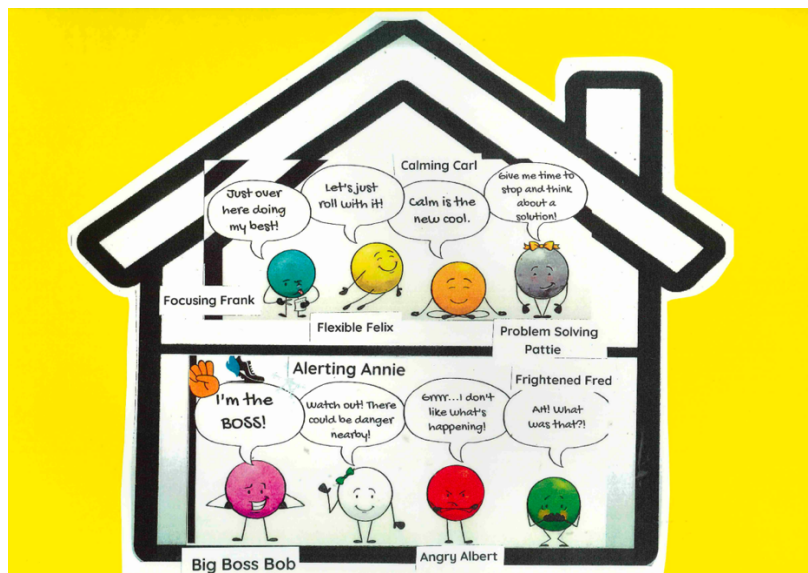
Kia ora koutou whānau and welcome to our Pānui.

On Friday I spent time standing at our fence line on Cox Street, with the children and teachers, waving flags at all the Rock and Hop cars driving by. Wow - so much noise. Cars hooting, children cheering and such an array of different car styles and colours. It was awesome to see how excited the children were and the amount of waving from everyone who was driving by, including tourists!

During the last two weeks we have seen our Tāwhirimātea Syndicate take part in their mini triathlon and our Year 5's visit Raincliff for their annual camp. I was lucky to visit the Year 5 camp and watch the children tackle the confidence course, slippery slide and the battle balls. I was also so proud with the amount of whānau who came to support and help. We are very lucky to have such positive, helpful and enthusiastic parents. The Tāwhirimātea triathlon was wonderfully organised, and it gave everyone a chance to take part and be successful. Thank you to everyone who has been involved with the preparation and management of both events.

The picture below is an illustration from the work we are doing in our social emotional programme, Te Āiotanga. As well as explicitly teaching about our school values, our different emotions and Te Whare Tapa Wha, we have been looking at how our brain responds and reacts to different events, situations and experiences. The children have been discussing how we have a range of emotions and how our brain is like a house. The reactive emotions like Alerting Annie or Angry Albert can move up and down the staircase and use characters such as Calming Carl to help process the danger and react accordingly. (The job of the staircase is so that both parts of the brain are connected and work together).

However, sometimes our downstairs emotions don't have time and Big Boss Bob takes over and breaks the staircase to upstairs. This is commonly called Flipping your Lid. When this happens, we would Fight, Flight or Freeze. It is OK to flip your lid, but we are teaching the children how to recognise this, and more importantly building tools in our Kete, for us to help regulate these emotions.



Please remember that everyone is invited to our **Mix and Mingle Event on Wednesday 26th March at 2.45pm** and our **Room 4 and 5 official opening on Thursday 27th March at 9am**.

Geraldine Primary will be holding our 3-way conferences on Wednesday 2nd April. **The school will be closed for instruction on this day**. We have set this day in conjunction with Geraldine High School. 3-way conferencing is a great way to meet your son/daughter's teachers, to discuss learning and how they are progressing within the school environment.

Next week, which is week 9, our Year 4, 5 and 6 students will be taking part in Writing, Reading and Maths e-aTTle testing.

It was great to have Woodbury School's Year 5 and 6 tamariki come and visit us on Monday and play a few games of rippa rugby. It is awesome that they can find time in their busy schedule, we are so grateful for their support and connection.

Geraldine Primary School continues to be a thriving kura with so many wonderful opportunities.

I look forward to seeing lots of you at our Mix and Mingle on Wednesday 26th March, outside Room 1 from 2.45pm.

Stu Wilcox

Cheering on the Rock and Hop cars



Waving our flags at the many amazing Rock and Hop cars



The very popular water slide at Year 5 Camp



Superb form on the water slide



The incredible scenery on the Year 6 Camp

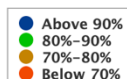


Room 6 and 9's entry to the Winchester A & P show

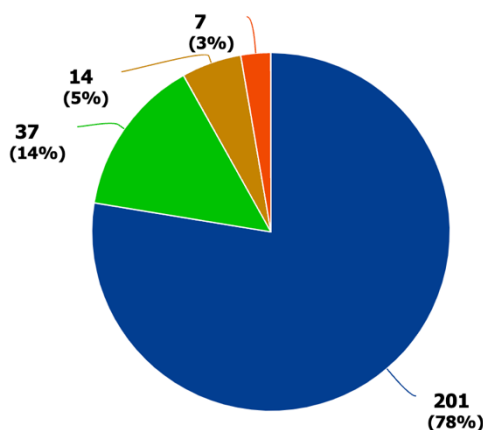


Current Attendance Data

As part of the ongoing MOE focus on attendance, we will be adding an up-to-date attendance graph for your information. Please remember to phone or contact the school for any absences. This is our current data.



Attendance Data (4 Point Scale) - 2025 - Pie Chart



Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following tamariki who won a Gotcha Draw:
Ashton, 1, Neveah 6, Ollie W, 5, Alexis, 11, Michael S, 12, Shenali, 7

PB4L Certificates

		PB4L	Desire/Aspire to Achieve
Tāne Mahuta	Room 6: Room 7: Room 8: Room 9:	Liam H Eleanor S Kaiah T Mihn H	- John P Arley F -

Tāwhirimātea	Room 10: Room 11: Room 12: Room 13:	Cohen W Charlie M Ysabella Lucas S	Maackenzie Z Liam F Michael Swartz Ava
Tangaroa	Room 1: Room 2: Room 3: Room 4: Room 5:	At Camp At Camp Olivia F Zoe F Josh S	At Camp At Camp Eesha S Aren I Alilia H

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.



AFTER SCHOOL MIX AND MINGLE

You are invited to a "mix and mingle" after school on March 26th 2.45pm – 4pm

This is a chance for parents to come and meet and/or catch up with other parents from the school community and some of the school staff. Even if your child has been at the school for a while or has just started, please come along and enjoy some afternoon tea and outside games

- Afternoon tea will be supplied
- Outside games will be set up for both kids and parents to enjoy
- Artists of any level are asked to come along and "fill a spot" with your very own chalk creation

 **Geraldine Primary**
Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve
Whaia e koe te iti Kahurangi

WEDNESDAY 26th MAR
2.45PM – 4PM
Outside rooms 1 and 2

 **Geraldine Primary**

You are warmly invited to the official opening of our refurbished classrooms:
Rūma 4 and Rūma 5

THURSDAY 27 MARCH
9AM

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.

Home and School News

Geraldine Primary Home and School Committee

We are excited to let you know our annual Trail Ride fundraising event is coming up! We are also having our AGM soon and would love to see some new faces. Give as much or little time as you have to help raise funds for our school. Meetings are usually once a month on a Monday evening.

AGM: Monday 8th April, 7pm in the staff room. Bring a friend and come and check out what we do. All are welcome!

Follow us on Facebook

Did you know we have a Facebook page? Find us at Geraldine Primary Home & School Committee.

Beautiful Valley Trailride

SUNDAY 7 APRIL 2024

VENUE: The Spurs, Beautiful Valley, Geraldine (signposted from Geraldine/Fairlie Hwy, 15 minutes from Geraldine)

SIGN ON & SCRUTINEERING: Sunday from 9.30am

COST

\$60.00 Senior 16 yrs & over
\$40.00 Junior 11 - 15 yrs
\$20.00 Children 10 yrs & under

REQUIREMENTS: All Riders Under 16 yrs Must Be Accompanied By An Adult Rider
Bikes & Riding Gears Must Be Clean
Boots, Helmet & Spark Arrestor Muffler (Compulsory)
No Dogs Please.

Stadium Finance
"Proudly Supports The Safety Of This Event"

- HIGH COUNTRY FARMLAND AND FORESTRY TRAILS
- SUITABLE FOR TRAILBIKES & QUADBIKES
- CHILDREN'S, BEGINNER OFF-ROAD LOOP, SHORTCUTS
- ENDURO OPTIONS FOR EXPERIENCED RIDERS
- BBQ/REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
- KNOBBLY TYRES ESSENTIAL
- FUNDRAISING FOR GERALDINE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Enquires to Email
EMAIL: trailrides@xtra.co.nz for event posters & cancellation notices
www.facebook.com/AdventureTrailridesEvents



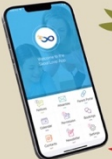






Community Notices

Seasonal Updates, Anytime



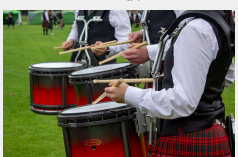
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South Canterbury Highland Pipe Band Open Day

'Want to learn the Bagpipes or drums?'



Come along, have a go at an instrument, and see what it's all about.

11am-2pm
Sunday 6th April
2 Tumball Street, Timaru

Can't make it? Contact us
William McArthur 0278899231 sgmcarthur10@gmail.com





Junior Registrations 2025

Calling all 5-13-year-old girls and boys:
Please register using the new Rugby Explorer portal
auth.rugbyexplorer.com.au/register
and join the Geraldine JAB Facebook page

\$60.00 SUB
(\$40.00 for any subsequent child/ren from the same family)

Each registered player receives a mouthguard, beanie and training shirt

EMAIL: geraldinejabrugby@gmail.com

CLUB OPEN DAY
GRFC CLUBROOMS ON GEORGE STREET
Saturday 22 March
from 11am

SENIOR MENS AND WOMENS PRESEASON GAMES



GERALDINE NETBALL

CENTRE INC, PO BOX 97, GERALDINE

March 2025

Geraldine Netball Centre are on the hunt for some amazing helpers to come onboard to help coach junior netball. We have spaces for year 3 & 4 coaches and year 5 & 6 coaches.

High School Coaches need to be year 10 and above, we are happy for younger year levels to coach if they have a parent helping also.

Geraldine Netball Centre follows the NNZ futureFERNs program, all coaching material is supplied with weekly skill sessions to follow before each game. Follow this link if you want to know more about the program <https://futurefems.co.nz/>

If you are interested in coaching a team, get in contact with Leander 0274656240. You will be required to do a star helper course; this course is approximately two hours and goes over how we deliver our skill sessions.



Woolworths futureFERNs NNZ Year 0, 1 & 2 Program

You can register online at
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/326421>

Starting Wednesday 30th April
3.15pm - 3.45pm
\$20 per child
Duration of 10 Weeks
Netball Courts, Geraldine Domain

Nicky Taylor
027 609 2317
geraldinenetball@gmail.com
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/geraldines/home>

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Geraldine Netball Centre



JUNIOR NETBALL REGISTRATION Woolworths futureFERNs NNZ Year 3 - 6 Program

Register online at
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/326421>
Registrations close 14th April

Year 3 - 6 Netball is held every Friday at the Netball Courts in the Geraldine Domain from 3.20pm
Meet the coach and collect uniform 2nd May
First Game 9th May

Team Group Coordinator
Year 3 & 4: Leander Peterson 0274656240
Year 5 & 6: Sarah Peterson 0278847751

geraldinenetball@gmail.com
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/geraldines/home>

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