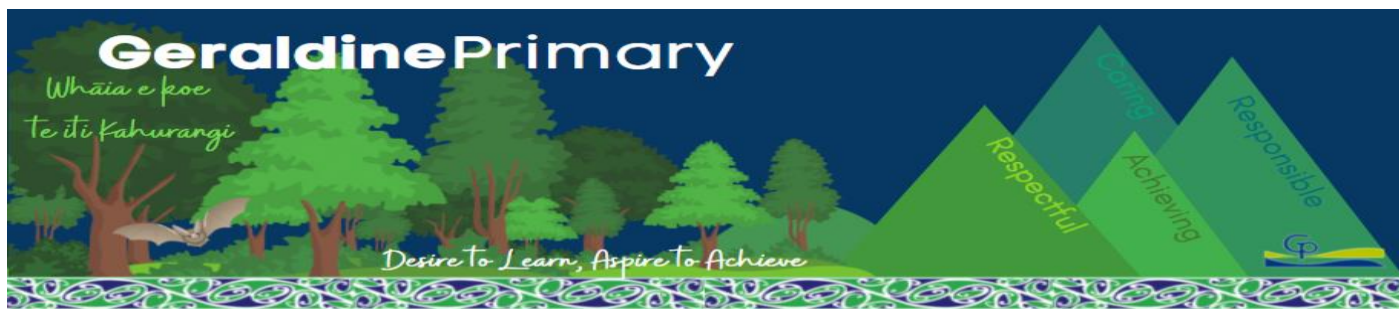




Newsletter/Pānui

Friday 1 November 2024

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		Term 4	14 October - 16 December
<u>Important Dates:</u>			
11 th November – Athletics Day			
13 th November – PP Athletics Day			
14 th November – 2.30pm - 3.30pm Mix and Mingle Community Event			
22 nd November – 6pm School Disco			
29 th November – Year 6 Breakfast BBQ			

Principal's Kōrero

Kia ora koutou whānau and welcome to our Pānui.

I would like to start our panui by sharing our Trauma Informed strategic plan journey to date.

In 2023 we conducted a community consultation regarding our future strategic direction, and it was evident from the feedback that there was a wish to focus on resilience and social emotional regulation.

Therefore, we collaboratively developed a strategic plan that had specific outcomes so that our school would be culturally, socially and emotionally understanding and responsive.

Our 2024 journey started with a talk from Jase Williams and our senior leadership team beginning the Bruce Perry Neurosequential Model in Education training. We initiated a whole staff book club, where, before staff meetings we all read certain chapters from 'the boy who was raised as a dog', and during the meeting we came together to discuss what we had read and put it into our school context. This was great in building awareness, understanding and knowledge of trauma and the focus questions in the book helped to reflect on our own teaching practice.

From our research and knowledge, we knew that for our neural networks to work we want to feel included, safe and this can be achieved through developing:

- Whanau style environment
- Parallel - engaging them as a co educator
- Present - being aware of what is happening before a child comes
- Attentive
- Attuned
- Responsive
- Positive school culture
- Safety
- Self-care

Before our Teacher Only Day in March we sent out a google form to all staff that focused on the 10 Best Practice Principles for our kura becoming a trauma informed School, these were taken from the 'Thoughtful Schools Programme'.

The data from the google form data identified 3 priority areas and one being "practice principal 6 - The school teaches social and emotional learning to promote intelligence and resilience"

During our Teacher Only Day, we started with the SLT sharing our main taking and learnings from our Neurosequential Model in Education training. Then our whole staff collaboratively examined different and current social emotional programmes. By the end of the day we collaboratively agreed that our first objective was to create a brain illustration that can help us teach and redirect children. Our second objective was to build a framework that teaches our kura about social emotional regulation, Te Whare Tapa Wha, the brain and all under the umbrella of PB4L.

We knew that we needed to engage with outside agencies for us to achieve our objectives. We were fortunate to work with Anna Mowat who helped us build an informative, creative brain illustration. This illustration was shared with staff and changes were made.

Presently, we are collaboratively building a Geraldine Primary School social emotional framework for 2025. We are calling this **Te Aiotanga** - tranquillity, calm and peace. This framework will have four explicit lessons that will focus on PB4L, Te Whare Tapa Wha, Emotional Regulation and The Brain.

Our journey to date has thrown up many questions, thoughts and challenges and we are only at the mid-way point, but excited that 2025 will be another step to help achieve our main outcome, of our school being culturally, socially and emotionally understanding and responsive.

Lastly, in all this process one word always comes back and that is relationships. Being ever so mindful and present creates a beautifully positive learning environment where all our community flourishes.

In the last few weeks our tamariki and kaiako have been super busy taking part in lots of school events.

Our pet day was held last Friday, and it was great to see so many different pets. I enjoyed watching the dogs and lambs participating in the obstacle course. It made me feel quite good to know that other peoples' dogs are just as disobedient as mine! Inside the school hall children brought in rabbits, guinea pigs, cats and a water dragon. The day concluded with a fancy dress competition and then a parade. The whole school had opportunities to come and meet all the animals and watch the end parades. A huge thanks to our judges, Amy Avery, Phoebe Wilson, Loren Geary, Flora Waddington, Graham Hall, Emma Burnside and Pip Sanders. Another big thanks to Turnbull Earthmovers who helped to sponsor our ribbons and rosettes.

On Tuesday our teachers and TAs took part in a very important and informative teacher only day. We spent the day developing our knowledge of the Science of Learning, looking through the new Ministry of Education resource site – Tahurangi and digging deeper into the new maths and English curriculum. Thank you very much in advance for your support.

On Wednesday our Year 4-6 students took part in Top Team. Students were placed into mixed year and class groups and were given a series of different challenges to complete. Students were expected to listen, participate and work together to solve puzzles and many other dry and wet physical tasks. Thanks to Mrs Hanrahan for organising this great event.

I am pleased to announce that Anna Clubb has accepted the role as our Community Support Worker for 2025. Anna is very well known to our school community and wider community, and we are excited for her starting in January 2025.

Please remember that Monday 11th November is our athletics sports day, with the postponement day being Wednesday 13th November. More details of the day will follow.

Please have a look at our Maize Maze competition flyer and Mix and Mingle flyer, both can be seen towards the bottom of this Panui.

Thank you once again for all your support.

Stu Wilcox

Pippa Geary winner of the Year 5-6 Pet Day fancy dress 	Pet Day grand parade 	Luca at the Mens Shed 
Our 80 Gotcha students 	Students receiving their Pet Day certificates and rosettes 	Our 100 gotcha students 

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following tamariki who won a Gotcha Draw:
Jackson, R4; Lucan, R9; Lottie S, R3; Dante, R11; Hazel, R15; Eric, R3.

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.

Scholastic Book Club orders:

Just a wee reminder that Bookclub closes 8th November 2024
Order online or manual orders can be given to Mrs Leov

Top Team

Geraldine Primary was a place of laughter, encouragement, running and problem solving on Wednesday afternoon, all in the name of fun. An annual event that is a highlight on the Term 4 calendar is the visit from Sport Canterbury Top Team Challenge.

Getting wet was compulsory if you wanted to be part of three challenges, there were also others that involved balance, memorising, coordination and ultimately team work.

A huge thank you to the parents who helped with the stations, it was most certainly appreciated.



The Yr3/4 team, Geraldine Dragons, have started playing Futsal in Timaru on Wednesday nights. Great first game, with a draw 4-4. Futsal is a fast paced indoor soccer game with five players on at a time.

Best of luck for the rest of the competition that ends in December.



Post game team photo. The adrenaline was high . They drew 4 each.

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Geraldine Primary

Geraldine Primary School Athletics 2024

Monday 11th November

Geraldine Domain: commencing at 9.30 am

Parents and whānau are most welcome to come along and watch.

Event stations may require help. If you are able to assist please let the teacher know.

Postponement day will be Wednesday 13th November

If postponement is necessary, check Skool Loop and our Facebook page

All children will participate in Athletics Day.

There will be Junior (Yr 0-2) and Senior (Yr 3-6) sections.

Junior children are grouped according to their current age

As the events for the Seniors are "standards" based, the children are grouped according to their age as at 1st January

The Junior section is morning only.

Junior students will return to school after lunch -

If parents wish to take them home at lunch time, YOU MUST INFORM THEIR TEACHER.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- ★ Children to come to school at the usual time
- ★ They need a water bottle, named sunhat, packed lunch and sunscreen applied
- ★ They need to wear suitable footwear (not jandals/sandals)
- ★ Students are to wear their whānau group coloured t-shirt to school in the morning
- ★ If it is cold, they will need their school jersey and a jacket
- ★ You are most welcome to have lunch with your children at the domain

Sausage Sizzle

Our wonderful Home & School will have water available to purchase from 11:30am-1pm at our Athletics day. **Sausages are only available to order through the myKindo App and will be ready at lunch time.** Christmas Cookies will also be available to order.

Thank you in advance for your support.

The day's programme is below:

Junior (Year 0-2) Athletic Sports Timetable:

	10am	10:20	10.40	11am	11:20	11.45	12pm
Throwing for Accuracy & Distance	7 yr Boys	5 yr Boys & Girls	Morning Tea	6 & 7 yr Girls	6 yr Boys	Running Races 5yr boys 5yr girls 6yr boys 6yr girls 7yr boys 7yr girls	Lunch
Jumping for Height	6 yr Boys	7 yr Boys		5 yr Boys & Girls	6 & 7 yr Girls		
Hurdles & Obstacle	6 & 7 yr Girls	6 yr Boys		7 yr Boys	5 yr Boys & Girls		
Fun Relays	5 yr Boys & Girls	6 & 7 yr Girls		6 yr Boys	7 yr Boys		

Senior (Year 3-6) Athletic Sports Timetable:

	Event:	9:35 - 10:00	10:00 - 10:25	10:25 - 10:50	10:50 - 11:05	11:05 - 11:35	11:35 - 12:00	12pm - 12:20	12:30 - 12:55	12:55 - 1:20	1:20 - 1:45
1	High Jump	U9G	U10B	U10G	Morning Tea	U11B	U11G	Lunch	U8B	U8G	U9B
2	Sprints	U9B	U9G	U10B		U10G	U11B		U11G	U8B	U8G
3	Discus	U8G	U9B	U9G		U10B	U10G		U11B	U11G	U8B
4	Hurdles	U8B	U8G	U9B		U9G	U10B		U10G	U11B	U11G
5	Throw	U11G	U8B	U8G		U9B	U9G		U10B	U10G	U11B
6	Shot Put	U11B	U11G	U8B		U8G	U9B		U9G	U10B	U10G
7	Long Jump	U10G	U11B	U11G		U8B	U8G		U9B	U9G	U10B
8	Fun Relays	U10B	U10G	U11B		U11G	U8B		U8G	U9B	U9G

12.20 - Lunch finishes with an air horn.

12.30 - Start activity with a new group.

2 pm - Whānau group relay, 4x 100m sprint

2:20pm - Farewell



MIX

You are invited to a “mix and mingle” afternoon tea at Geraldine Primary School

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 kai and a cuppa.

- Coffee, Tea, Milo and Juice will be available
- Afternoon tea will be supplied including some baking and other treats
- There will be outside games for both children and parents

Maize Maze is back!



Kia ora,

GPS needs your help...

We are looking for a creative, fun maze design that we can easily transfer onto our paddock of maize crop.

One stipulation is that our maze must have a connection to GPS. This might be that GPS letters or our GPS logo is prominent, in other words can be seen and recognised.

The design will need to be completed by Friday 22nd November. This will give us enough time to select the winning design and get ourselves prepared to start to spray and cut.

Please use the dimensions and area below to help create your maze.

Good luck



Entrance and exit

Home and School News

Follow us on Facebook

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

Community Notices



You're invited to this year's NZ Christchurch ADHD Conference, which is happening on 9 November at the Aurora Centre, Burnside, Christchurch.

You can buy tickets here: <https://www.myspiritedchild.com/2024-new-zealand-adhd-conference-christchurch/>

Don't forget to use the discount code FLYER10 for 10% off!

We hope to see you there!

Kindest regards,
Rebecca and the My Spirited Child Team

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