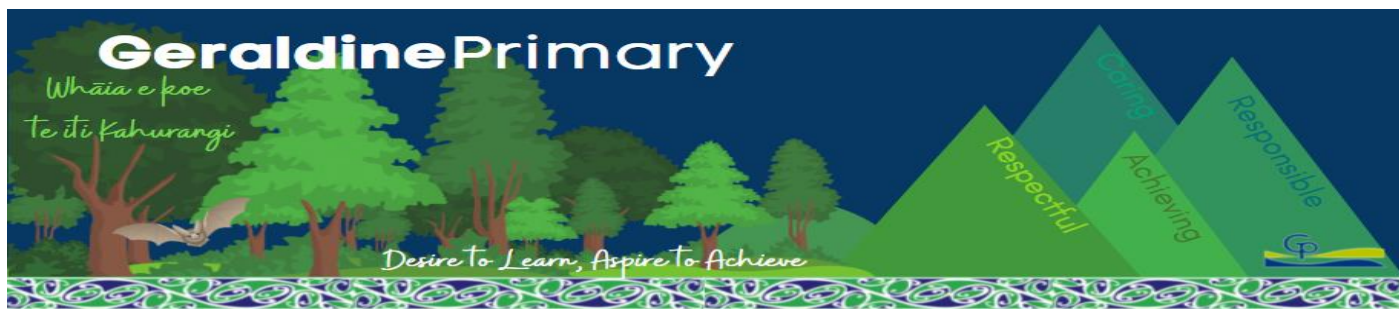




Newsletter/Pānui

Friday 29 November 2024

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<u>Important Dates:</u> Wednesday 11th December – class transitions 10am – 10.45am Wednesday 11th December – school reports sent home Wednesday 11th December – Pool Mix & Mingle 2.45pm - 3.45pm Friday 13th December – Prize Giving 9.30am - 10.30am Friday 13th December – Carols on the Domain – 11.30am	

Principal's Kōrero

Kia ora koutou whānau and welcome to our Pānui.

As we begin to come to the close of another year in Geraldine Primary's history, I would like to acknowledge the incredible amount of mahi from all members of our school and wider community, particularly in reference to our 3 strategic goals:

- I. Enhance our positive learning environment for students to reach their full potential
- II. Enrich our staff capabilities and wellbeing
- III. Continue to build and foster relationships with our whānau and wider community

I truly believe that we have been successful in working to achieve our goals and initiatives. We have seen stronger links formed with our community and whānau; our students have been given a more prominent voice within our kura and our kaiako have taken part in thought provoking professional development. I will be posting our completed strategic review at the end of term.

During our last whole school assembly, I had the pleasure in awarding many 80 gotchas and 100 gotchas. A massive well done to all of those who continue to demonstrate our four school values; caring, achieving, responsible and respectful. We also congratulated our year group athletic winners.

Last Tuesday 16 competitors from GPS competed in the Caroline Bays Relay, hosted by Aoraki Cross Country. This is a fast paced competition with each runner completing a 1.8km track. The Yr 5 Girls team are to be congratulated on a 3rd placing with a total time of 34.00 minutes.

The Yr 6 Girls team a close 9th with a time of 36.50mins.

The Boys teams were placed 8th with a time of 32.31 and 11th with 33.37. Well done to the students competing as I know this is a tough competition. Thank you once again to the parents for their assistance on the day.

On Tuesday 26th November, Mrs Hanrahan took 19 students to the SC Athletics at Aorangi Park, Timaru. The students competing are to be congratulated on the school values they displayed and the results they attained as a group.

The sprints are always a popular feature and well done to Charlie and Lachlan Trevathan on their wins in these events. We also had success in High Jump with Piper Jordan Thomas and in Long Jump with Nikau Shand and Ava Murphy. Plus, a 2nd in the Under 9 Girls relay event.

Another event that is gaining momentum at this sports event is the section catering for Athletes with Disabilities - well done to Hayden Eggleton for his placings in the 50m and 100m sprint.

Thank you to Karen Blok for the managing and guidance of the team, it certainly was appreciated.

This term I have had the fortune to take 6 Year 5 students to the Men's Shed. This initiative with the Men's Shed started last year and we are now into our third project with them. This term the students worked together to make Weta motels. It is wonderful to watch how our students interact and listen so intently to each instruction and guidance. They are taught how to use only hand tools and are continually using maths throughout the whole process. Next week we are going into Talbot Forest to meet members of DOC to hang up the Weta motels.

As a board we have made the decision to increase the activity fee from \$30 to \$40. This increase is never taken lightly, but it does reflect the ever-increasing cost of booking external shows and visiting performers. Please remember that the school has accepted to be part of the MOE donations scheme, so we will not be asking for the \$60 donation in 2025.

The board have recently changed our policy around dogs on school grounds. It now states: Geraldine Primary School values the benefits that interactions with animals can bring to our school community.

Disability assist dogs and support/therapy dogs are welcome at Geraldine Primary School and may be allowed inside school buildings.

We encourage appropriate behaviour when interacting with dogs so that students have a positive experience and to reduce the risk of accident or injury.

We have changed this policy as Anna Clubb, our new Family Support worker, will be accompanied by Luna her therapy labrador. Please come and see me if you would like further clarification.

From Monday December 2nd our school pool will be open for students during school time, so please remember to pack togs and a towel. We will be selling our school pool key to whānau from Monday 16th December. The cost of this key will be \$65 for the season, and you will receive \$10 back when the key is returned.

On Wednesday 11th December the children will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher and classmates for 2025. This is an extremely positive experience and helps to ease any anxiety. We will also be sending reports home via email at the end of this day. Our Year 6 students have also been very busy with lots of different transition type of activities. This week they visited the High School and last week Mr Cooper and Mrs Crammond came over to answer any questions.

Our Community Engagement group will be holding a mix and mingle on Wednesday 11th December from 2.45pm - 3.45pm, this will be at the school pool. This is an opportunity for you to connect with other parents, have some kai and for your children to have a swim. I hope you can find time to join us.

Breakfast BBQ today was outstanding. It was great to see so many whānau coming to support our room 1 and room 2 students. I know that the children put in so much effort and energy in designing stalls that would be interactive, fun and profitable. Unofficially, the children have raised \$1617.

This afternoon Mrs Leov and I took our 2024 school leaders to Barkers for a celebration lunch. It is wonderful to be able to say a huge thank you for their incredible mahi over the year. They have been a positive voice for our school and helped to organise so many great events. We then visited Waihi Lodge to sing Christmas Carols.

We take great pride in ensuring our school has lots of wonderful and exciting opportunities.

Thank you once again for your support

Stu Wilcox

Nikau Shand 2 nd Place U9 Long Jump	Successful U9 Relay Team	Year 6 transition day at the High School
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Year group athletic champions



The Year 5 Men's Shed group



Millie and Hudson with their Weta motel



Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following tamariki who won a Gotcha Draw:
Lily, R15; Leo, R13; Lucas, R1; Bethany, R3; Anton, R9; Brianna, R8

PB4L Certificates

		PB4L	Desire/Aspire to Achieve
Tāne Mahuta	Room 6: Room 7: Room 8: Room 9: Room 15:	Eli Uno Riley Anton Vinny	Rylan Eesha Mason Ayla T Tilda
Tāwhirimātea	Room 10: Room 11: Room 13:	Ryder Judah Oscar B	Alexis Selina Megane S
Tangaroa	Room 1: Room 2: Room 3: Room 4:	Riley Piper Lottie C Juliana	Charlotte C Lhiyhan Hosanna Casey

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.

Cuddling Quilts - Geraldine Quilters have kindly offered to families who would like them 'cuddling quilts'. If you would like one for yourself or your child please let me know

Deana Averill, Geraldine Children's Social Worker



MIX AND MINGLE BY THE POOL

You are invited to a "mix and mingle" at the Geraldine Primary School Pool

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 maybe a swim too.

- Refreshments and afternoon tea will be supplied
- These will be just outside the fenced pool area as no food or drinks are to be inside this area
- You are welcome to bring your togs and join the children for a swim if you like



WEDNESDAY 11TH DEC

2.45PM – 3.45PM

AT THE SCHOOL POOL

Home and School News

Cookie Time orders - Pick up from hall on Monday 2.30-3.13 please. If can't collect at this time, please message the Home and School page to arrange an alternate time.

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

Community Notices

GERALDINE GYMNASTICS



Gym classes for ages 5-12 years, Monday afternoons in Term one at GHS gymnasium

Spaces are limited and we're looking for more volunteer coaches (training and support provided).

To register a gymnast please use the following link <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/312091>

To enquire about volunteering please email geraldinegymnastics@gmail.com