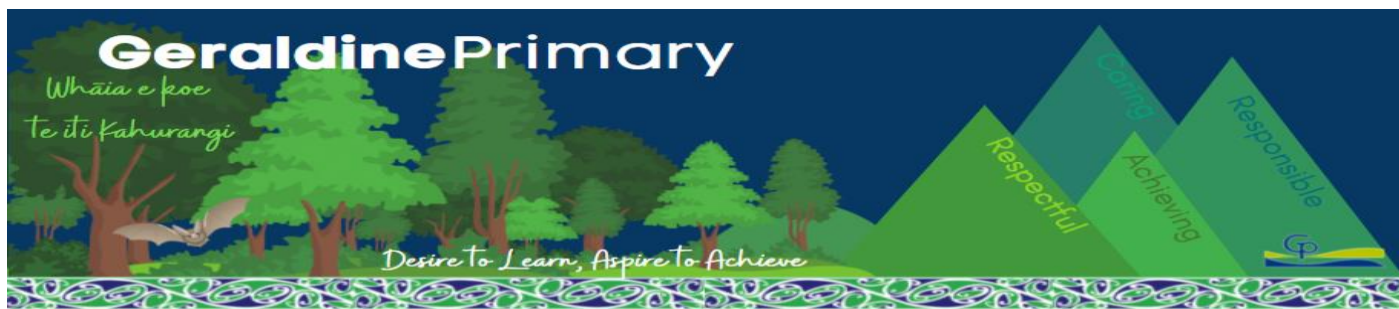




Newsletter/Pānui 4

Friday 18 October 2024

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<u>Important Dates:</u> Friday 25th October – Pet Day Monday 28th October – Labour Day Tuesday 29th October – TOD Thursday 31st October – Pet Day Postponement	

Principal's Kōrero

Kia ora koutou whānau and welcome to our Term 4 Pānui.

It is so good to see all the children back to school.

Please remember that in Term 4 we wear blue sun hats when going outside and it is essential to slip slap slop before coming to school. This will help us all to stay protected from the sun.

Our building work is really progressing, and we are still aiming to be completed by the end of this term. However, please do not park in the old staff carpark, which is currently the builder's car park. This will help us to prevent any unnecessary accidents or incidents. Thank you in advance.

Geraldine Primary would like to congratulate Mrs Strowger on her recent news that she is expecting a baby. Term 4 will be her last term before she goes on maternity leave for 2025. I am sure that all of you will celebrate in this great news.

Already in Term 4, 6 students have visited the Men's Shed, and our Year 6 students have been to the High School for a transition day, which included low ropes and a scavenger hunt. Currently all our children are practising for athletics, and I have seen some great science experiments.

Please remember that Friday 25th October is our school, Pet Day and all whānau are welcome to come, with or without pet.

All students will be expected to wear school uniform and come to school normal time, unless they are bringing a pet.

If they are bringing a pet they will arrive between 10-10.30am to set up.

At 10.45am judging, leading and handling will begin. This will involve some questions from the judges and then the lambs, dogs and calves completing an obstacle course.

All students will get a chance to walk around our school field and the hall and see all the different animals throughout the day.

We will have a whole school picnic at 12pm, where whānau are welcome to join us. Year 0-2 teddies will also be having a picnic.

The Home and School will provide a sausage sizzle - \$2 per sausage and we will have a coffee cart on site from 11 – 12.30.

At 12.30 we will have Pet Fancy Dress, and this will be followed by the Grand Parade.

After the Grand Parade students with pets will go home and all other students will go back to class unless otherwise stated.

Please see below for a more detailed plan and map.

Lastly, we are beginning to look at are classes for 2025. Unfortunately, I can't specify the classes and teachers as we are still working on that. However, please email me at principal@geraldine.school.nz if you would like us to consider certain combinations. The closing date for receiving any emails is Friday 8th November.

Kia kaha, kia toa, kia manawanui - be strong, be bold, be steadfast.

Ngā mihi

Stu Wilcox

Our new Men's Shed recruits 	The children learning to measure and saw accurately 	Year 6 trying out their ballon carts 
One of the Year 6 transition activities 	Our Year 6 students working with Carew students 	Some of our ex-students giving our Year 6 children a guided tour 

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.

Geraldine Primary School Athletics 2024

Monday 11th November/ pp Wednesday 13th November, Geraldine Domain and Football Fields
Junior classes - morning only. Seniors - all day
More specific information will follow on Friday 1st November

Community Notices

SPELD NZ is a not-for-profit organisation that specialises in assisting people with dyslexia and other specific learning disabilities. For more than 50 years, we've helped many thousands of New Zealand children and adults nationwide. We offer training and professional development for families, and caregivers.

We are delivering our **Introduction to Specific Learning Disabilities course in your area** on **Thursday the 31st of October and Friday the 1st of November** (9am to 4pm). Please find below details for ways to contact us to find information on what the course entails.

Contact us Please feel free to get in touch with us to find out other ways we can help you:
• 0800 773 536 (Ext 3 or 5) • Email nationaloffice@speld.org.nz • Contact Page of our website. Speld.org.nz



Cheap As
Meal & Gardening Ideas

In association with the
Geraldine-St Andrews Foodbank

September 25th, October 30th &
November 27th – 5-6:30 pm – St Andrews
Church hall

Come join us for an evening of affordable
and delicious meal ideas for families and
individuals. Feed yourself or a family on
a budget.

Learn cheap easy vegetables to grow.

A tin donation for the Geraldine
Foodbank is appreciated.

Electronic Speed Sign Not Working?

Around many Timaru District Schools, there are electronic speed signs that switch on and off during programmed periods
If you notice damage to these signs or can see a fault,
please let us know!

Phone 03 687 7200 or report it online
www.timaru.govt.nz/tell-us/fix-it-form



NOTRICKSLOTSOF TREATS!
31 OCTOBER 5.00-7.30PM
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH GROUNDS WILSON ST

SPECIAL TREATS! THE LIGHT PARTY WILL BE OPEN TO PRESCHOOL/KINDY CHILDREN FROM 2-3PM - A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO BRING THEM ALONG TO THE BOUNCY CASTLES WITHOUT THE BIG KIDS IN THE WAY!

LIGHT PARTY
A POSITIVE ALTERNATIVE TO HALLOWEEN
SUPPORTED BY THE TDC

TUG O WAR
DRESS UP (OPTIONAL)
BOUNCY CASTLES!
LOLLY SCRAMBLE
FREE! OR BY DONATION
FOOD! GAMES! CRAFTS!
Sideshows
Please no scary or spooky masks or costumes

THIS EVENT IS RUN BY ST ANDREW'S GERALDINE - CHECK LIGHTPARTYGERALDINE ON FACEBOOK FOR CANCELLATION IF NEEDED

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PET DAY MAP



Pet Day - Friday 25th October

(Postponement date - Thursday 31st October)

10.00 - 10.30am - Children and parents arrive at school with their pet

- Entry for larger animals will be through the gate beside the dental clinic.
- There will be no parking in the school grounds but if you are bringing a larger animal for example, a calf, you will be able to bring your vehicle and trailer onto the school grounds to drop off your animal.
- The hall will be open for animals such as cats, fish, rabbits and guinea pigs.
- Please see the attached map for where each animal will be.
- We will be using the posts of the school fence to tie the animals to. Each post will be marked out to ensure the animals are well spaced out.
- It is essential that you or your child remains with your pet at all times to ensure that they are kept under control.

10.45 am Judging, Leading and Handling

- A judge will be coming round to ask each child some questions about their pet. These might include questions on care and attention, leading and handling and knowledge of their pet.
- Lambs, dogs and calves will have an obstacle type course to complete.

12.00 - 12.30 Whole school picnic.

- The **Year 0-2** children and their teddies will be joining us.
- Home and School will be having a sausage sizzle, \$2 per sausage.
- Casey and her coffee cart will be on site from 11am-12.30.

12.30 - 12.45 Pet Fancy Dress

- Age categories **Year 3 & 4** and **Year 5 & 6**.
- First, Second, Third prizes awarded.

1.00 Grand Parade

- All animals suitable for this will be parading in a circle on the top field for the whole school to watch and enjoy.
- All pets are to be taken home at the end of the Grand Parade and children with
pets are welcome to leave too.
- All other children will return to class but may be picked up early from there.
- Children will require sun hats, drink bottles and lunch or money for lunch. You

Will need to bring a water container for your pet. This can be filled up at the tap outside the hall.

- As this is our first Pet Day, times are approximate and a guide only.

A packet or tin of dog or cat food to donate to the SPCA would be appreciated.

Ngā mihi

Student Council 2024