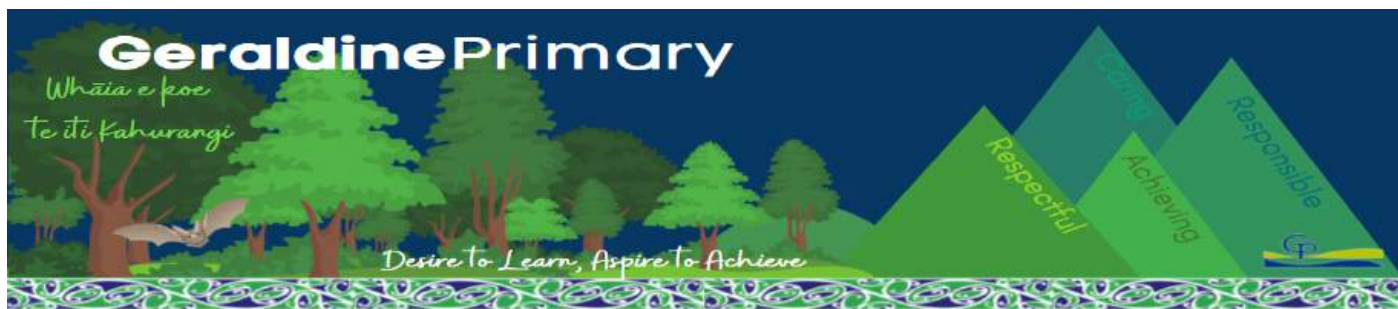




NEWSLETTER/PĀNUI

Friday 12 September 2025

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<u>Important Dates:</u> • Monday 15th September – Kapa Haka GHS Festival – 4:30pm–6:00pm • Friday 19th September – Principal's Assembly (1.30pm) & End of Term	

Principal's Kōrero

Kia ora koutou whānau and welcome to our Pānui.

🎭 School Production: *What Lies Between Light and Dark*

Back in May, Geraldine Primary School embarked on a very special journey — creating a whole school production. It was an ambitious project that brought together magic, colour, powerful sound, and a stage worthy of the West End. After many hours of learning dances, practising lines, and rehearsing, our tamariki were ready for the show of the year — and the final performance did not disappoint.

Our tamariki were outstanding. The lead roles showed true talent, while the chorus helped weave the whole show together. From the moment the lights went up, the audience was captivated by the professionalism of every performer. The story was beautifully told through speech and dance, evoking emotion and empathy throughout.

This was a huge challenge, but everyone rose to it with resilience, effort, and creativity. The positive feedback has been overwhelming, and we are incredibly proud of what our kura has achieved.

Productions like this are only possible with the support of a loving and caring community. Thank you to everyone who contributed — you helped bring the story alive.

A very special thanks also to our incredible kaiako. The culture they nurture at Geraldine Primary makes opportunities like this possible and helps us achieve our goal of bringing our community together.

📷 Capturing the Magic

A huge thank you to our talented photographers, Christopher and Kylie Pickford, who generously spent their evenings at the production capturing hundreds of moments. They have kindly shared 70 stunning photographs with us. Our plan is to have these printed and displayed at school for whānau to enjoy, with the option to purchase copies as keepsakes.

🎧 We also wish to thank Ian Moore for recording the Thursday evening performance. We have now received the link and are working on the best way to share this with whānau.

🌟 Lions Speech Competition Success

Whilst our school was performing on Thursday evening, Lucy Avery was representing Geraldine Primary in the final of the Lions Speech Competition. For the past two years, our kura has been the overall winner — so the pressure was on! Lucy did not disappoint, and we are incredibly proud of her achievement. Well done, Lucy! 🎉

😷 Sickness Across the School

Over the last few weeks, both tamariki and kaiako have been affected by a range of illnesses. We kindly ask that you keep children at home if they are unwell, as this helps us keep school open for learning. At times, we may need to combine classes if we are unable to find relievers — thank you for your understanding and support with this.

📅 End of Term 3 – Principal's Assembly

Next week is the last week of Term 3. We will be holding our Principal's Assembly on **Friday 19th September at 1.30pm**. At this assembly, we will celebrate with Principal's Certificates, the Whānau Trophy, and a few special performances. We warmly invite you to join us if you are able.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our newly appointed School Board for 2026. They are Alicia Pridham, Carolin Loeffler, Chenay Swanepoel and Suzanne Pethig. I look forward to working with them and seeing how we can drive our school further.

Wow! I have just returned from watching our incredible Kapa Haka tamariki perform at the Flava Festival. What an absolute treat! We were all privileged to experience a stunning display of power, emotion, and culture.

It was wonderful to see Woodbury School, Winchester School, and Geraldine Primary School performing together – a true symbol of kotahitanga.

A huge thank you to everyone involved, and in particular to Ben Robertson, whose inspirational coaching has guided and uplifted our tamariki throughout this journey.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support.

Stu Wilcox

Photographs from our inspiring production



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Kapa Haka performance at Flava



Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following tamariki who won a Gotcha Draw:
Ava, R1; Nizar, R10; Niall, R8; Ada, R4; Uno, R3; Ryder, R3

PB4L Certificates

		PB4L	Desire/Aspire to Achieve
Tāne Mahuta	Room 6: Room 7: Room 8: Room 9:	Finau Eleanor Porter -	- Jairo Mac Harry Mc
Tāwhirimātea	Room 10: Room 11: Room 12: Room 13:	Jack J Izzy P Aurora Blake D	Kade H Xavier Mateo Leon F
Tangaroa	Room 1: Room 2: Room 3: Room 4: Room 5:	Violet Levi Uno Felicity Christian	Anaia Bethany Aila Nikau Oliver T

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.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please let the office know if you have changed your address so that we can keep our records up to date.

THANK YOU to all parents who have been contacting the office when your child has been unwell.

REMINDER to the parents of bus students. Please be waiting at the bus stop to receive your children after school. If no adult is waiting, children will be brought back to school and the parents phoned to collect.

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

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

Closed from: Friday 19th September,
Reopening on: Monday 6th October.

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 and one of our clinicians will contact you.



Calling Cricketers of ALL ages!!

Fill the in the google form via the QR code below by the 30th September 2025 to register your interest for the summer 25/26 season for all teams.

**Players for Junior Grades, 2nd Grade and
3rd Grade wanted!!**

Inquiries to - geraldinecricketclub@gmail.com
Hamish - 0272043036



West End Lawn Bowling Club

Have a Go Days

Looking for something fun, free, and a little different these holidays?

Come down to our "Have a Go" days.
Suitable for Year 4-8 students

**25TH SEPTEMBER
&
2ND OCTOBER
2025**

1:30-3PM

**WEST END LAWN
BOWLING CLUB**

9A Maltby Avenue,
West End, Timaru

**Bowls supplied
No experience needed**

Grab some friends, and roll into a relaxed day of outdoor fun!
A family outing - just turn up and have a go
Enquiries to Ross on 021 0274 2315

Holiday activity

MISSION: Predator Free

Thursday 2nd October
10 - 11.30am

\$5 per child - prebook

Become a nature detective by making a tracking tunnel to monitor what's in your backyard and learn how you can protect New Zealand's native animals.

BE A PREDATOR DETECTIVE

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Lovelock Kids Mile

25th October 2025

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Register Online



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Levels Raceway Timaru

SCHOOL HOLIDAY BAKING CHALLENGE

HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT BAKES?

- ✓ Learn to bake 3 delicious recipes these school holidays.
- ✓ FREE fun from the comfort of your own home.
- ✓ \$200 worth of prizes to give away!
- ✓ Suitable for all ages and skill levels.

Tue 30th Sep to Thur 2nd October



REGISTER NOW:
www.bakewithme.co.nz/schoolholidaybaking

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FREE

Sausage Sizzle · Face painting
Mainly Music session
Giant bubbles · Playdough · Soft play
Rockpainting · Kids movies
& more

**11am - 1pm
SATURDAY 4th OCT 2025
at the Geraldine Domain PLAYGROUND**

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

23RD SEPTEMBER - 3RD OCTOBER

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HOLIDAY PROGRAMME CALENDARS OUT SOON!



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2025

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