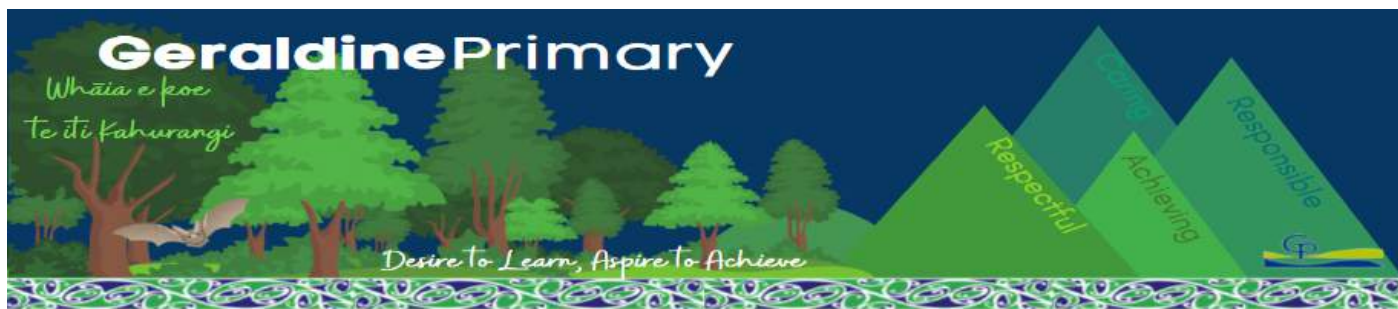




NEWSLETTER/PĀNUI

Friday 19 September 2025

<u>Contact information:</u> Stuart Wilcox – Principal principal@geraldine.school.nz Office – Ph 03 693 8208 office@geraldine.school.nz Website: https://www.geraldineprimary.school.nz/	<u>Term Dates:</u> Term 4 6 October - 12 December
 Important Dates – Term 4 • Monday 6th October – Start of Term 4 • Friday 24th October – Staff Development Day (<i>MOE instructed – school closed for students</i>) • Monday 27th October – Labour Day (<i>school closed</i>) • Tuesday 28th October – School Photographs • Monday 3rd November – Athletics Day	

Principal's Kōrero

Kia ora koutou whānau,

Wow – we have reached the end of Term 3, and what an exceptionally busy and exciting term it has been! Geraldine Primary is proud to offer a wide range of engaging opportunities for our tamariki, and this term they have been involved in:

- Life Education
- Making costumes and props
- Lots of rehearsals
- Whānau Basketball
- Kiwi Sport: Golf & Squash
- Bill Westwood Speech
- Men's Shed visits
- Lion's Reading Programme
- Waihi Lodge visit
- Year 6 PE with GHS
- Open School Day
- Tangaroa Ski Trip
- Tangaroa Speech Final
- Otago Medical Students visit
- Daffodil Day
- Lion's Speech Final
- Production Week

- Flava Festival
- Kapa Haka GHS Showcase
- PALS lunchtime activities
- Mohio Drama

All of this would not be possible without the ongoing help and support of our wonderful whānau and extended community — thank you!

A big congratulations to all our **Principal's Award** recipients. To those who didn't receive an award this term, please know that your mahi, effort, and positive attitude do not go unnoticed.

Whānau Points

This term, whānau points came from basketball, gotchas, and positive attitudes during Kotahitanga hui. The results are:

Term 3 Results

- 1st – **Kōwhai** – 136 points
- 2nd – **Whero** – 130 points
- 3rd – **Kahurangi** – 120 points
- 4th – **Kākāriki** – 118 points

Ka rawe, Kōwhai — a wonderful achievement!

Overall Results (Terms 1–3)

- 1st – **Whero** – 299 points
- 2nd – **Kōwhai** – 296 points
- 3rd – **Kākāriki** – 294 points
- 4th – **Kahurangi** – 292 points

Holiday Wishes

Finally, we wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday. Enjoy this well-deserved break, and we look forward to seeing you all back at school on **Monday 6th October**.

Ngā mihi nui,

The Geraldine Primary Team

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following tamariki who won the End of Term Gotcha Draw:
Elina, R3; Lena, R5; Olivia L, R5; Mila, R3; Ariella, R10; Lottie S, R2

Principal Award Certificates

	Principal's Award Certificate
Room 1	Eric Jimson
Room 2	Ruby
Room 3	Hendrix Newton
Room 4	Elise Parish
Room 5	Melody Nolan
Room 6	Sophia Perez
Room 7	Rylan Allen
Room 8	Tilda McSweeney
Room 9	Noah Aulicino
Room 10	Nycole Bagasol
Room 11	Samuel Valor
Room 12	Quinton Polasek
Room 13	Carson Dear

Community Notices

TENNIS SOUTH CANTERBURY

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

30th Sept, 1st, 2nd of Oct. 2025 | Trusts Aerod Tennis Centre
27 Berriman Ave, Timaru

Under 8's
11am - 1:00pm
\$15/day

8+Yrs
1:00pm - 2:00pm
\$30/day

Booking Available ONLINE
www.tennissouthcanterbury.co.nz
Registration closes Monday 29th September 2025
Contact: 027 223 8681 (Brigitte)

THE VICARAGE
GERALDINE

HOUSEKEEPER WEEKENDS

We are looking for a cheerful and energetic person to join our close-knit team over the busy summer months at the Vicarage.

This is a casual position and hours vary between 9.30am-2pm.

A high standard of cleaning and attention to detail are a must.

EMAIL:
admin@thevicaragegeraldine.co.nz
OR: call Brigitte on 027 223 8681

Geraldine Athletics Club
(affiliated with Athletics NZ, Canterbury Athletics and Mid South Sub Centre)

Registrations opening soon!!!

Athletics training is a fun way to maintain fitness for winter sports, have great fun and meet new friends on our warm summer evenings. Enter competition meets or just come to learn new skills

Our 2025/26 season will begin on **8th October, 5.45pm** Geraldine Domain Oval.
Training nights will be Wednesday nights from 5.45pm at the Geraldine Domain on Hislop St.
Athletes welcome to register from age 6 - 100+ years (as at 31st Dec 25)

Have you thought about Coaching?
We are always on the lookout for new coaching team members to support our Athletes. If you would like to join the team in any way please contact the Club:
Jo 021 2211234; Corey 027 693 5489
or message us on Facebook

For more information on our Club visit:
W: <http://www.sporty.co.nz/geraldineathletics>
F: <https://www.facebook.com/geraldineathletics>

Geraldine Children Social Work Trust

The Trust is funded by grants and fundraising to pay the Salaries of the two social workers working in the schools and early childhood centres in the Geraldine district.

The trust has been offered an opportunity to sell lily and freesia bulbs. A sheet is attached for colours.



**Geraldine Children
Social Work Trust**

"Tautokohia te tamaiti!"
"Support the child!"

Name:

Phone Number:

School:

Amount Paid. \$

Lily Bulb Order Form

(sold in bags of 4 bulbs, single varieties only. Double 2 bulbs per bag). \$11 per bag.

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Bellville (Yellow OT) | ☐ | 2. Shine On (Yellow OT) | ☐ |
| 2. Casablanca (white Oriental) | ☐ | 4. Siberia (white Oriental) | ☐ |
| 5. Concor D'or (yellow OT) | ☐ | 6. Sorbonne (pink oriental) | ☐ |
| 7. Kandango (Pink DOUBLE) | ☐ | 8. Table Dance (pink OT) | ☐ |
| 9. Master (Pink OT) | ☐ | 10. Tisento (white OT) | ☐ |
| 10. Pure Passion (red OT) | ☐ | 11. White Tornado (white double) | ☐ |
| 12. Red Eyes (red O) | ☐ | 13. Yellow Strike (yellow OT) | ☐ |
| 14. Redford (red OT) | ☐ | | |

Freesia Bulb Order Form

Sold in bags of 20 bulbs, single varieties only) \$6.00 per bag

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| Survivor (yellow) | ☐ | Verona (light blue) | ☐ |
| Delta River (Blue) | ☐ | Gold River (yellow) | ☐ |

Please email your order to trustee Susan Pooke at susanp@geraldine.school.nz as soon as possible. Payment preferably should be made online to the GCSWT account 03 -0839-0115137-000. **Please include name and school as Particulars and reference.** (Alternatively, a cash payment can be made to Susan Pooke at the Geraldine Primary School Office.)



Enrol for 2026

Choosing a school is a big decision. Here at GHS, we combine the warmth and tight-knit feel of a rural community with the resources and opportunities typically found in a larger urban school.

Here are some of the reasons why we think you should choose GHS as your school:

- A welcoming, inclusive, family-oriented environment with strong community links
- All the benefits of a big city school in a rural setting
- A supportive and comprehensive learning environment that prepares students for a successful future
- Dedicated homeroom & outdoor spaces for the year 7 and 8 students
- Specialised teachers for our Year 7 and 8 students to help them smoothly transition into high school
- Mixed year-level whānau classes where older students mentor their younger peers
- Strong sporting and cultural opportunities across all year levels
- A full performing arts calendar, including a school production and our famous talent show
- Camps and EOTC opportunities throughout the school
- Weekly electives that allow students to experience a variety of subjects outside the homeroom and normal timetabled classes
- An inclusive Learning Support Department, with superb pastoral care for all students
- A dedicated wellbeing team of deans and counsellors accessible by any student

So, why choose Geraldine? Because here, we're not just a school; we're a community dedicated to helping every student thrive.

Live out of zone?

We have 30 spaces available, and out-of-zone applications are open from 15th September 2025 to 15th October 2025 and you will be notified shortly after that.

Student enrolments for 2026

If you have already decided on Geraldine as your school of choice for secondary learning for your student, we welcome you to [enrol online](https://geraldinehs.school.nz) at geraldinehs.school.nz. Alternatively, phone 639 0017 or email office@geraldinehs.school.nz if you would like an application sent to you.

For more information, please visit our website geraldinehs.school.nz or contact us for a visit.

