



Newsletter/Pānui

Friday 31st May 2024

Term 2 Week 5

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<u>Important Dates:</u>	
King's Birthday next Monday 3rd June - school is closed. - Next week is Book Week at GPS. We will send out more information this week but a heads up that it is book character dress up day on Friday 7th June. Matariki Festival June 26 th 5 – 6.30pm	

Principal's Kōrero

Kia ora koutou whānau and welcome to our Pānui.

In my last newsletter I explained how staff at Geraldine Primary School are on a journey to build our knowledge and understanding of the brain, our emotions and regulation. This is helping everyone to have a clearer picture of our students and develop positive relationships. On Friday, during Teacher Only Day, we will be looking at how we can use this research to help build a framework that will benefit our whole community and encourage continuity and consistency across our Kura. Please take some time to read another brief snapshot from our learnings.

Things don't always go as planned at school. From time to time we see stress responses from our students. Yes, stress response, as in the body's response to stress. This is the term that has replaced 'behaviour' and is backed by modern science.

Our understanding of learning, how the brain works, and the importance of connections and relationships has evolved since we were all students at school.

One of the things we've probably all experienced, either directly or indirectly, is someone 'misbehaving' or responding to stress. When something happened, it was always followed up by a consequence. Back in the day it was largely punitive, so in other words the student was punished.

Fast forward to the present day, and we still follow up incidents with a consequence, and more often than not, that consequence is a conversation. This doesn't mean we let kids get away with it, or let kids do whatever they want. It simply means we understand that underneath the stress response lies what is really going on. Because we understand stress and the impact on the brain and body so much better nowadays it means we can meet everyone with compassion and understanding, rather than just punishment - which doesn't work, and has never worked.

This response (rather than a reaction) is designed so that everyone involved gets to walk away with their mana.

Since my last newsletter Geraldine Primary School has been so busy with lots of great opportunities.

Tangaroa Syndicate are again enjoying golf coaching with Chris from Denfield Golf Club.

For the next three weeks the students will be using adapted golf clubs to learn how to chip, putt and drive. GPS really appreciate Chris coming to our school and if any students would like to take up golf, please contact Chris via Denfield for further details.

Congratulations to all our students who participated in our school cross country on Monday at Kennedy Park. They all showed grit and determination as they made their way around the various cross-country courses and through to the finish line!

Many thanks to the parents and whānau who came along to support.

The top 5 students in the **Year 5 and 6 Competitive** categories will go through to represent our school at the South Canterbury cross country held at Waihi School on Tuesday 11th June. There will be more details given out to those students and their families that this applies to.

It was super exciting to take six year 6 students to Waihi Lodge. Watching different generations communicating so naturally was such a positive experience and we thoroughly enjoyed building relationships. Our students will be regularly visiting Waihi Lodge over the year.

Last Wednesday our staff started the day with an early Pink Ribbon breakfast together, in support of the Breast Cancer Foundation.

I am so proud of all our students, and it is great to celebrate in their achievements, inside and outside of school. Molly Fetu, who is in Year 6, made a guest appearance at the ABC of music, a fund-raising event at St Mary's Church last Sunday. Ka pai Molly.

Thank you so much in advance for your ongoing support.

Stu Wilcox



Golf coaching in the hall.

Student leaders at Waihi Lodge.



Molly Fetu performing at the ABC of music.



Cross Country on Monday.

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Geraldine Primary Staff supporting the Pink Ribbon breakfast at Barkers.



Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following tamariki who won a Gotcha Draw:
Moosa, R8; Lucah, R9; Cohen, R10; Charlotte C, R1; Millie, R1; Felicity, R11

PB4L Certificates

		PB4L	Desire/Aspire to Achieve
Tāne Mahuta	Room 6: Room 7: Room 8: Room 9:	Rylan Arlo Sonny H Sean	Emelia Leonard Billy P Annabelle
Tāwhirimātea	Room 10: Room 11: Room 13:	Zoe Flynn Yara	Johnnie Mahe Matthew
Tangaroa	Room 1: Room 2: Room 3: Room 4:	Taylah Lhiyhan Lottie C Krystal	Charlotte C Jessica M Skyla Reed

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.

BOOK WEEK

GPS will be holding a book week in week 6 from Tuesday 4 June to Friday 7 June. The purpose of the week is to continue to promote reading for pleasure across the school. During the week we will have some special guests visit the school with a passion for books, teachers will take turns to read some of their favourite books to different classes, the Home and School will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair and the week will conclude with a Dress Up Day where everyone is encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character. We look forward to seeing the creations that the children come up with for this fun day.

Home and School News

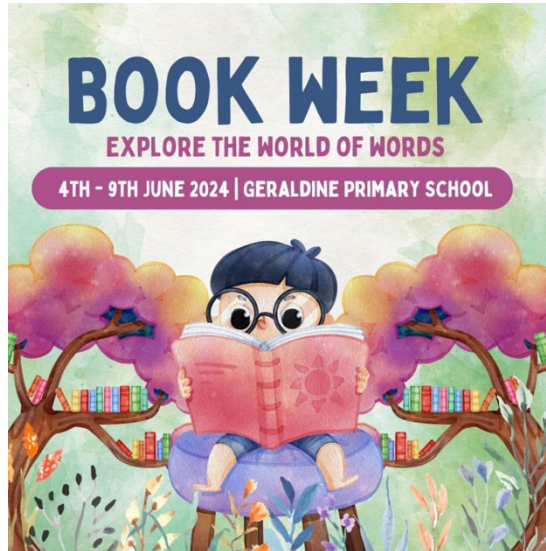
◆◆ Thursday 6th June 2.30pm - 4pm

◆◆ Friday 7th June 8.20am - 9am and 2.30pm - 4pm

◆◆ Saturday 8th June 2pm - 4pm

◆◆ Please note: all purchases made during this event will generate reward points for our Primary School library and allow them to purchase new books with these rewards, so thank you in advance for your support.◆◆

#bookweek #reading #books #bookworm #BookWeek2024



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Community Notices



GERALDINE PRESCHOOL
CONNECT COMMITTEE

QUIZ NIGHT

TUESDAY 25TH JUNE 2024
THE VILLAGE INN 7:00PM

TEAMS OF 4 MAX \$10PP

BRING YOUR DOLLAR BUCKS
RAFFLE PRIZES TO BE WON!!

EMAIL

GERALDINEPRESCHOOL@XTRA.CO.NZ
TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY!

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US FUNDRAISE FOR
OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT FOR OUR TAMARIKI

Prizes

Junk to Funk

Create an outfit from at least 75% recycled materials.

Judging:
Sunday 10th November

Sustainability Festival Fair,
South Canterbury
Eco Centre

Small text: I shall go to the ball By Melissa James 2023

Categories / Entries

Year 1-8 \$5	Year 9-13 \$10	Adults \$20
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Closing date Thursday 24th October
Email ecocentrefriends@gmail.com for an entry form