



Newsletter/Pānui 4

Friday 15th March 2024

Term 1 Week 7

<p><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/</p>	<p><u>Term Dates:</u> Term 1 31 January - 12 April Term 2 29 April - 5 July Term 3 22 July - 27 September Term 4 14 October - 16 December</p>
<p><u>Important Dates:</u> Wednesday 19 June – Coffee Morning 8.50-9.50, Staffroom – All welcome Wednesday 26 June – Matariki Festival 5-6.30 - see poster below Thursday 27 June - Jump Jam Extravaganza for those involved Friday 28 June – School Closed for Matariki Holiday Friday 5 July – Celebration Assembly 1.30-2.30 b- All welcome Friday 5 July – Last day of Term 2</p>	

Principal’s Kōrero

Kia ora koutou whānau and welcome to our Pānui.

I am so proud to be the Principal of Geraldine Primary School. It is an incredible privilege to be able to interact with our Tamariki in a positive and fun way. Playing at break times and walking through classrooms are my daily highlights and I am lucky to see what the children are learning, how they learn, and to be part of the very well planned and resourced lessons. I know that we have such passionate and conscientious Kaiako at GPS. I am a huge believer in a strengths-based approach. Therefore, when I talk to the children, I am looking to build positive relationships and I always try and find out what they are good at first, this is essential to help build self-esteem and mutual respect. I am also using the terms, red, orange and green brain when I see disagreements or dysregulation. This is really helping the children to understand themselves and build empathy towards others. Presently, we are working on building a school wide framework/programme that will teach our children about our emotions, regulation, the brain, Te Whare Tapa Whā and incorporate our School PB4L values.

The last fortnight has been full of lots of great opportunities and experiences.

Last week we held book week: Belinda from Page & Post Booksellers came in to read to each syndicate in the library. Peter Hill - author of the 'Dad and me' books came in to read and talk to each syndicate in the library. Peter also held a reluctant writer's workshop. Friday, we had Book Character Dress Up Day and Parade; Literacy Quiz questions each day on notices; Book Emoji Pictionary; Scavenger Hunt in Library; Bookmark Colouring Competition and an Extreme Reading Photographic competition. Thank you so much to our staff and in particular, Miss Bathgate, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Lovelock for their planning and organisation. Our amazing Home and School gave up their valued whānau time to organise, set up and run a Scholastics

book fair during the week and weekends. Their mahi and your support has helped to raise over \$1500 towards new books in our library.

Well done to our Year 5 and Year 6 team of boys and girls cross country runners. We had some outstanding individual results with Lachie Trevathan and Krystal Courage achieving first place and Pheobe Buchanan finishing 4th. I was so impressed with the nature and spirit in which all our runners competed. Each of them never gave up and kept pushing themselves to the very end. Their team spirit shone through with our Year 5 Girls finishing 2nd overall and our Year 6 Girls finishing 3rd overall.

During our student council meetings, we discussed what changes we would like to see at GPS. They came up with lots of ideas. The Council then got the chance to vote on our three most preferred options. Their top 3 were:

1. Pet day for Year 4 upwards - teddy day for year 3 down
2. Pyjama day
3. Have two soccer goals

The council reps then took these options to classes, and everyone had a chance to vote on their preferred option. This week the Student Council spent the meeting counting the votes. 45% of the school voted for Pet Day for Year 4 upwards - Teddy Day for Year 3 down. Our next job will be to work as a team to make this a reality. Watch this space.

Our aim as a school is to provide excellent and up to date resources and classrooms that are modern, warm, inviting and engaging. Yesterday, we received our first Smart Board. In essence this is a large iPad. It is interactive and allows children to be actively involved with their learning. We have placed this in Room 8 and Mrs Smith is learning how to best use its full capabilities. Excitingly, we have just had plans approved for a complete internal and external refurbishment of rooms 4 and 5. This large body of work will start on July 8th and go through until the end of Term 4. I will be sending through more information on the logistics, health and safety and drawings of what this space will look like. I would like to thank our School Board for supporting this refurbishment and trialling new technology. We are very lucky.

At the end of this term, you will be receiving your child's mid-year report. Please contact your child's classroom teacher if you would like to discuss any of the content.

Please come along to our coffee morning on Wednesday 19th June, from 8.50am - 9.50am in the staff room. This is a great opportunity to connect, and two students will be helping you to learn how to make Matariki Stars.

Thanks once again for your continued support.

Tohaina ō painga ki te ao
Share your gifts with the world

Stu Wilcox

Year 5 and 6 Cross-country Team



Lots of Dr Zeus characters



Great to see lots of Harry Potter characters



Students interacting with the new Smart Board



Flynn Cummings entry for the 'Extreme Reading' competition



The successful Year 6 girls' team who were placed 3rd overall.



Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following tamariki who won a Gotcha Draw:
Melody, R11; Daphne, R4; Franco, R4; Nina, R9; Sonny, R8; Carrog, R3

PB4L Certificates

		PB4L	Desire/Aspire to Achieve
Tāne Mahuta	Room 6: Room 7: Room 8: Room 9:	Leo H Hezekiah V Charlotte J James	Quinton P Soua A Mila
Tāwhirimātea	Room 10: Room 11: Room 13:	Eoghan S	Jaden B
Tangaroa	Room 1: Room 2: Room 3: Room 4:	Jamie W Gustl J Fletcher Levi D	Lachie T Pippa G James S Michaela J

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.

Home and School News

Book Week

Wow!!! What an incredible show of support for our Book Week sale!!! We can't thank you enough!

Every item sold at the book fair gives us scholastic rewards to buy new books for the library so there will be LOTS of new books hitting the shelves soon.

Matariki Evening - Wednesday 26th June

We are always up to something with the committee and next up is supporting the Matariki evening.

The Geraldine Primary School in conjunction with The Home & School would like to invite the community to our night of celebration.

Located in the school hall from 5-6.30pm

What to expect:

- Art show and performance
- Hot Chocolate
- Hot Soup
- Sausage and bread
- Mini sliders
- Barker's hot drinks

All of the above is complimentary and put on by both our Home and School team as well as the Geraldine Primary School.

It is a night for our whole community to come together and celebrate the Māori New Year.

Please remember:

- Dress Warm
- Have fun!
- If you have any questions prior please feel free to email us at gpsHOMEandschool@gmail.com
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- **Follow us on Facebook**
- Did you know we have a Facebook page? Find us at Geraldine Primary Home & School Committee.

Wednesday 26 June

5 - 6:30pm

Nau mai,
haere mai

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT



MATARIKI festival

GERALDINE PRIMARY
SCHOOL HALL

Come and celebrate
Matariki,
the Māori New Year

Reflect, Connect and set Intentions for the New Year

*ART DISPLAYS FROM EACH CLASS
*SHARED KAI&INU (FOOD AND DRINK)
THANKS TO OUR HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

*5:10PM KAPA HAKA
*5:50PM MAU RĀKAU DEMONSTRATION
*GLOW STICKS FOR THE TAMARIKI



GERADLINE PRIMARY SCHOOL: DESIRE TO LEARN, ASPIRE TO ACHIEVE WHAIA E KOE TO ITI KAHURANGI



Desire to Learn, Aspire to Achieve
Whāia e koe te iti kahurangi

Parents and Whānau -

You are invited to a
Coffee Morning,

on

Wednesday 19th June, 8.50 - 9.50am
in the school staffroom.

**This will be an opportunity to meet other parents and
make new connections**


**Two of our wonderful students will be teaching and helping
you to make Matariki Stars.**

Stuart Wilcox- Principal

Everyone welcome

We hope to see you there!

Community Notices

Anglican Care Building healthy communities 

Grief Cafe and Conversation

Explore and share with others their learnings of living and refining hope. Discussing the journey of personal grief.

Throughout South Canterbury

Waimate - Every First Monday at 10am except stat days instead 17th June
at *Community Link Waimate, Glasgow Street*

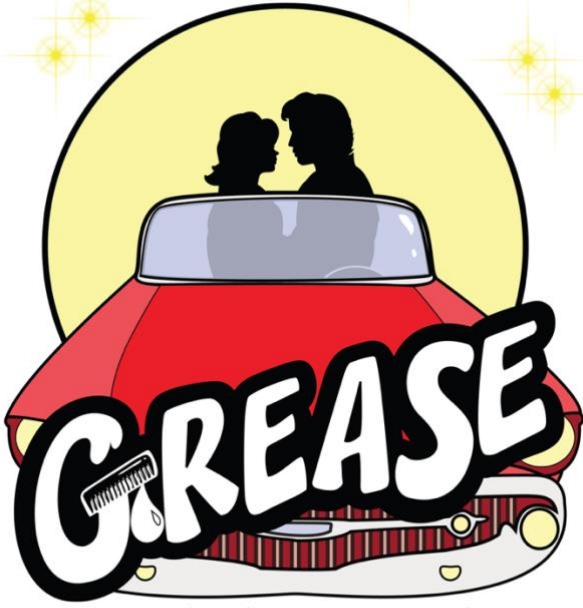
Temuka - Every Second Monday at 10.00am
at *St Peter's Anglican Church on Dyson Street*

Geraldine - Every Second Monday at 1.30pm
at *St Mary's Anglican Church on Talbot Street*

Timaru - Every Third Friday at 1.30pm
at *Timaru District Library*

Contact: Alexia on 0274 623 267
Sue Dickson 0273627593

Book, Music and Lyrics By JIM JACOBS and WARREN CASEY
BY ARRANGEMENT WITH ORIGIN™ THEATRICAL www.origintheatrical.com.au




GREASE

A Geraldine High School Production.
Thursday 27th June – Saturday 29th June

TE KURA TUARUA
O RAUKAPUKA
GERALDINE HIGH SCHOOL

Scan here for show times
and ticket sales



Geraldine Hockey League



Wednesday afternoon, term 3, Geraldine Domain Turf

Funsticks for 5-year-olds – 3.15

Junior League games for year 2-6 from 4pm

League games for year 7/8 from 6pm

To register your interest for players/coaches/volunteers please the following form

<https://forms.gle/7LmYHFxRc6DUt5Mo8>

Or contact Hils McCullough nofrillshils@gmail.com



JUMP JAM EXTRAVAGANZA 2024

**Southern Trust Event Centre
Timaru
Thursday 27th June 2024
9:00am - 3:00pm**

JUMP JAM EXTRAVAGANZA provides an annual showcase of students' enthusiasm and achievement in the Jump Jam schools aerobic programme

Teams from South Canterbury schools will be working on elements of synchronization, movement quality and leadership before bringing their favourite Jump Jam routines to the stage.

**Doors open 8.30am
Everyone Welcome
Gold coin donation on entry**

Event times
9.00am - 10am
Year 1-4 Teams
10.30am - 12.30pm
Year 4-6 Teams
1.00pm - 3pm
Boys & Year 7-8 Teams
Actual times may vary



Mahi Wairākau | Composting Wānanga

Location: 55c Redruth Street, Timaru
(Next to the Crow's Nest)

When: 12pm to 1pm, Tuesday 18th June 2024

This wānanga is an introduction to some of the most commonly used composting systems or methods. It provides an overview of how the different systems work, which contexts they work best in, and what their outcomes (products) are. Part of this wānanga is deciding which composting system would work for you.

This wānanga runs for approximately 60 minutes.

[Register here](#)

