



Newsletter/Pānui 4

Friday 17th May 2024

Term 1 Week 9

<u>Contact information:</u>	<u>Term Dates:</u>
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<u>Important Dates:</u>	
Cross Country Monday 27th May Teacher only Day Friday 31st May Matariki Community Evening Festival Wednesday 26th June	

Principal's Kōrero

Kia ora koutou whānau and welcome to our Pānui.

Geraldine Primary School staff have been busy reading and taking part in workshops about 'the boy who was raised as a dog' and the 'neurosequential model in education'. Our next journey is to use our knowledge and understanding and build an implementation plan that we know will make a difference to students, teachers and whānau. We are keen to share our journey and are learnings with our community.

*'We know that all the good things in life happen when we have access to the **GREEN** brain or the cortex. In that part of the brain we know our students are calm and regulated, can be social and connect with others, have the ability to learn, they can plan ahead and think about tomorrow, next month, next year. They also have access to the concept of cause and effect.*

*If anything dysregulates us, upsets us, frustrates us, startles us, challenges us, or makes us feel unsafe, we automatically drop down to the lower parts of our brain. If we hit the limbic system, our emotional brain, we start losing access to memory and cause and effect doesn't really exist. If we drop even lower to our brain stem, we are in survival mode: fight, flight, freeze. In survival mode nothing in the **GREEN** brain exists!*

Often when we ask students or our children at home why they did something, they typically respond with, 'I don't know.'

Scientifically that is accurate. So as adults we need to be aware of this and also aware of how we respond because often we can become just as dysregulated as the students/child. We shift down to our emotional brain too, and our reactions are not going to be great.

*We know that we need to find ways to get our students and ourselves into the **GREEN** brain, and one of the best ways to do that is breathwork: intentional breathing sequences which can help us go from dysregulation to regulation really quickly. '*

Term 2 has started with an incredible buzz and full of opportunities.

On Monday 6th the Junior syndicate had a fantastic outing visiting the Geraldine Military Museum and a walk through the cross-country course. The children thoroughly enjoyed the hands-on experience and the opportunity to see where they had to run. Below is student voice from room 6:

I went to the army museum, and I liked the tank. Leo Room 6

I went to the museum, and I liked the plane on the TV. Greer Room 6

I went to the museum, and I liked the guns. Eloisa Room 6

I went to the museum, and I liked the siren on the truck. Titan Room 6

Last week the Middle Syndicate went to Peel Forest. They spent time walking up to the big tree and learnt what to do if they get lost in the bush. The Tamariki had a great time making bush shelters.

Our senior Tamariki have been fully immersed in their learning around the ANZACS and war. They complimented their mahi with a trip to the Geraldine Military Museum too. The children loved climbing over the machinery, trying out the uniforms, touching the weapons and using the air raid siren.

"Walking into the loud amazing army museum I didn't know what to say it was so cool." Ruby

"I fired the rifle in the trenches, it was very cool. I wondered what it would be like in the war." Hudson

"I hope I can go back to the Military Museum, I 10/10 recommend it" Lottie C

"Even the bathrooms were military themed" Lottie S

"The tent was very basic. It was an old-fashioned small tarp, so rain and cold, icy wind could come through the side." Maeve

"I walked through the trench; I saw a lot of people running past me and trying to shoot me with a fake gun." Sasha

We were lucky to welcome Woodbury School to our school to take part in Rippa training. This was a wonderful opportunity, and it was great to see both schools working together. I am super proud to say our Team Black and Team Green represented GPS with pride and both teams fought hard during each game. Our Team Green made it to the final where they faced a determined St Joseph's Temuka. At the final whistle the score was 4-2 in favour of St Joseph's. I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the training for both teams and I am so proud of how our students show grit and determination. Well done to everyone.

Geraldine Black

Wednesday 15th of May was South Canterbury's Rippa Rugby Tournament, 13 schools participated in the competition. This was a roller coaster filled with different emotions such as stress, joy, disappointment, and sadness! In the end, Geraldine Green finished 2nd place, and Geraldine Black finished 4th Overall! For both Geraldine teams to finish in the top five was spectacular.

Thank you to Mrs Hanrahan, Mr Wilcox, Mrs Smith, Johnny Burnside and all of the people who helped on the day.

Molly Fetu, Room 1.

Geraldine Green

On Wednesday 15th of May two Geraldine Rippa Teams went into Timaru to compete in a Tournament we played against 6 teams. We were all proud of our efforts. Geraldine Green came 2nd, losing in the finals to Saint Joseph's Temuka 4-2.

Phoebe Buchanan, Room 1

This week the senior syndicate have been busy taking part in Epro 8. For the first time all our students have experienced what it takes to be an engineer. Each team is made up from 4 students and they must work together to build a chosen construction under strict rules and time pressure. I am blown away by their resilience and perseverance.

All these opportunities to take a great deal of organising and managing. Thank you so much to the staff and a huge thanks to all our whānau for your support in driving, managing students, managing teams and just being awesome. We could not do these things without your kindness and generosity.

Please stay warm and remember that my door is always open.

Stu Wilcox

Geraldine Military Museum



Making shelters in Peel Forest



Walking through the bush during the Peel Forest trip



Epro 8 Challenges



Geraldine Military Museum



Rippa Tournament at Ashbury Park



Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following tamariki who won a Gotcha Draw:
 Nikau, R4; Xavier, R13; John, R6; James, R3; Vincent, R2; Grayson, R13.

PB4L Certificates

		PB4L	Desire/Aspire to Achieve
Tāne Mahuta	Room 6: Room 7: Room 8: Room 9: Room 15:	Amanda Haarrison Grace Māia	Titan Joy Ryleigh Ryder Milly
Tāwhirimātea	Room 10: Room 11: Room 13:	Harry Austen Isabelle T	Cohen Charlie Jaxon
Tangaroa	Room 1: Room 2: Room 3: Room 4:	Levi Ollie H Ella Luciano	Millie Madison P Bethany Ada

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.

School Cross Country

This is a reminder that school cross country is Monday 27th May. The first race will be the Juniors at 12.30pm and the last race will be the seniors at approximately 1.45pm. This will be held at Kennedy Park. We will be sending out more information closer to the time.

Casual Teacher Aide Wanted

We are on the search for a superstar to join our teacher aide team in a casual/ relief role. No teacher aide experience needed, but a love of supporting children with kindness and compassion is a must.

If you are interested, please contact Sarah Dunckley (sarahd@geraldine.school.nz)

Thank you to Jennifer for the kind donation of music CD's for our Junior Syndicate.

Reports

Reports for students will be available at the end of this term. Please see below for instructions on how to access these. On the Portal/App you will also be able to see your child's attendance, a digital copy of their reports, and your school account. You will be able to view your contact details, you can then let the office know if they are not correct. You can also use the App to notify absences if you wish.

If your child has started at Geraldine Primary this term they will not get a report but you are most welcome to talk to the class to see how they are settling in.

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How Do I Get My Child's Report Through the App or Portal

How do I log into the edge Portal?

1. Click on the following link [Edge Caregiver Login](#)
2. Type in the email address you have supplied to the school. Click the 'Reset password' link and an email will be sent to you that includes a link allowing you to create your own password.
3. Use email address and new password to enter Portal

How do I log into the edge Mobile App?

1. Downloaded from either Play Store (Android) or App Store (iOS). Search for MUSAC edge.
2. Once installed, make up a 4 digit pin.
3. Type in the email address you have supplied to the school. Click the 'Reset password' link and an email will be sent to you that includes a link allowing you to create your own password.
4. Use email address and new password to enter the edge Mobile App.



Once you have entered the Portal or App you should be able to see your child's:

- Contact details
- Attendance
- Student reports (only the end of 2022 will be published at this stage, this terms report will be published at the end of Term 2)
- School payments (there is only one bill payer loaded per family if you wish to add more please contact Sarah at the office)

(If you have more than one child you will get the opportunity to select each one individually)

You will also be able to:

- Notify School of Attendance

Geraldine Primary Home and School Committee

Our next meeting is **Monday 20th May at 7pm** in the School Staff Room. We always welcome new members and would love to see you there!

We meet once a month or so and support the school with various fundraisers.

We're a friendly bunch so please come along if you would like to find out more about what we do.

If you have any questions prior please feel free to email us at gpschoolandschool@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook

Did you know we have a Facebook page? Find us at *Geraldine Primary Home & School Committee*.

Community Notices

ASHBURTON COLLEGE DRAMA
FUNDRAISER

**SCARED
SCRIPTLESS**

LIVE COMEDY WITH THE
COURT THEATRE JESTERS!

**THURSDAY MAY 23
7PM
ASHCOLL AUDITORIUM**

**TICKETS \$20 FROM ASH COLL
OFFICE 03 308 4193**

RAISING FUNDS TO TRAVEL TO THE
NATIONAL FINALS OF THE SHEILAH
WINN SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

*Do you want to try skiing or snowboarding
this winter?*

*Are you wanting to spend Sundays with
other children and skiing or boarding?*

*Do you want to be a better skier or
snowboarder?*



If you want to know more, come
and hear about the
**Geraldine Snowsports
Academy!**

Date: Thursday 23 May

Time: 5.30pm

Where: Geraldine Primary School

Contact - Simon Coleman, 0275666969