

WOODBURY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Kia ora e te whānau,

We were very lucky to get such amazing weather for **Pet Day**. Thank you to all the parents and family members who came along on the day to bring the animals, it was great talking to the students about their pets and seeing all the amazing artwork and projects they had been working on. We really appreciate the support of the judges who gave up their time, the Home and School for running the BBQ and once again to Louise Nelson for the organisation of the raffle (an amazing \$1168 raised).

Our Year 6's took part in a **native planting restoration** project along the Orari River last week. We weren't too sure what we were getting in for, but this proved to be a really worthwhile experience. While initially planning to plant around 200 trees, the children managed to put 1000 in. This included digging holes, planting, applying fertiliser, placing weed mats, then folding and positioning cardboard predator shields. The children worked solidly for 2 hours, really enjoyed not only the activity itself but also the fact they were making a meaningful contribution to the local environment.

Coming up this week we have "**Gumboot Friday**", which is the first time we have promoted this initiative at school. Gumboot Friday was created by mental health advocate Mike King, raising money to go towards a free counselling service for youth. We encourage children to wear their gumboots (and dress up if they want!) and bring a donation which we can pass onto this organisation. More information about this cause can be found at <https://www.gumbootfriday.org.nz/>

We are looking forward to fine weather for our **Rural Athletics** event, to be held next Friday 10th November at the Geraldine Domain, combined with Carew Peel Forest. The day will start around 9.00am and finish by 2.00pm. We are finalising some details and will send a specific notice regarding this event home soon.

Ngā mihi,

Mike de Joux

Tumuaki / Principal

Term 4 Week 1



NEW STUDENTS



Flynn has joined us in Pekapeka from Geraldine Kindy

LISA WHIFFEN

We heard the incredibly sad news over the weekend that Lisa Whiffen, wife of Damien and mother to Cameron who comes to Woodbury School, passed away. Lisa had been bravely battling cancer over the past few months, after being diagnosed earlier this year. We remember Lisa as being an incredibly supportive parent, easy to engage with and always with the best interests of Cameron in the forefront of her mind. She was a vibrant, funny and intelligent woman, and will be sorely missed.

We have passed on to the family condolences on behalf of the whole Woodbury School community, and our offer of support in any way that can help, at this time and in the future.

The funeral is to be held this Thursday afternoon. While a number of staff will be attending, school will remain open as usual for instruction.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Over Term 4 sausages are available on Fridays for \$2.50 each. Thank you to those of you who have already ordered for the term. You can still order weekly via the google form below. Cut off is 1PM Wednesdays.

[Sausage Sizzle order form Term 4](#)

SCHOOL POOL KEYS

These are available from the office for \$50. The pool will be open from Week 4 of Term (Monday 30th October) through to around the middle of Term 1 next year.

We require some parents to help monitor the pool for a week or so each over the holidays. If you can help with this (there will be a discount on your key!) please let the office know as well.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Order forms went home yesterday for school photos. These need to be returned by Tuesday 14th November, in time to get orders back before the end of Term 4.



PET DAY PHOTOS



CALENDAR AND UPCOMING TERM EVENTS - TERM

We will send out more specific information about certain events and reminders closer to the time. Keep an eye on ClassDojo for schoolwide and class notices.

Please find a very busy [Term 4 Calendar attached](#) (note some dates may be subject to change)

Week 4 (30 October - 3 November)

- Board of Trustees meeting on Monday night.
- After school swimming start on Tuesday 31st October (and then every Thursday and Tuesday for the next 4 weeks).
- Friday the 3rd November will see the school support National Gumboot Day, in support of mental health awareness

Week 5 (6 - 10 November)

- On Monday our Year 3-6 students take part in a fun "Top Teams" event at school, with all sorts of team-building and competitive activities
- Friday 10th November is our annual athletic sports. This is held at the Geraldine Domain, and combined with our friends at Carew Peel Forest.

Week 6 (13 - 17 November)

- Year 1-3 swimming starts, every day with qualified CBAY instructors, at school during the mornings

Week 7 (20 - 24 November)

- On Monday, St Johns have an in-school first aid course they run with all students
- On Tuesday we have a number of Year 4-6 students taking part in the Caroline Bay Relay Races (our girls are the defending champions!).
- On Wednesday-Friday the Year 1-3 swimming programme will be at the Geraldine Pool.
- This is also the last week of after school swimming with Clare Connolly
- On Friday we are taking the Year 6 students to Geraldine High School to use the high ropes course. We hope to make this a yearly activity for our Year 6 students.

Week 8 (27 November - 1 December)

- For children aged 8 and older, we send our top competitors to represent the school at the South Canterbury Athletics event. This is on Tuesday 28th November.
- On Wednesday 29th, our Year 6's who are heading to Geraldine High School next year head along for a fun day at the High School.

Week 9 (4 - 8 December)

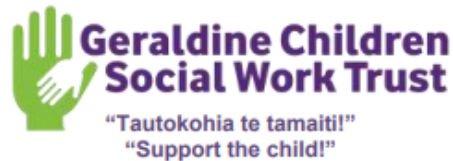
- BOT meeting 7.00pm, Monday night

Week 10 (11 - 15 December)

- On Wednesday reports go home. Prizegiving is at 1.00pm at the Woodbury Domain Hall.
- Thursday 14th December is the last day of school. School finishes 12.00pm on this day (note there is only the morning buses running this day)

GERALDINE CHILDREN SOCIAL WORK TRUST

A huge thank you to those of you who ordered bulbs for the Geraldine Children Social Worker Trust. What a great effort by Woodbury School families and our community!!



31 October 2023

Mike de Joux
Principal
Woodbury School
559 Woodbury Road
Woodbury RD21 Geraldine

Dear Mike

Geraldine Children Social Work Trust recently held a very successful Bulb Sales fundraiser in conjunction with schools and pre-schools in the wider Geraldine area. Sales this year totaled \$1,640 which is a very pleasing response and well up on previous sales.

A very large part of our success this year was due to the incredible response from parents and others associated with the Woodbury School community. Bulb sales through Woodbury School accounted for nearly half of all sales this year!

GCSWT is very grateful for your support with promoting our annual fundraiser, so thank you to you and your staff for everything you have done for us – it means a lot to know we have your support.

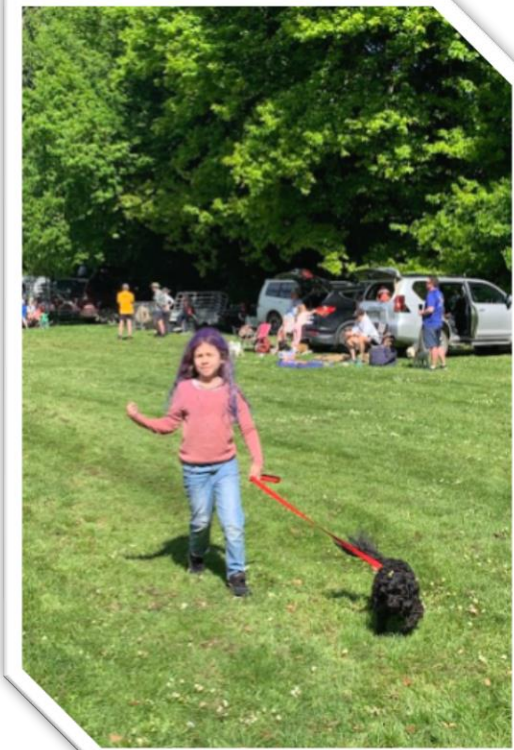
As usual, 100% of profits will be used to provide GCSWT's social work service to support Geraldine's children and youth in times of need. So if you require support for WS children in future then please do not hesitate to contact Deana Averill.

Ngā mihi nui

Kerry Stevens
Secretary
Geraldine Children Social Work Trust

PET SHOW DAY PHOTOS cont..





ORARI PLANTING PHOTOS





Community NEWS



AN INVITATION TO
**PICNIC AT
SUNDRUM**

SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER
10AM-4PM



A unique opportunity to look around the grounds of Sundrum,
an historic homestead established in 1910 by
Major Archibald Claude Douglas Spencer and his wife Harriet (nee Acland).

Bush walks, tree talks, bird talks and a little light music.
Bring your own picnic lunch.
Morning and afternoon refreshments available for purchase.

For updates find us on Facebook: NZ Geraldine Newcomers '22



52 RAE ROAD, WOODBURY
GATE ADMISSION \$15 | CHILDREN NO CHARGE | CASH ONLY

PROCEEDS TO ANGLICAN PARISH OF GERALDINE AND OTHER WOODBURY FUNDRAISERS



Geraldine Community

Whānau Fun Day

Sunday 5th Nov
1-4pm



**An opportunity for the public to enjoy our
community-owned preschool! All welcome.**

**Enjoy games, face painting, a sausage
sizzle, visits from the fire brigade and
ambulance crew - all for free!**

Geraldine Preschool
6 High Street, Geraldine



NO TRICKS LOTS OF TREATS!
31 OCTOBER 5.00-7.30PM
 ST ANDREW'S CHURCH GROUNDS WILSON ST

LIGHT PARTY

A POSITIVE ALTERNATIVE TO HALLOWEEN
 SUPPORTED BY THE TDC

FREE!
 OR BY DONATION

TUG O WAR
 DRESS UP (OPTIONAL)
 BOUNCY CASTLES!
 LOLLY SCRAMBLE
 Sideshows
 FOOD! GAMES! CRAFTS!

THIS EVENT IS RUN BY ST ANDREW'S GERALDINE • CHECK LIGHTPARTYGERALDINE ON FACEBOOK FOR CANCELLATION IF WET

GERALDINE BUTCHERY
 Property Brokers
 Makihiki
 Tip Top
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 SUNTORY
 St Andrew's
 GERALDINE
 TIMARU
 TDC
 DISTRICT COUNCIL

Parent Help
 For Parent and Family Support



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ALL ISSUES ALL AGES **0800 568 856**

FIVE WAYS TO WELLBEING

- CONNECT**
 TALK & LISTEN, BE THERE, FEEL CONNECTED
- Give**
 Your time, your words, your presence
- TAKE NOTICE**
 REMEMBER THE SIMPLE THINGS THAT GIVE YOU JOY
- KEEP LEARNING**
 EMBRACE NEW EXPERIENCES, SEE OPPORTUNITIES, SURPRISE YOURSELF
- BE ACTIVE**
 DO WHAT YOU CAN, ENJOY WHAT YOU DO, MOVE YOUR HOOD

INTRODUCE THESE FIVE SIMPLE STRATEGIES INTO YOUR LIFE AND YOU WILL FEEL THE BENEFITS.

Mental Health Foundation
 www.mentalhealth.org.nz

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