

10 September 2025

Kia ora koutou,

Please find attached here a link to information around our upcoming Pet Day in Term 4, which we have every second year.

This information will hopefully give those who haven't been before a good idea of what happens on the day. We also need parents to fill in this google form link, which will let us plan for numbers on the day. [Register a pet here for Pet Day](#).

We will also send out reminders and information in the week prior to the event.

[Pet Day Info Sheet](#)

Mike de Joux
Tumuaki / Principal

WORKING BEE

From 9.30am - 11.30am on Sunday 14th September we are having a working bee at Woodbury School. With hopefully a few people along to help, this will only be for a couple of hours.

On the day we plan on planting out more of the bike track area (250 grasses, flaxes and shrubs to plant) and giving it a tidy, a general trim of trees and shrubs around the grounds, and also a few developments in our vegetable garden area.

General gardening tools would be handy. Secateurs/pruning shears, tools for digging small holes (lots of tussocks and shrubs to plant), trailers to remove green waste, wheelbarrows, chainsaws or pruning saws, etc...

Children are welcome to come along as well, and have been a great help in the past. We will have a sausage sizzle to finish.

TOUCH RUGBY

During Term 4, the High School are again running a Year 5/6 Touch Rugby Competition. This was an awesome opportunity last year, for students to participate in a fun activity while also spending time familiarising themselves with the High School. We were also impressed with the High School students' enthusiasm and support for our tamariki.

If any Year 5/6 parents have children interested in playing, [please fill in this quick google form.](#)

BEN ROBINSON

We have all enjoyed having Ben as part of Woodbury School this term, as he carries out a trainee teacher placement in Huatekerekere-B. Ben has made some wonderful connections with the children and staff alike, and we have made sure to utilise his expertise and enthusiasm for performing! We have been impressed with the progress he has made in all areas of his teaching, and know he will be a wonderful asset wherever he goes.

We wish Ben all the best for his future teaching career, which he will begin in 2026!

NEW STUDENT

It is wonderful to welcome Alaia along to Pekapeka this week.



HERO

(Repeat of notice from last week for any who missed it)

As at last week, we have started to post messages on both Class Dojo, and HERO. We will continue this for a few weeks, until we completely swap over and use HERO for our messaging.

Our reasoning for this is:

- We use HERO as our student management system already, with all student information and contact details.
- We can easily set-up groups for communication (i.e. for bus groups, for sports groups, etc...) so we can send messages to specific families, rather than everyone.
- Parents can access HERO to see their accounts, and to also easily record an absence and see student attendance (many do this already).
- Like Dojo, we can post newsletters, reminders, photo's etc... on HERO, as a whole school / individual class / 1-1.
- End of year reports will be posted as a PDF on HERO, rather than a physical copy sent out.
- Just using one app seems logical!

We trialed this previously, back in 2022. Some parents will remember we reverted back to Classdojo, as the app would frustratingly sign parents out and because there was no 1-1 messaging function with the teacher. These issues have now been ironed out. But to ensure things are working as we want them, we will continue with messages on both systems, until we see that all parents are able to access and use the HERO app smoothly. Please [follow this link to the HERO website](#), with step-by-step instructions for signing in. In order to work for parents / caregivers, we need email addresses for each user.

Please contact the office if you are having any issues at all getting logged in or using the app, so that we are aware of anything that needs to be addressed. As stated above, we will continue with Classdojo as well, until we see all parents are confidently using HERO.

AFTER SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS - TERM 4

With Clare Connolly

Lessons will be for 4 weeks, twice a week on a Tuesday and Thursday after school.



WHO Woodbury School Children aged 4 years and over



WHERE Woodbury School Pool



WHEN Tuesdays: 28 Oct, 4 Nov, 11 Nov, 18 Nov
Thursdays: 30 Oct, 6 Nov, 13 Nov, 20 Nov



COST \$80 per child for the full 4-week program
(8 lessons in total)

To re-enrol or request an enrolment form, please email:
clare.connolly@xtra.co.nz



Spaces will be limited so
please book in early

**Register
Now!**

TERM 3 DATES

[Attached here is a link](#) to the Term 3 calendar

Working Bee - Sunday 14th September 9.30-11.30am

Week 10 (15 - 19 September)

- A new entrant parent information evening is to be held Monday 15th September (note: this was moved from Week 7)
- The new Board of Trustees begin their role on Wednesday 17th September.
- Last day of the school term is Friday 19th September.

TERM 4 DATES

[Attached here is a link](#) to the Term 4 calendar

Week 1 (6 - 10 October)

- On Thursday 9th October we have our school photos. Younger siblings are welcome to attend, with their photos with older brothers / sisters taken at 9.00am.

Week 2 (13 - 17 October)

- Friday 17th is our Pet Day

Week 3 (20 - 24 October)

- Monday 20th at 7.00pm is a board meeting
- Thursday 23rd our Year 6 students are doing some planting for ECAN along the Orari River
- Friday 24th October is a Teacher Only Day focussing on the new Maths Curriculum

Week 4 (27 - 31 October)

- Monday 27th is the Labour Day holiday
- Tuesday 28th October, After School Swimming with Clare Connolly begins. This goes every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon for 4 weeks.
- On Wednesday morning all Year 3-6 students take part in the fun "Top Teams" event, which we host and invite Carew Peel Forest to join us for.
- On the Thursday and Friday our Year 6 students who are attending Geraldine High School next year, head along for a ropes challenge and orientation activity, as part of our transition to high school programme.

TERM 4 DATES

Week 5 (3 - 7 November)

- Friday 7th November is our athletics event, at the Geraldine Domain, combined with Carew Peel Forest.

Week 8 (24 - 28 November)

- Monday at 7.00pm is a BOT mtg
- Tuesday 25th November is South Canterbury Athletics, for selected students
- Friday 28th November is a transition visit for those Year 6's heading to Geraldine High School in 2026.

Week 9 (1 - 5 December)

- Year 4-6 swimming starts. This is during class time, every day for 2 weeks at the Geraldine Pool, with trained CBAY instructors.

Week 11 (15 - 17 December)

- Tuesday at 1.00pm is our end of year prizegiving at the Woodbury Hall. End year reports are also out on this day.
- Wednesday 17th December is our last day, with students finishing at 12.00pm.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

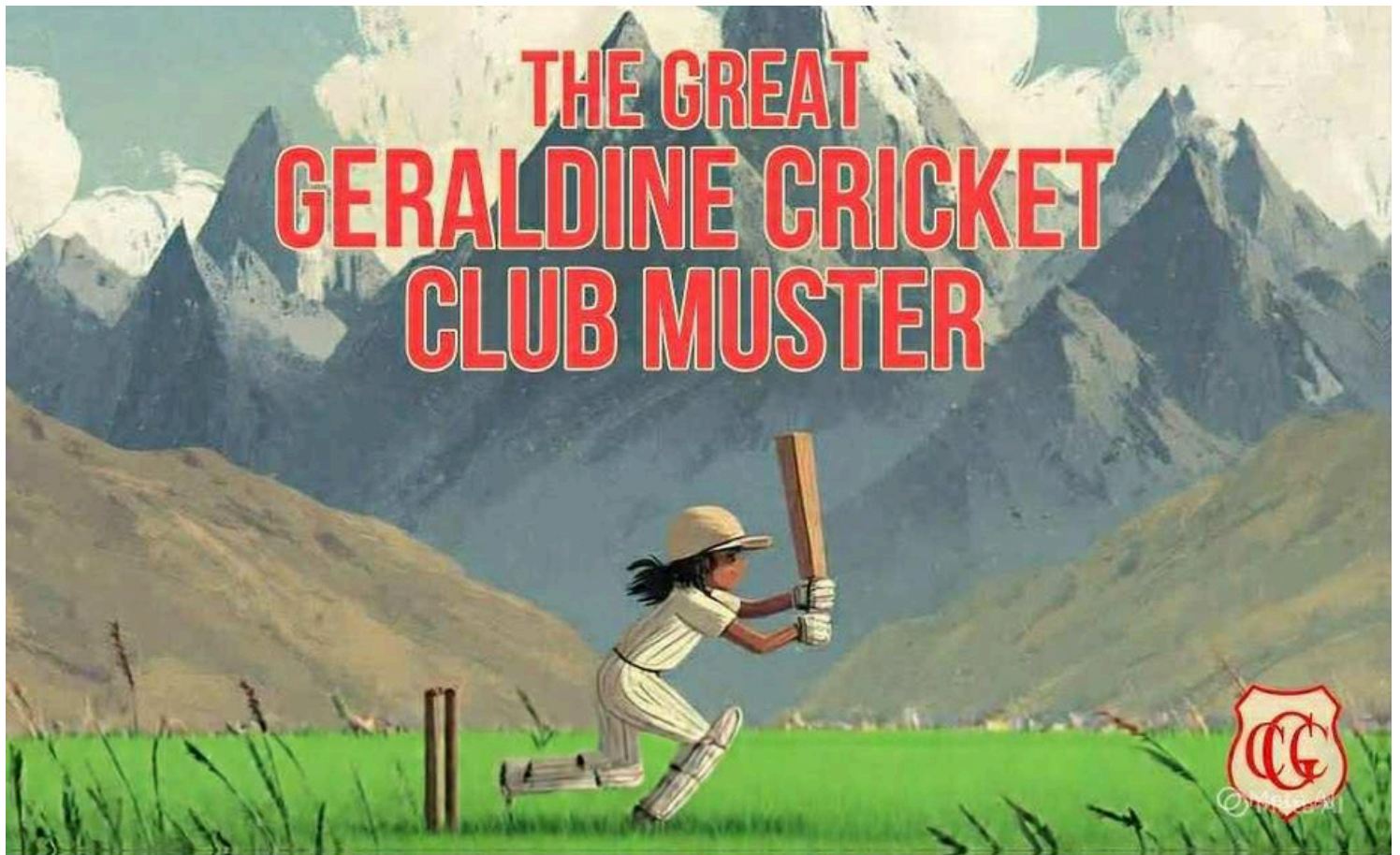
The **Community Dental Service** will be closed for the upcoming school holidays

Closed from: Friday 19th September,
Reopening on: Monday 6th October.

Six of our community dental clinics will be open during this School Holiday period:

Aranui (240 Breezes Road)
Burnside (96a Memorial Avenue)
Kaiapoi (65 Raven Quay)
Hornby (2 Hei Hei Road)
Ashburton (38 Elizabeth Street)
Timaru (18 Woollcombe Street)

If your child is experiencing any dental pain/discomfort, you can call us on 0800 846 983 and/or email: commdental@cdhb.health.nz and one of our clinicians will contact you.



Calling Cricketers of ALL ages!!

Fill in the google form via the QR code below by the 30th September 2025 to register your interest for the summer 25/26 season for all teams.

Players for Junior Grades, 2nd Grade and
3rd Grade wanted!!

Inquiries to - geraldinecricketclub@gmail.com

Hamish - 0272043036





It's time to **DISCO**

GERALDINE SCOUTS FUNDRAISER

Where: Geraldine Scouts
Den.

When: 12th September 2025

Time: 6-7.30pm

Age: 5-12.

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TICKETS - \$65.00 EA

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