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Children encouraged to explore at Winchester Rural School

When Tre Sylvawood became principal of Winchester Rural School, she found "a really warm culture, values that were already in place [and] seeds for learning that were focussed holistically. There was a Reggio Emilia view of education – it was just beginning when I arrived."

Two-and-a-half years on, she says: "We've developed it – it's still developing. It's organic."

Part of "it" is the Reggio Emilia-inspired philosophy. Named for its origins in Italy's Reggio Emilia, the approach focusses on children's capability and curiosity and fosters self-driven learning.

"It's about wondering. We want our children to look around and explore – to ask and find out the answers... The teacher is facilitator and wherever the children's passion goes, we move."

For example: "Last year, some children in the junior school developed an interest in dragons, so they started looking at stories about dragons, then had debates about whether dragons were real; then a dragon came to school and left an egg, and so on. It lasted more than a term and there was a lot of rich curriculum used – in literature, art, sciences, history... And they had heaps of fun."

"It was a lot of work behind the scenes for the teacher but the subject was initiated by the children and it was sustained by the children."

Tre says teachers routinely tempt children's curiosity. "Provocations are what teachers use to stimulate interest outside the children's ken. Some provocations the teachers bring in may fall flat. We accept that..."

Another factor in Winchester's direction is Ka Awa Whiria Kāhui Ako: a Community of Learning (the former government's flagship education initiative) that includes Winchester, Carew Peel Forest, Geraldine, Woodbury and Geraldine High schools; Geraldine, Cladeboye and Peel Forest preschools; Haywood Cottage Montessori and Geraldine



Winchester Rural School principal Tre Sylvawood with some of her students: "I love watching the school develop." Photo: Jan Finlayson.

Kindergarten.

"We've been working together more than two years. Our achievement challenges had to focus on the national standards. How we do that is by any thread of the curriculum or school activity: for example, children's transition between schools. We've got such a really rich curriculum [the New Zealand Curriculum], I hope we can focus on what

it can enable now the national standards are retired."

Winchester school's theme for 2018 is "tātou tātou – it's all about partnerships. I love the support we can give and are given by others. When children feel happy, then they're going to learn and thrive and that's our aim – that they can develop holistically."

Jan Finlayson

Rado and Raybon Save the World

Geraldine Community Arts Council is bringing stand-up comedy show Rado and Raybon Save the World to Geraldine on 14 March, featuring Kiwi comedians Raybon Kan and Nick Rado.

Raybon is a national and international stage comedian and actor. Nick is head writer for television's 7 Days, an award-winning writer, producer and presenter.

The comedians have separate slots in the first half of the show, then collaborate in the second half to solve problems suggested by the audience. If the audience doesn't come



Raybon Kan



Nick Rado

up with enough burning issues of the day, they'll offer their own.

Arts council chair Elaine Taylor says, "How fabulous is this – to have two of our very top comedians come to town. Both have a huge following...and love involving the audience...The Crown is the perfect venue; we'll create a cabaret event where people can be entertained while enjoying good food."

Rado and Raybon Save the World, Crown Heritage Hotel, 7.30pm, Wednesday 14 March. Tickets: R16, \$25, Louk Clothing.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Children's Day

Families are invited to a free Children's Day on Sunday 4 March (10.30am-2.30pm) at the Plains Railway in Tinwald, Ashburton.

Spokesperson Lorayne Oakley says that the organising committee, "has fundraised to provide AMAC Bungy, water activities, inflatable slides, train rides, face painting, crafts, lolly scrambles, swim in the Tinwald Pool, Pedalmania - just to name a few. We are delighted to have stalls from local groups/businesses, who will be providing information to promote their services to parents, along with unique hands-on activities for the Children.

"We encourage families to bring a picnic lunch, as there are no food stalls apart from the BBQ. Pack swimming togs and enjoy a swim in the heated Tinwald Pool."

Submitted

Relay for Life



Tash Rankin of Dahm Good Coffee parking up at Geraldine Primary School's recent Relay for Life fundraiser. She donated \$1 for every cup of coffee sold to the teachers.

Pip Goldsbury

Positive Ageing Expo next week

Everyone knows about the ageing population statistics - throughout New Zealand and in places like Geraldine. Age Concern's purpose is to help people age well. One way is by providing practical and useful information.

Dianna Leonard, Age Concern Ashburton secretary/manager says: "Our Positive Ageing Expo will have 70 sites showcasing legal advisors, health professionals, service clubs, mobility providers, emergency services, retirement villages and rest homes, support agencies, bankers, IT specialists, sports bodes plus other information of interest."

Positive Ageing Expo: Thursday 8 March, 10am-3pm, Ashburton Racecourse, Racecourse Road, Ashburton. Gold coin entry. Exhibits, displays and free parking. All the information you need for services, support groups and hobbies—fun, food and entertainment.

Submitted by Age Concern Ashburton

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Old tools on display at Hammer



Hammer hardware owner Deb Boyce with the latest addition to the tool display. Photo: Hugh McCafferty.

Deb Boyce returned to Geraldine and took over Hammer Hardware last July. Renovations, completed last November, include a display of old tools on a wall.

"They are a passion of mine," says Deb. "I am an engineer's daughter and always had an interest. The display is a way of remembering the old and engaging the customers, though I didn't expect the reaction we're getting. Older customers reminisce about tools that they used to use when younger. Some of them are even bringing in tools to add to the

collection. Younger folk appreciate the display too."

Deb says that tourists really appreciate the wall and interest is passing by word of mouth. "Two Swiss tourists told a man in Golden Bay about us and he came in to see us recently. We've even had people say that they want a wall like that in their house."

The recent renovations increased the shop floor by 40 per cent. Deb says, "That means we can carry more stock and can better serve the Geraldine community."

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Trees felled at Woodbury Domain: ‘a matter of safety’



About 30 Oregon pines by the Woodbury Hall have been felled. Photo: Drew Brown.

The Woodbury Domain Board, under the chairmanship of Alister Holmes, made the decision to cut down about 30 Oregon pines around and close by the Woodbury Hall, primarily for reasons of safety.

A previous chair and present board member Bernie O’Keefe is keen that people understand the decision was not taken lightly. “It was a matter of safety because branches had fallen off in the public area and if one of those limbs had struck anyone, it would have been dire. Some of those trees were well over 40 metres in height.”

“There was also the matter of having to repair the hall from branch debris after a wind and also having periodically to clean the roof of a mass of pines needles. Over the years, the roofing iron has had to be replaced because of the resulting rust.”

Cleaning required volunteers to get up on the roof; this not only incurred risk but also meant working within the new Health and Safety Act. Bernie says, “It made for a lot of extra work for the volunteers who are prepared to lend a hand but, above all, it was about safety of the people under the trees, as well as motorists on the other side. In winter, the shade from the trees made that part of the road quite dicey at times.”

Overall, the felling of the trees was well received by the community.

The felled timber was sold and will fund a proposed beautification project for 2018. Mulch from the tree

processing will be used around the plantings and will enhance the new-look area.

The replanting plan will have a diverse range of plants, some to complement trees that are already there and others to take advantage of the natural setting, for example, a wedding-cake tree (*Cornus controversa* ‘Variegata’) for a backdrop for weddings, which the board hopes to see more regularly in the domain.

On one boundary, there will be kōwhai, tōtara and other trees supplied by members of the board. A copper beech and a golden elm will be planted to balance trees of the same species already in the domain, as well as a cornus esk sunset, a scarlet oak and two other dogwoods. The plan shows that, as you drive past the hall, there will be a stand of 14 white-trunked birch, five flowering cherry trees in a curve along the fence line, and, starting at the gateway, there will be five red-leaf maples providing a strong sweeping entrance to the domain.

“All this will be paid for by proceeds from the felling of the trees. It does seem that other very tall Oregons around the domain that have reached the end of their life span, might well have to come down; once again for safety reasons. With the increase in campers and visitors to the domain it is important that we firstly make it safe, as well as beautiful and welcoming.”

Drew Brown

New head teacher at Geraldine Kindergarten



Rachel Johnston (above) began as the new head teacher at Geraldine Kindergarten in mid-February.

“I have a one-year contract while Tracey Nelson continues her leave of absence.”

Rachel brings a great deal of experience to the position. “After graduating from Otago in 2003, I moved to the North Island where I worked on Waiheke Island and for a time in the kindergarten run by TVNZ for their employers. That gave me an interesting insight into the world of the media. I then moved to Britain where I worked in Britain’s largest primary school, Gascoigne Primary in London’s East End.”

More recently, Rachel has worked at Ranui Kindergarten in Timaru and in Fairlie. She has been a Geraldine resident for about five years, coming here to be near family. “It will be wonderful working in the community I live in.”

Rachel is impressed with the culture at Geraldine Kindergarten. “The children feel that it is their special place. As staff, we are well-supported professionally. My five-year-old son came here, and he still talks about it. My two-year-old daughter is attending now, so I guess it shows I believe in what we are doing here.”

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Just Country/Design123 packing up

Cheryl Emerson, of Design123, will close her shop on 7 March, “if I still have stock. Anything not sold by then will go into a garage sale that we are holding of our family stuff.”

“I opened here about 19 years ago and have been designing clothes for about 30 years in all. Tastes used to be very conservative; now women want something unique and a bit different. Our customers love the fact that our clothes are New Zealand-made and the variety of design.”

Although there are a couple of other shops due to close in the street, Cheryl sees this as a statistical blip rather than a trend. “The last two years here have been the best ever, and I know the landlord already has some interest in this shop.”

As to her plans, Cheryl says she is moving to Ophir to be near her daughter who farms in Central Otago. “We have bought the old bank there and will probably run




Cheryl Emerson heading for Central Otago. Photo: Hugh McCafferty.

it as an Airbnb, as well as having a small shop. I’ll continue with clothes in a limited way, using rabbit and merino. Ophir is on the rail trail so tourist numbers are surging there. But I also plan to take up golf again,

which I last played 30 years ago. I found the game addictive and really want to get back in to it, and being near the rail trail I might even get a bike.”

Hugh McCafferty



GERALDINE NEWS IN BRIEF

Grass kart champ

Schoolboy racer Jacob Cuniffe came first in the intermediate grade in the South Canterbury Grass Kart Championships held last weekend.

He says: “Conditions were very good [and the] track was nicely watered with all the rain we have had.”

“The last race was very close... I lost a bit of ground but made my way back... for the win.” Jacob also says he “got first in the overall points for the intermediate grade this season”. Next on Jacob’s agenda is tackling the national championships to be held this Easter in Christchurch.

Hugh McCafferty

Recommended books

Nine members of the Geraldine Ladies’ Friendship club (previously Probus) met at Mes Amis for lunch in February. This is the last week that the group’s recommended booklist will be published in *The Geraldine News*. We are grateful for the group’s and Noeline Cottam’s efforts to share their love of reading. Here are some of the books the ladies recommended at that meeting:

Fiction

- *The Japanese Lover* by Isabelle Allende.
- *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George.
- *The Disciple* by Steven Dunn. Thriller.
- *Where the Trees Were* by Inga Simpson.
- *A Paris Apartment* by Michelle Gable.
- *Bitter Sweet* by Colleen McCullough.
- *The Woman in the Wood* by Lesley Pearse.
- *A Special Relationship* by Douglas Kennedy.
- *The Stars are Fire* by Anita Shreve.
- *Two by Two* by Nicholas Sparks.
- *The Violinist of Venice* by Alyssa Palombo. The story of Vivaldi.

Non-fiction

- *Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother* by William Shawcroft.
- *What Cancer Taught Me* by Jake Bayley.
- *The King’s Speech* by Mark Logue.
- *Walking Free* by Munged de Muder. Refugee turned surgeon.
- *Snow on the Lindis* by Madge Snow.
- *Unbreakable* by Jelena Dokic. Bio of a tennis player.
- *The Amazing Story of the Man Who Cycled From India to Europe for Love* by Per Andersson.
- *Walking on Ice* by Emma Stevens. Alaska.
- *Nesting on the Nushagak* by Emma Stevens.

Submitted by Noeline Cottam

Catchment field trip invitation

The Waihi and Te Moana catchment group invites locals to a field trip focussing on the deer and fruit processing industries’ efforts to reduce environmental impacts.

Group facilitator Rhys Taylor says: “We’re going to visit a deer farm in Pleasant Valley, look at environmental management and hear from a Canterbury Landcare Trust co-ordinator about the deer industry’s code of best practice. We’ll see examples of environmental restoration and fencing to protect waterways.

“Then we’re visiting Barker Food Processors, where we’ll learn about their protection and use of local water supplies.”

The field trip is 9.30am to 12.30pm on Saturday 10 March. Everyone is welcome, but registration is required. To attend, contact Rhys on 021 462 260 or 693 8726 or email rhys.taylor@ecan.govt.nz.

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Cyclone Gita blows through but leaves her mark



Speechlys Bridge in damage mode. It was operational again by Sunday night. Photo: Hugh McCafferty.



Above: Work taking place on Speechlys Bridge on Saturday. Photo: NZTA. Right: The bridge up and running again. Photo: NZTA.



Kennedy Park footbridge: Last week's weather bomb saw the Waihi River running high. A slip near the base of the footbridge caused it to close. Photo: Pip Goldsbury.

Last week's weather bomb, ex-tropical Cyclone Gita, was short-lived yet left its mark. While several local schools closed in anticipation of severe weather and dangerous driving conditions, it was Speechlys Bridge at Te Moana River on SH79 that suffered the greatest blow when the southern approach to the bridge was washed out. A key route between Christchurch and Queenstown, the bridge was operational again by Sunday night. In Geraldine township, the Waihi river flowed high with one business owner commenting on its "roar" as flood waters swept by. A washout occurred at the base of the Kennedy Park

footbridge, forcing its temporary closure while damage and risk was assessed. The footbridge was reopened on Saturday. A spokesperson for Fulton Hogan says the river bank will be reinstated and is on their list of repairs to be completed in the greater South Canterbury district. However, he expressed disappointment and anger at Geraldine youths who were witnessed vandalising closure signs on the approach to the footbridge. "We're pretty [angry] at the young people who threw our signs into the river. They were there for a reason."

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Wednesday 21 February. North/South: D Crafts & C Law 55.00%, C Coulter & M Thatcher 54.17%. East/West: H Rinaldi & G Ellis 68.75%, R Scott & A Numan 54.86%.

Thursday 22 February. Championship Pairs Session 2. North/South: H Rinaldi & S Rinaldi 63.49%, R Dewe & D Johnston 56.61%, R Hobbs & P Taylor 50.79%. East/West: C Coulter & R Scott 69.05%, P Kippenberger & J O'Brien 61.31%, R Bray & M Burridge 54.17%.

GOLF


Grande Vue Golf Club. First round of eclectic. R Tweed 27.5, B Mclsaac, D Reith, A Muff 28.5, G A Patrick 29, C Seaton 29.5, J Muff 30, R Ramsay, Giles Patrick 30.5, D Stenhouse, J Rate 31. Nearest the pin: Phil Cushnie. Twos: D Bruce, P Cushnie.

Geraldine District Golf Club. Saturday 24 February. Kerr Quiach Par 2/3. M Trubshaw +6, K Horne +5, R Sinclair, G Muff, I Macdonald, G Abel all +4, S Gately, N Dewe +3. Women: J Kellahan 41, D Dewe 40, S Dwyer 38, P Goodman 36. Nearest the pin: Women: A Burrows Men: A Tedham.

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Many of our members work out of town and this day-time manning is what we need to address.

So if you're a team player, looking for adventure, new skills, camaraderie, being a part of the most respected profession in the world, and wish to serve your community, please contact me.

Graeme Mould,
 Geraldine Volunteer Fire Brigade, chief fire officer.
 Ph 027 221 3812.

Geraldine Volunteer Fire Brigade

GERALDINE HIRE Centre

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FOR SALE / Hei hokohoko

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WANTED / Hiahia

ST Mary's Church Fair, 17 March. Books, bric-a-brac, furniture, etc. No clothes, electrical. Thanks, ph 693 7573.

MILITARIA wanted to buy by collector. Firearms, badges, bayonets or any items of military interest. German items are of particular interest. Ph Pete Young 693 8876 a/h.

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20 hours per week during term time.

For an information pack, please contact:
The Principal: principal@geraldine.school.nz

Applications close 3pm, Friday 2 March



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Term time only

P Licence required

Position commences 26/3/2018

For further details please contact
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Kay Ward, principal

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NEWS:

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PHONE: 693 8880

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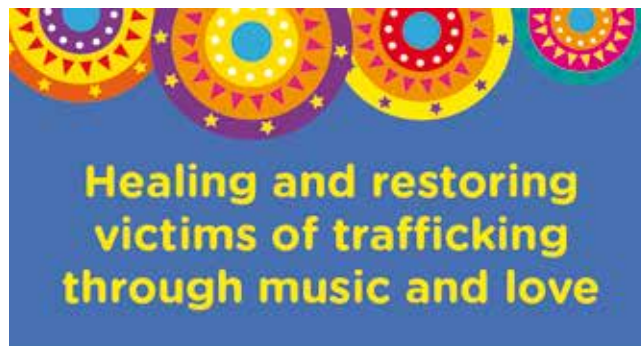
EATING OUT / Kai wahi kē

VILLAGE INN RESTAURANT & SPORTS BAR. Open 7 days 11am-9.30pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS / Mea pakiri haere

GERALDINE NETBALL CENTRE INC AGM. Monday 5 March, 7.30pm, Geraldine Resource Centre, Peel Street, Geraldine. New committee members always welcome

GERALDINE NEWS deadline, noon on Mondays at Geraldine Resource Centre or email: admin@geraldinenews.co.nz.



A music-rich public talk by Laurie Kallevig

• ENTRY FREE •

Laurie will talk about her work in Kolkata with Survivor Girl Ukulele Band project.

"I believe music can be a powerful tool in restoring wholeness and building hope for the future. The ukulele is fabulous little vehicle I use to deliver that love. I also hope that the project creates more awareness that may lead to action and activism and powerful legislation against of the world-wide plague of human trafficking."

**7.30pm @ Heritage Hotel
Tuesday 6 March**

The recently released Survivor Girl Ukulele Band CD will be available. Offerings to support Laurie's work in Kolkata will be gratefully received.



Brought to you by Geraldine Ukefest and sgub.org



GERALDINE COMBINED HOCKEY CLUB

Registrations are now open.

Primary-aged children (Year 1 -8)

Geraldine Primary School community hall

Monday 5 March, 2.50pm to 4pm

Senior registration will be accepted by Kim Andrews at her office at Geraldine High School, Monday 5 March at interval break.

Youth Representative (Primary year 1-8)

contact: Karen O'Kane 021 167 2782

Senior Representative (Year 9 and above)

contact: Jolene Sowden 027 656 4115

geraldinehockeyclub@extra.co.nz



CENTRE INC, PO BOX 97, GERALDINE

NETBALL REGISTRATION

Friday 2 March - 2.45pm – 3.45pm

Netball Courts, Geraldine Domain

Mother Earth Future Ferns

NNZ Year 3-8 Program

Friday afternoons (starting Friday 6 April)

Marissa Grant: 693 9724 or 027 422 326

Registration forms also available
by emailing geraldinenetball@gmail.com

**PLAYERS MUST BE REGISTERED BY A
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Any volunteers that are available to help at the courts on a
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SATURDAY AT 2PM

Tom Hanks & Meryl Streep star in Steven Spielberg's

THE POST
(M) OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE
SATURDAY AT 7.30PM

Gary Oldman is Winston Churchill in
THE DARKEST HOUR
(PG) COARSE LANGUAGE
FRIDAY AT 5.30PM
SUNDAY AT 1.30PM
WEDNESDAY AT 7.30PM

COMING SOON...

• Finding Your Feet (8/3)
• The Music Of Silence (8/3)
• Mary Magdalene (22/3)
• The Death Of Stalin (22/3)



The 144th A&P Grand Annual Show this Saturday

The 144th A&P, sponsored by Kinsman Contracting, will take place this Saturday 3 March at the Winchester Show grounds with gates open to the public at 8am. The show's schedule is available on www.temukageraldineap.co.nz.

Entry fees have been deliberately kept low (\$10 for adults, children are free) and most events are free to watch or to take part in.

Balloon making and face painting will be ongoing for most of the day and the FMX bike display, starting at 11.15am, will draw a good crowd. The public have a chance to win two bikes (not FMX) and jewellery if they enter draws during the day, with winners being announced later in the day.

Agrikids from schools will be displaying and competing, and there will be a pet parade at 11.30am; contestants can enter with their pet on the day. Those who love Lego can enter a competition (pieces supplied) in the marquee, where judging will take place later in the day with prizes

awarded for different age groups.

Unfortunately, there will not be a police dog demonstration this year and it cannot be confirmed at this stage if the drone racing will go ahead, "but it will probably take place" says a spokesperson.

Black and coloured sheep breeders will be competing for a trophy dedicated in memory to the late Anne Patterson from Cave.

Geraldine world champions, father-and-son team Phil and Allan Oldfield, will demonstrate blade shearing.

Wood chopping and a very wide range of entries and displays (see the website) will be on show. Generally, entries in all areas are up, with a strong show of support from all contributing communities, especially Geraldine.

Jacqui Dean Waitaki MP will open the Show and judge the pet parade, and says the traditional A&P Show holds far greater importance than many might think.

"As well as being a great day out for the family," says Mrs Dean, "it does wonders for community spirit."

"Events like this remind me of how important it is for people to come together and be a part of something bigger than ourselves.

"In an age where people are spending more and more time in front of screens, it's refreshing to wander around the showgrounds, seeing the culmination of countless hours of hard work by volunteers, and seeing people, young and old, enjoying each other's company.

"The mix of traditional and modern events is a real treat. I look forward to marvelling at the strength and determination of the wood choppers and then wandering over to see the creativity on show at the lego-building competition.

"Family, friendship and community are the glue that holds us together and that's what this event is all about."

Drew Brown



Timetable Ring 2

All day:	Wood Choppers
All day:	Face Painting
8.00am-11.00am	Horses
10.15am	Cam Scott
11.00am	Police Dog
11.20am	Drone Race
11.30am	Pet parade
11.45am	Cam Scott
12.00pm	Future Farmers/shearing display
12.30pm	Drone Race
1.00pm	Jewellery and giveaway draw
1.15pm	Future Farmers
1.30pm	Drone Race
1.30pm	Cam Scott
2.00pm	Balloon Show
2.30pm	Grand Parade in main ring
3.00pm	Needle in the Sawdust Comp

Gates Open
8am



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