



T.G.S. Bulletin

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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Hip Hop Show with the Hopskotch Dance Crew!

1:30pm, Fri 20 Nov
(notice sent home today)

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Whole School Assembly

2:00pm, Fri 27 Nov

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Board of Trustees Meeting

7:00pm, Wed 18 Nov

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Auckland War Memorial Museum Trip

Kakapo 2, Takahe 2, Kiwi 3

9:15am, Tue 8 Dec

Kakapo 1, Takahe 2, Kiwi 4

9:15am, Wed 9 Dec



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

A huge "THANKS!" to all the families who supported our recent Book Fair. Your purchases have enabled our school to receive over \$1,600 worth of free books so well done everyone! "THANKS!" must also go to Mrs Julie Dobson for the successful organization & management of this book fair. Mrs Brenda McDonald for all her help & students (Tiara Beazley, Ashleigh Cusaack, Mina Kouch, Tegan McLean & Samantha Wright) for their assistance.

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"HELLO!" FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers & Friends of the School:

Parking

As our school roll increases so does the number of staff working to support our students. Staff car parking therefore is now at a premium & we now ask that there be **NO PARKING IN CAR PARKS WITHIN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS** as these must be reserved for teaching & administrative personnel.

A reminder, too, about our driving behaviour when entering the school to drop off children. Come into the school gates slowly, driving right up to the hall entrance/drop-off bay. Drive off slowly once children have safely left the vehicle & remember that patience is sometimes required as some of our little ones take a bit of encouragement to get out of the car (giving mum one last kiss, getting their lunchbox, etc!).

DO NOT STOP BY THE CROSSING TO LET CHILDREN OFF
DO NOT STOP BY STAFF CAR PARKS TO LET CHILDREN OFF
DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE

If you need to visit a teacher or call into the Office you will have to park out of the school grounds. The Mt. Lebanon Crescent entrance is another drop-off point for children as they just walk across the school field to their classrooms. How about walking to school with the kids when the weather is fine? Just a few suggestions to ease morning congestion at the front of the school & ensure student safety.

Celebration of Student Achievements

It is always pleasing to acknowledge the achievements of students & today we recognize past pupils of The Gardens School who are leaving Alfriston College to further their education as well as past pupils who received awards at the college's 2009 prizegiving:

Year 13

* Cleeve Dennis Design Innovation Degree, Victoria University
* Paegin Hyland Teaching Degree, M.I.T.
* Anna Jackson Bachelor of Business, Auckland University
* Unhee Minett Engineering Degree, 2009 Dux of Alfriston College
* Jacqui Westerlund Japanese & Drama/Theatre

Year 12

* Kelly Casidy 1st in Outdoor Education, Top Senior Student for Auaha Whanau
* Sheena Casidy 1st in Environmental Geography
* Laura Jamieson 1st in History, History of Art, Drama
* Tom Rosie 1st in English, Classics, Accounting, Business Controls & Finance

No doubt there are other students who have entered into tertiary study or gone onto bigger & brighter things that I am not aware of however, we offer our congratulations to them all & know that The Gardens School has played a significant part in their learning journey.

Our teachers work very hard with & for our children & the delivery of teaching programmes hugely influences their outcomes. Results from recent testing of intermediate students show that they well out-performed their peers nationally. This foundation has been set for their accomplishments & attainments at the next level of learning.

Reports will be going home shortly & as there are no formal parent:teacher interviews this term, you must contact your child's teacher if you wish to discuss their school report further.
Here's to a weekend of sunshine!

SUSANNAH FOWLER, PRINCIPAL

Learn how to make empanadas (meat or savoury pies from South America) with Huia 1 students on our blog site - <http://huia1thegardens.blogspot.com> - you will see a recipe & photos to show you each step of the process

THINKING OF LISTING YOUR HOUSE?

CONTACT HARCOURTS REAL ESTATE, MENTION THE GARDENS SCHOOL, & THE SCHOOL WILL RECEIVE A PERCENTAGE FROM THE SALE!

CALL DAN HEWES (MANAGER), HARCOURTS REAL ESTATE - PH 267 8900 FOR MORE DETAILS

WELCOME!

Ella Dalziell

who has started as a New Entrant
- enjoy your time here as a part
of The Gardens School Family!

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Vaughn Webb, Takahe 2

On winning Gold Medals for Green
Belt Patterns & Medium Weight
Boys Sparring at a recent
ITFNZ Peewee Tournament

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Y7/Y8 Boys Touch Team

After winning the Central Counties
competition, this team went on to
win the Counties Competition &
represented Counties at the
Interzone Competition in Avondale
today. The team is:

Jamie Dennis, Ethan Lemon,
Bradley Makatoa, David Oh,
Jordan Papa (Captain),
Leahy Pask, Connor Paterson,
Ben Partsch & Gilbert Underwood
(I can hear that M.C Hammer
song again - "Can't Touch This!")

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASS?

Tui 2 has been learning about cultures through singing, dancing & action songs.

"E Papa"

Yesterday, Mrs Korunich came to teach us "E Papa Waiari", a Maori stick game. The "E Papa" actions were hard to learn. We had to sit in lines facing a partner & pass rakau sticks. My partner was Felicity. We had to follow a pattern four times. I liked the song & the actions & learning to do something new.

VERONICA SIMMONS, YEAR 3

This game is played with two people or, at a more advanced level, four people. Each player needs one pair of wooden sticks (or rolled up magazines). Players kneel on the floor across from each other and hold their sticks straight up, ends touching the floor.

Together, they perform a series of movements with their sticks, tapping their sticks together or against their partners, progressing to throwing a stick to their partner & catching the one being thrown to them! The rhythmic tapping of the sticks helps children to remember tunes & also encourages hand:eye co-ordination when the sticks are passed between each of the players.



*E aue, ka mate au
E hine, hoki mai ra
E Papa Waiari taku nei mahi
Taku nei mahi he tuku roimata
E aue, ka mate au
E hine, hoki mai ra
Maku e kaute o hikoitanga
Maku e kaute o hikoitanga
E aue, ka mate au
E hine, hoki mai ra*

*Oh, I will surely die
My darling girl, please return to me
O Uncle Waiari, my grief overwhelms me &
all I do, all I do is shed tears relentlessly
Oh, I will surely die
My darling girl, please return to me
I will count your every footstep
I will count your every footstep
Oh, I will surely die
My darling girl, please return to me*

CALENDARS FUNDRAISER

NO MORE ORDERS

will be taken for Calendars as
all artwork etc has
been sent off for processing



Tune into
The Gardens
School's
radio station
on 106.8 FM
12:45-1:20pm
Music, News
& Reviews

KIDZ KEEPING
IT REAL!



Manurewa Principals Association (M.P.A)
C/- Finlayson Park School
85 John Walker Drive MANUREWA
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Birthright NZ is offering to fund up to five children per school holiday to attend Camp Adair, Hunua, during the holiday break of Mon 25-Fri 28 Jan 2010. If you are interested ask your school for the 'Camp for Kids-Manurewa Policy' & application form. Applications must be returned to your school by Wednesday 25 November at 3:00pm. A MPA sub-committee will advise successful applicants & all schools by Mon 7 Dec.

PLEASE NOTE: Unsuccessful applicants will be re-considered for the April 2010 camp without you needing to apply again unless you advise us otherwise. If a child leaves a school at which he/she has applied the application becomes void & is withdrawn.

'CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY'

Wed-Sat 9-12 Dec

PRESENTED BY NATHAN HOMESTEAD
PERFORMING ARTS

\$7

For information & bookings
contact PH 267 0180
or email

nathan.homestead@manukau.govt.nz

DO YOU...

Want to play in a band?

Want to play drums?

Do it at school!

Starting next year, learn with
the best from top NZ Drummer
SPENCER BRYAN

Enrol now & contact Spencer for
more information & details
(CPH 021 024 01398)

TE HIHI SCHOOL PROUDLY HOSTS

"CHRISTMAS IN KARAKA"

10AM-6PM, SAT 21 NOV

Experience Xmas in the country with
this home & garden ramble;
enjoy fine wine, produce & art.
Visit some amazing homes in Karaka
to see interiors & gardens designed
by talented professionals

www.christmasinkaraka.co.nz

'GREAT TIMES' AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMME, THE GARDENS SCHOOL HALL

Call Simone Shervell (PH 267 1041 or MOB 021 663 226)