



T.G.S. Bulletin

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

4-5:00pm, Wed 10 Mar
Years 7 & 8
Softball Training

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7:00pm, Wed 24 Mar
Board of Trustees Meeting

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2010 TERM DATES

Term 1

Thu 4 Feb – Thu 1 Apr

Term 2

Mon 19 Apr – Fri 2 Jul

Term 3

Mon 19 Jul – Fri 24 Sep

Term 4

Mon 11 Oct – Fri 17 Dec

MATHLETICS

Please see your child's teacher if they have not yet received their login details (password); \$20 is payable for all our students as they are

BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS, MAY 2010

Become a member of your school's Board of Trustees (BOT) Enquire about attending a Board meeting to see what happens & ask questions of other Board members as to what they do.

BOT ELECTIONS - MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR YOUR

THE GARDENS SCHOOL

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HELLO FROM THE PRINCIPAL!

Dear Parents/Caregivers & Friends of the School:

SCHOOL DONATIONS ARE DUE!

Our school donations are due by the end of March for you to be able to claim the donation back in your annual tax return. We will be sending out reminders to families in the next few weeks so please make an effort to get in to the office and pay these dues. There are also a number of other costs that remain outstanding for some families and we will also be sending out reminders for these.

Why Do I Have To Pay the Donation?

Schools are centrally funded based on the decile rating. Our school is a decile 10 school which means we receive the least government funding of all schools in New Zealand. The decile rating is based on the socio-economic income information for families in the area, taken from the last Census. The theory being that schools with a catchment whose families earn higher incomes, can support their schools by making up the difference. As a decile 10 school we are funded to a minimum and need our parents to step up!

What is my Donation Spent On?

In the past donations have gone toward the 'extras' that our school provides such as our PE programme or music programmes as these are quite extensive in comparison to many other schools. We also fund equipment such as extra science or technology items. As costs rise for our school, we are becoming increasingly in need of general funds to keep pace with other schools and we have a major development planned during this year for ICT which is a huge cost.

This year we also plan to paint our school as it has begun to look somewhat faded. As our school is not ten years old we do not receive funding for property for another two years and painting must also come from general funds.

What Can I Do To Help?

Simply pay your donations, either direct at the Office (eftpos or cheque) or use Internet banking and deposit your donation into the school account (ASB 123083-0357534-00) with your child's name as a reference.

How Much Should I Pay?

If paid by 31 March 2010 these are:

- \$180 per child
- \$360 for 2 children
- \$400 per family (3+ children)

Paid termly these are:

- \$50 per child (\$200 per yr)
- \$95 for 2 children (\$380 per yr)
- \$105 per family (\$420 per yr)

Worthy of note - our school donations have remained the same since the school first opened in 2002!

SUSANNAH FOWLER, PRINCIPAL

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

WELCOME!

**Paieka Harris, Adiloa Fifita
& Cecilia So**

who have started with us as
New Entrants – we know you will enjoy
your time here as part of The
Gardens School Family!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Year 7 & 8 Boys Cricket

Last week our team played against
Drury School in a Milo Cup
Tournament. Under the hot sun we
batted first with all members
performing well; Sambit Patra (Huia 2)
scored 74 & Callum Makatoa (Kea 2)
51 not out. Drury School had to get
to our score of 229 but excellent
bowling, particularly by Hayden
Dickson (Takahe 2), ensured a
comfortable win. Next week we play
two more games & then the Black
Caps can give us a call!
CALLUM MAKATOA, KEA 2

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (B.O.T) ELECTIONS

**As part of the administrative
processes carried out before
these elections take place, we
need to make sure that we have
the correct mailing address for
all parents/caregivers of
students enrolled here at our
school (including a parent who
is not living in the same house).
Remember, if you have changed
any of your contact details
(physical address, contact home
and cellphone numbers etc)
please notify the School Office
as soon as possible.**

TGS NETBALL CLUB - 2010 Fun Ferns Training Programme for Year 2 children

FUN FERNS is a non-competitive skills-
based netball programme that caters for
the 'beginner'. The emphasis is on basic
skill learning & includes movement,
passing, modified games & fair play.
Term 2 (8 weeks) – Mondays 3:00-3:45pm
Starts 3:00pm, Mon 3 May (Wk3, Term 2)

Costs - \$30 per child

Registration forms available from
Mrs T Jones (Fun Ferns Co-ordinator),
Ruru 2 – forms to be in by Fri 13 Mar

CHEERLEADING CLASSES

All Star Cheerleaders is running FREE
American-style cheerleading classes in your
area. Everyone is welcome, no experience
necessary. Call 0800 CHEERLEADER or visit
www.allstarcheerleaders.co.nz

YOUNG VOLUNTEER TEXTING 'BUDDIES' URGENTLY REQUIRED!

Do you know how to text, have patience & can
spare a few hours at a workshop? Be a 'buddy'
& teach 'older people' to text –
PH 279 4331 ext 800 or admin@accm.org.nz



Our Associate Principal - Kate Gifford

I was born in Wellington but moved to Auckland at age 6, living "out West" in Titirangi. I went to school in Central Auckland and after attending Auckland University and the old Auckland College of Education, I began my teaching career at Mt Eden Normal Primary School. In 2004, I made the move south and joined The Gardens School staff and have been very happy here ever since! In 2005, I completed my Postgraduate Diploma in Education, became the Staff Rep on the Board of Trustees and also made the move from teaching Juniors to teaching Intermediates! I thoroughly enjoy the challenge of preparing our school leaders for their transition to high school. It's also just plain fun, teaching young people who are developing their own views and opinions about life!

There is never a dull moment in teaching and highlights have to include omelette making, school productions, science fair, mathex and anything where Rimu wins! When I'm not at school I am kept on my toes day and night by a very active 8-month-old daughter, whom I am quickly learning is much harder to control than a class full of pre-teens!

I'm looking forward to a year of new challenges and consider myself lucky to be part of a great team at TGS!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASS?

Takahe 2 has been studying the Ocean & are making dioramas (model usually made inside something like a shoebox) of an underwater scene.

Harrison Orsbourne (Y6) & Jovaan Tusevljak (Y5) are painting their diorama boxes:



Yesterday, my group of class mates (Group B) went to cooking in the Poutama Centre. First we got information about islands and then made our own island out of just vegetable oil, salt and water. We watched our island grow and it was awesome! Then we started writing about blubber, which is extra body fat. We put some on our fingers (in a bag) and poked our fingers in ice.

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

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