



T.G.S. Bulletin

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tue 2 Mar
Years 4 & 6
Interschool Swimming

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

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Tue 16 Mar
Years 5 & 6
Interschool Cricket

*(More detailed
information to follow)*

HELLO FROM THE PRINCIPAL!

Dear Parents/Caregivers & Friends of the School:

Holidays in the sand and surf seem to be but a distant memory however it's back to earth and reality with a thud! Students and staff are excited about the new learning year ahead, with relationships developing and routines forming – welcome back for the 2010 school year!

We have begun the year with a record 48 new enrolments covering all year levels and we send warm greetings to all new families and students of The Gardens School and know your time with us will be positive and rewarding.

We say "Kia Ora!" to a number of new staff who have come on board:

- Mrs Robyn Dillon is a very experienced junior teacher and has taken on the role of New Entrant and Year 1 Lead Teacher.
- Mrs Dianne Whitehead joins us to take Year 7 and 8 students in Kea 1.
- Mrs Cosford and Mrs Loakman are assisting in Takaha 2 until Mrs Bull returns from leave.
- And no, 'Dug' is not the new Caretaker nor 'Gym' the PE teacher!

We are fortunate to have such a wealth of experience and knowledge contributing to an already strong group of dedicated teaching and support staff.

For 2010 we have five 'teams' within the school – Rangitoto (New Entrants-Year 1), Motutapu (Years 2, 3 and 4), Maungawhau (Years 2, 3 and 4), Maungarei (Years 5 and 6) and Maungakiekie (Years 7 and 8). You can expect to receive team/classroom newsletters outlining events and expectations for your children as well as updates on activities happening both in and out of the classroom along with other teacher requirements.

We will also endeavour to send home this Bulletin every Tuesday (available on website too) as this is an important and effective means of keeping you informed of events and programmes taking place in our school and community. Throughout the year there will be plenty of opportunities for you to participate in your child's learning (school and sports trips, parent help in classrooms etc) and we look forward to your contributions.

This year we are undertaking numerous studies with the focus on 'The Environment' (Water, Conservation, etc) and we have many exciting and interesting activities planned. As well, triennial Board of Trustee elections will be held all across the country in a few months time. Please feel encouraged to get on board if you are interested in becoming involved in this worthwhile governance role in our outstanding school (look out for further information).

Our children all look very smart in full and correct uniform and we will all work together to maintain this standard throughout the year. A reminder that school hats/caps must be worn daily particularly with this hot summer weather we are enjoying. These are available from our on-site uniform shop (Tuesdays 8:30am/Thursdays 2:45pm). No hat – no play outside. Sunscreen for your child would also be beneficial.

Back to work now everyone!

SUSANNAH FOWLER, PRINCIPAL

A.S.B SCHOOL BANKING
Registration forms available from the Office.

Join up, grab an envelope & deposit money weekly in our 'ASB Elephant' (top of Admin. stairs) - what an excellent opportunity to kick start savings habits for your children - remember, they will be looking after you in your dotage!

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM, SCHOOL BAGS, DRINK BOTTLES, STATIONERY, ETC. **ARE CLEARLY NAME** AS ALREADY THERE ARE A NUMBER OF UNNAMED ITEMS IN LOST PROPERTY (OUTSIDE SICK BAY)

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BELL TIMES / SCHOOL TIMETABLE

8:20am	Children may enter school grounds
8:50am	Learning Session (if you arrive after this time then you must report to the Office for a Late Pass)
10:40am	Morning Interval (Fuel Break)
10:20am	Learning Session
12:30pm	Lunchtime (Refuel/Sports Break)
1:30pm	Learning Session
2:50pm	School Day Ends
3:00pm	All children must leave the school grounds



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Rob Stone	Caretaker	
BOARD OF TRUSTEES	Julie Pizzini (Chairperson), Nicola Turner (Secretary), Ross Eden (Treasurer), Kate Gifford (Teacher Rep), Susannah Fowler (Principal), Charlene McGurk, Karl Papa, Aaron Proctor	

General Information

LATENESS

All students must report to the Office when they arrive late to school. Students should be at school by 8:45am, ready to start at 8:50am when the first bell goes & the class roll is called – when students (& teachers!) are on time there is little disruption to a classroom's programme. We all can appreciate the importance of being organised & prepared so setting some good habits & routines before a child goes to sleep & when they awake is very important. Encourage children to get their uniform/homework/school bag/PE gear/library books etc ready the night before; ensure they have a good night's sleep; have them eat breakfast before they leave home – all these things will help in motivating them for a full day of learning. Please note that we will contact parents if a child is consistently late without sufficient reason.

ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please ring the office (PH 269 0041) & leave a message on our Absence Line ('Press 1') OR send an email to the teacher concerned OR post a message via our website (www.thegardens.school.nz). If absence is due to illness (for three days or more), we will request a doctor's certificate. Written notification for other absences (family reasons, holiday, etc) must be provided. We are required under the Education Act to ensure our students' full attendance at school, & appreciate your support to help us do our job.

DROP OFF / PICK UP OF STUDENTS

It is preferred that children not arrive at school before 8:20am as although teachers may be on site (working in classrooms preparing for the day), they may not necessarily be available to supervise or watch students.

Our school day ends at 2:50pm, & we ask that students be collected by 3:00pm. An after-school care programme operates from our school hall daily if you are interested (see below for further details).

In the mornings, if you are dropping off students by car, please be wary of other children/families walking across car-parks etc. Drive into the drop-off bay, wait for your children to exit the vehicle then leave. DO NOT PARK in this area at all. When school ends, you cannot drive into school to collect your children. Park in designated areas outside the front of the school or utilise Mt Lebanon at the back of the school where there is little congestion. Parking Wardens & Police will be actively checking on the driving/stopping/parking habits around schools and infringement notices may be issued. PRACTICE SAFE DRIVING to ensure you see & hear all children!

2010 T.G.S NETBALL CLUB TRIALS - Mon-Thu 15-18 Feb

(Netball Information with player registration forms available from the School Office)

ALL PLAYERS should read the information then complete the registration form – bring the completed form to your first trial date

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

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