



T.G.S. Bulletin

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tue-Thu 16-18 Feb
2010 T.G.S

Netball Club Trials
(Netball information with
player registration forms
available from Office)

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Wed 24 Feb

Rangitoto (NE-Y1),
Motutapu (Y2-Y3 only) &
Maungawhau (Y2-Y3 only)
'Dancing with Mythology' trip,
Telstra Clear Pacific
Events Centre

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7:00pm, Wed 24 Feb

Board of Trustees Meeting,
Boardroom

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2:00pm, Fri 26 Feb

First Whole School Assembly
for 2010!

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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

*(Look out for further
detailed information)*

HELLO FROM THE PRINCIPAL!

Dear Parents/Caregivers & Friends of the School:

Our School Newsletter (Bulletin) should come home with your child every Tuesday – barring all disasters – and contains the details about what is happening at school as well as our celebrations and a calendar of events. This newsletter is also available on our school website.

You will have also had a copy home of your child's class or team newsletter that details the specifics about what is happening with homework, special days and themes for the term and other general information. These are also available on the website or you could request a copy from the Office.

The Harcourts noticeboard at the shops' end of the school is also a great place to find out what is happening at school. There is always a copy of our latest newsletter as well as other community and sports notices. We also have a pin-board halfway up the stairs in Administration where other items of general interest are displayed for you to also have a look at.

Our school website is www.thegardens.school.nz and we are attempting to maximise its use this year. On this website you will find a lot of information about the school and events happening in and out of classrooms. We are happy to hear from you if you have any ideas as to how we can improve the information provided or if you would like to see something added to our website.

This year we have begun 'A Day In The Life of TGS' which is a photo gallery of events at school. You will find this under the Photos heading on the first page. A new photo is posted each day and already we are up to nine!!!

We also have a number of blogs appearing on the website and shortly I will begin using the Principal's Blog to share information with parents. If there is a topic you would like some information or opinion on, please let me know and I will do my best to get to it (from my low-tech spec).

And finally this year we are also going to have a short introduction to each of our staff included in the newsletter so that you can get to know our people and they can share their interesting pathways.

As always your feedback is most welcome and I can be contacted via email
principal@thegardens.school.nz.

Have a great week.

SUSANNAH FOWLER, PRINCIPAL

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A.S.B SCHOOL BANKING

Each week that a deposit is made into a Headstart account (from 8 Feb-4 Apr 2010) through the ASB's School Banking programme, your child is automatically in that week's prize draw to win one of the 25 prizes of \$50 on offer - the more weeks a deposit is made, the more chances of winning!

School bank registration documentation available at the Office.

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

THANK YOU!

Brenda Corke-Cox

For the donation of volleyballs,
touch balls & soccer balls –
these will be well utilised!

Kiri Potter

For the donation of Readers –
a great variety of books for our
younger students to enjoy!

Parents & Caregivers

For your prompt attention in the
purchase & supply of student
stationery enabling children to have
the proper requirements for class.

Thank you also for payments
of school donations
& other compulsory costs.

Stationery lists are at the Office
with a small number of NE/Y1, Y4 &
Y7/Y8 stationery packs available.

This is the first time we have trialled
the online ordering system &, with
only a few minor hiccups, we have
had a lot of positive feedback

Donation Receipts

are being processed & will be sent to
children over the next few days

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CONGRATULATIONS!

**Ella Fletcher, Ashleigh Garner,
Jaymie & Tori Kolose,
Max Mata & Kobe Naden**

Selected as Counties Manukau reps.
in Touch Rugby; inter-regionals were
played in the weekend with the
U11 Girls Team coming out No. 1!

Tori Kolose

Most Valuable Player U11 Girls - Elite

Ella Fletcher

Most Valuable Player U11 Girls –
Development

NAME ALL PROPERTY PLEASE

ALL uniform items, drink bottles,
school bags, books, etc – we
already have a number of
unnamed items in lost property



Our Principal – Susannah Fowler

I trained as a teacher at Auckland Teachers College after attending secondary school at Rosehill College. I taught in South Auckland schools for two years before heading off overseas.

In 1996, I returned to Brisbane and got a job in the outback of Queensland working with the School of the Air in Winton. After a couple of years of being overly hot and rainless, I went to Cairns and taught a Gifted and Talented class for two years, in a large primary school.

In 1990, I gained a Principal's position and moved to Yeppoon, which is by Rockhampton. I stayed for three years before returning home and taking up a Principal's position in the Bay of Plenty.

Following this I moved to the wonderful Brookby School for five years, then out to Waiuku School for seven and now I am happy to be settled at The Gardens School (what happened to 20 years????).

I have taken some time off, but plan to return to my Stage 3 Law studies next year as I feel the school is more settled (don't worry- it is only one or two papers a year, part-time).

I am a sports nut and now that I am recovering from my back surgery will be able to get back into it (in some much gentler form perhaps, gone are the days ...).

My Virtual Super 14 name is Aardvark and my aim for this year is to beat Mr Williams (and Daniel Clark).

NETBALL TRIALS REMINDER

Future Ferns (Years 3/4) – 5:00pm on Wed 17 Feb

Junior (Years 5/6) – 6:00pm on Wed 17 Feb

Intermediate (Years 7/8) – 5:00pm on Tue 16 Feb / Thu 18 Feb

Under 15 Collegiate (Years 9/10) – 6:00pm on Tue 16 Feb / Thu 18 Feb

Don't forget your registration form, netball shoes & a drink
Any queries please contact Charlene McGurk (PH 266 3709)
or Tracey O'Sullivan (PH 266 6303)

THE GARDENS SCHOOL UNIFORM

Students at The Gardens School are expected to wear full school uniform at all times, & we ask that you remember:

- All students need to wear their school hat/cap when outdoors.
- Black sandals/shoes (not jandals, black and white sneakers, etc) are to be worn as footwear.
- Closed-in shoes must be worn when working in the Poutama Centre

UNIFORM SHOP ON-SITE HERE AT T.G.S:

8:30-9:00am – Tuesdays / 2:45-3:15pm – Thursdays

ARDMORE MARIST JUNIOR RUGBY

5:30-7:30pm Thu 18/24 Feb / 9-11:00am Sat 6 Mar

Contact Kelly Flavell (CPHY 021 211 8107) or

admin@ardmoremarist.co.nz

MANUREWA SOCCER REGISTRATION

5-8:00pm Wed 17 Feb

Check out our website:

<http://www.sportsground.co.nz/manurewaafc>

UNIFORM FOR SALE (CPH 021 0254 1239)

1 x Jacket Size 12

1 x Vest Size 14

1 x School Cap

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

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