



# T.G.S. Bulletin

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Classroom/Sports Teams, etc

Monday 26 July - \$12 each  
Individual/Family Portraits

Tuesday 27 July

Notices & Envelopes  
available at Office; contact  
Suzanne Tofilau, Organiser  
(on behalf of G.S.T) –

PH 268 2223 or

[toffandco@xtra.co.nz](mailto:toffandco@xtra.co.nz)

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Senior Team (Years 5 & 6)

Camp Meeting for Parents

6:00pm, Monday 26 July  
in School Hall

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Years 7 & 8 Central Counties

Netball Tournament,

Browns Road Netball Courts

Tuesday 27 July

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Livenet.co.nz:

The Gardens School Live!

12:00pm, Tuesday 27 July

Tune in to [www.livenet.co.nz](http://www.livenet.co.nz)

with Student Presenters

Georgia & Omkar

for our first official 30-min. web  
news broadcast! Streaming live  
each month it will feature news,  
reviews & other school updates.

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COMMUNITY MEETING

'Safer Communities

Together'

7:00pm, Friday 30 July,  
School Hall

THE GARDENS  
SCHOOL

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## HELLO FROM THE PRINCIPAL!

Dear Parents/Caregivers & Friends of the School:

I am certain that everyone is refreshed and ready for the start of another school term and it's certainly pleasing to see students enthusiastically getting back into school routines.

Ruru 1 and Pukeko 2 have swapped classroom spaces and we await the completion of our new classroom to eventually accommodate Kiwi 4 that will be used as a junior teaching space – just a few small shifts to complement our school organization.

Mrs Mary Steele begins Term 3 looking after our Reading Recovery programme and we therefore welcome Mrs Ann Rush as the new teacher for Kiwi 2 students. Mrs Vivienne Lee, who teaches Spanish and Music every Friday, is currently in Spain on a three-week scholarship to the University of Granada. She is keeping in contact with our Years 7 and 8 pupils through Skype and blogs. You can follow her travels on [vivizingranada.blogspot.com](http://vivizingranada.blogspot.com) or follow the link through the Huia 1 blog via our school website.

Our focus for this half of the year is "Growing" and many of the Team initiatives will reflect this theme. We have already had several classes out at the Botanical Gardens enjoying their learning in the local environment.

We have a theatre company visiting on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August to perform a musical play "Old McDonald's Going Broke – E-I-I-O-U". There is plenty of material in this production to entertain, inspire and educate all – watch out for notices on this.

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August we will be holding an 'Open Morning' to share our mathematics programme with you. All classrooms will be open from 9:30-10:30am for you to observe the activities your child is involved in during numeracy lessons – this may include whole class instruction, group teaching and independent activities depending on the level of the class and the unit of work they are focusing on at the time. Parents are also invited to visit the school hall, which will be set up from 9:30am to 1:30pm with activities for you to try, examples of some of the assessments we use and ideas you can use at home to support your child's mathematics learning. As many of our children are cross-grouped for mathematics you may be visiting a class that is different to your child's normal homeroom so check with your child to make sure you know which room to go to! If you have children in different year levels and need to move between classes, please be mindful that you may have missed the instructions being given at the start of the lesson. We look forward to sharing our mathematics programmes with you and encourage you to come and see what fantastic work your children are doing in mathematics!

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

## WELCOME!

Anais Bebelman, Drew Hoeflich  
& Dylan Wilson

Who have started as New Entrants;  
Diyar Yousefi

Who has come from another school;  
& Oscar Lin

who has come from Taiwan;  
enjoy the many wonderful learning  
experiences you will have as members  
of The Gardens School Family!

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Omkar Athavale (Y8, Huia 2)

2x Gold Medals

Richard Brooke (Y7, Huia 1)

1x Bronze + 2x Gold Medals

Rowen Cropper (Y3, Tui 2)

1x Bronze + 1x Silver Medals

Aidan Campbell (Y8, Kea 2)

1x Bronze + 3x Gold Medals

Liam Campbell (Y3, Pukeko 1)

2x Silver Medals

David De'ath (Y3, Kakapo 1)

1x Silver Medal

These students all competed in the  
'Kids in Karate' Tournament held at  
The Gardens School in the weekend -  
Jackie Chang, watch out for this  
next lot of 'Karate Kids'!

## CAN YOU HELP WITH...

Final call for donations of books,  
games, puzzles, blocks etc to  
Mangere East School

Mrs Irwin, Huia 2

Would appreciate any off-cuts of  
highly textured wallpaper please

## MEET THE SILVER FERNS!

12:00am-12:00pm Saturday 31 July

Papakura New World,

40-44 East Street, Papakura

Competitions & give-aways of  
signed netballs, thunder-sticks,  
drink bottles etc

## INTRODUCING ...

ANNA LOAKMAN

Kakapo 2

Born with a bang, I just made it to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April ... so missed out being an April Fool's baby (although proximity to this date has possibly contributed to the wild & wacky dress-ups I sometimes parade in).

I grew up in Hillpark and went to Hillpark Primary School until I was ten. I was devastated by the news that we were shifting as I so desperately wanted to be a Road Patrol Monitor (boo!hoo!). We moved out to Waiuku where I spent the next ten years being a country bumpkin getting into game fishing, motorbikes and other activities. Actually, it was just before we left Waiuku in January 1996 that I caught a 146.2kg bronze whaler shark (24kg line class) out on the Manukau Harbour - this New Zealand record for Women 11-16 years of age still stands! We shifted to Clevedon for a little of "town meets country" where I travelled to Teachers Training College to obtain my Bachelors of Education. After achieving this I met Daniel and we decided to have a family whilst we were young. So now here I am, four children (aged 2, 4, 6 and 8 years) later - our two girls attend The Gardens School, our eldest son starts school in September (he was the first boy in our family for 50 years) and our youngest boy is just busy, busy, busy!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASS?

Amy Metcalfe, a Year 4 student from Ruru 1,  
has researched some interesting facts about Kina :

### Sea urchin or Kina

Kina is a Sea urchin that lives in the Rocky Shore. They live in Rock Pools with Starfish, Sea anemones and other things.



### How Kina Move

Kina walk on their spines. Their Spines are Spiky.

In a Kinas body Kina have something that works like a arm that can route allowing the Kina to walk.

### How and what a Kina eat

The Sea urchin or a Kina eats by reaching out its tentacles to grab and suck the food towards its mouth. They eat small bits of dead fish, mussels and Sea Sponges.

## PILATES EXERCISE CLASSES Coming soon to The Gardens!

6:30pm, Thursdays at  
The Gardens School Hall  
COMMENCES THURSDAY 12 AUGUST

Contact Patricia O'Leary  
PH 298 6616 / 021 189 8931

## DORE PROGRAMME FREE INFORMATION EVENING

7:30pm, Tuesday 27 July, The Parenting Place, 300 Great South Rd, Greenlane  
DORE is a highly effective exercise programme that deals with poor concentration, co-ordination, literacy & social skills associated with Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, ADHD & Asperger's  
Email [info@dore.co.nz](mailto:info@dore.co.nz) or visit [www.dore.co.nz](http://www.dore.co.nz)

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

New Owner/Operator: for all enquiries please contact Trish Le Prou (PHH 09 235 0357 or MOB 027 518 0077)