



T.G.S. Bulletin

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DATE: 28 JULY 2010

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Board of Trustees Meeting
7:00pm, Wednesday 28 July

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**NO
SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
THIS FRIDAY**

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COMMUNITY MEETING

'Safer Communities
Together'

7:00pm, Friday 30 July,
School Hall

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"Old McDonald's Going Broke
- E-I-I-O-U"
Performance

1:45pm, Monday 2 August

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Meeting, G.S.T
(Gardens Support Team)
7:30pm, Monday 2 August,
Staffroom – All Welcome!

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UNSW English Test
11:00am, Tuesday 3 August

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Trip to Arataki Park,
Waitakere Ranges
Ruru 1 – Wednesday 4 August
Tui 1 & 2 – Thursday 5 August

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Years 7 & 8
Central Counties Basketball
Tournament, Manurewa Rec.
Thursday 5 August

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HELLO FROM THE PRINCIPAL!

Dear Parents/Caregivers & Friends of the School:

Tena Koutou e nga Whanau me nga Hoa o tenei Kura:

All across the country (*motu*) celebrations & activities are taking place for Te Wiki o te Reo Maori (Maori Language Week, 26 July-1 August). This is an opportunity for people to speak, or to show support to speakers of, Te Reo Maori with this year's theme being "Te Mahi Kai – The Language of Food". Here are a few things you can do to celebrate te reo Maori (not only for Maori Language Week but all-year round!):

- * **Improve your pronunciation of Maori words and place names e.g. MANUREWA (maa-new-reh-wah)**
 - * **Say "Kia Ora" when greeting your family (*whanau*) and friends**
 - * **Put up a welcome sign on your front door "Nau Mai, Haere Mai!"**
 - * **Sit down with your whanau at 7:00pm and check out Maori Television weeknights; participate in some fun and easy learning of te reo Maori**
- Did you know that Te Reo Maori, English and N.Z Sign Language (NZSL) are the three officially recognised languages of Aotearoa?**

Following on from our term theme of "Growing", Pukeko 1 and Kakapo 1 would really appreciate some young plants that could include spider, parsley, succulents etc – anything small and hardy. I wonder what project these classes will be involved in?

Who remembered to tune in to www.livenet.co.nz yesterday at midday? Well you missed out on a great half-hour of news, reviews and school updates presented by intermediate students. I was certainly pleased with the way this first web broadcast went and congratulate all our student presenters who provided relevant and informative reports on a number of topics. Don't forget to log on for this segment again next month.

Get those diaries and calendars out so you can mark off a number of events happening in and around our school, in particular the 'Open Morning' we will be holding to share our mathematics programme with you. This will be on Tuesday 17th August with all classrooms open from 9:30-10:30am for you to observe what your child does during numeracy lessons. The school hall will also be set up from 9:30am-1:30pm with activities for you to try. Perhaps we need to dust off the abacus apparatus?

SUSANNAH FOWLER, PRINCIPAL

AFTER SCHOOL 3D ANIMATION, GAMES DESIGN & INVENTIONS COURSE
Bubble Dome is launching an exciting new after-school programme at The Gardens School this term on both Monday & Wednesday afternoons (please choose your preferred afternoon when registering). This eight-week programme starts next week, from 3:30-5:00pm, for a total value of \$185 with warm-up sessions available from 3:00pm for an extra \$40 per term. Free links to software provided. Amazing opportunities to use software for personal & school projects. Spaces limited in both classes.

PH: 622 0670 or email info@bubbledome.co.nz

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!

Matariki Emery

who has come from another school;

Arthur Lin

who has come from Taiwan; and

Lara & Kane Golding

who have come from Australia;

enjoy the many wonderful learning experiences you will have as members of The Gardens School Family!

Nau Mai, Haere Mai ki tenei Kura!

Welcome to our school!

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Teams who participated in the Central Counties Netball Tournament held yesterday in Manurewa

Y8 Boys Netball – 1st

Y8 Girls Netball – 2nd

Will go on to represent Counties in an upcoming netball tournament

Y7 Girls Netball

3rd – played some great games, watch out for them next year folks!

Tino pai nga tamariki katoa ki te mahi poitarawhiti !

Well done children who played netball!

INTRODUCING ...

SARAH CULLEN

Tui 1

I am in my 5th year of teaching. I came to The Gardens School after graduating with a Bachelor of Education from The University of Auckland.

I am an Aucklander born and bred. My school days were spent in Howick. As a child, all my holidays were in the South Island where my grandparents and extended family still live. As a family we toured all over the South Island.

I am a keen netball player and I've played every season since I was 9 years old. In the summer I play tennis, another sport I played at competition level as a teenager.

I am planning to be married in January 2011 and am very much looking forward to that!

Having always wanted to be a teacher I enjoy teaching at The Gardens School where the children are so keen to learn.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASS?

In Kakapo 1 we have been learning to write explanations:

The Life Cycle of a Tree

A tree starts off as a seed. Then it becomes bigger and becomes a sapling. It continues to grow and becomes even bigger and is now an adult tree. The tree will grow a lot of flowers and a lot of leaves, it will also grow seed pods. When the tree gets older the seed pods will fall off and the seeds will make a new tree and the old tree will become compost.



ZOE ABUID, YEAR 3

Marine Food Chain

A marine food chain is an ecological system containing producers, consumers and predators. For example, seaweed is a producer. Crabs, sea-slugs and sea-snails consume the seaweed and they in turn are eaten by fish. Fish are then eaten by sharks and penguins.

If the food chain is kept in balance all the marine animals will live but if it gets out of balance all the animals could die. To help keep it in balance we must not put rubbish down the drains as this could kill the fish. Then the sharks and penguins would have nothing to eat and they would die.

NIKEEL CHANDRA, YEAR 3

"TE MAHI KAI –

THE LANGUAGE OF FOOD"

A – E – I – O – U

'A' as in far 'E' as in egg

'I' as in fee 'O' as in awe

'U' as in shoe



Bread

Paraoa

Apple

Aporo

Banana

Panana

Meat

Miti

Fish

Ika

Biscuits

Pihikete

Milk

Miraka

Where is the sugar? *Kei hea te buka?*

Pass me the butter *Homai te pata*

Cook me some eggs! *Tunua he beki maaku!*

DATES FOR SPORT

Fri 30th Jul

Year 6 Mixed Soccer Trials

Tue 3 Aug

Y5/6 MPSSA Netball Tournament

Wed 4 Aug

Y8 Girls Counties Zone Tournament

Thu 5 Aug

Y7/8 Central Counties Basketball

To be advised

Y7/8 Boys Netball

To be advised

Y5 Mixed Soccer Trials

Y7/8 Cross-Country Training, 3:00pm Wednesdays

Y7/Y8 League Training, Monday & Wednesday afternoons

Also please contact Tanya Griffin (tanyag@thegardens.school.nz) if you can help with coaching a badminton team – tournament late September.

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

ZUMBA CLASSES!

6:00pm Wednesdays, Hillpark School Hall

WEEKEND CLASS STARTING SATURDAY 7 AUGUST

8:30am Saturdays, Hillpark School Hall

Adults: \$8 a session OR \$65 for 10 sessions

Wear low traction rubber & flat soled shoes
for easy sliding & turning

Enquiries to elainey76@yahoo.co

'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)