



T.G.S. Bulletin

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wed 24 Feb

'Dancing with Mythology' trip,
Telstra Clear Pacific
Events Centre (\$2 for bus)

9:00am-12:30pm

Pukeko 1, Kakapo 1 &
Y3's from Tui 2

11:00am-2:30pm

Kiwi 1 / 2 / 3, Ruru 2
& Weka 1

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6:00pm, Wed 24 Feb

Maungakiekie Team (Y7/8)
Camp Meeting, Huia 1 –
all parents of students in
Huia 1 / 2 & Kea 1 / 2 are
invited to attend

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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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7:30pm, Mon 1 Mar

Gardens Support Team (GST)
Meeting, Staffroom –
All Welcome!

MATHLETICS

Please note that Mathletics
subscriptions (required for
ALL students) need to be
paid by 1st March so that
students are able to
access their accounts

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HELLO FROM THE PRINCIPAL!

Dear Parents/Caregivers & Friends of the School:

Is it going to rain or not? Just a light smattering will be fine to take the heat off ... but we're not really complaining! We're going to enjoy summer for as long as possible!

ARTS FESTIVAL

We have had a change of date for our upcoming Arts Festival due to some other commitments and timetabling clashes at one of the participating schools. This will now take place during the week of 22-26 March. This festival will include Art and Photography works which will be displayed at our school as well as Film projects that will be shown at Alfriston School's Performing Arts Centre. This festival has been sponsored by Creative New Zealand.

All students will have an opportunity to enter a piece of art; if your child is from Year 4-8 they will have the option of either a photograph or art creation. All art entered will become the property of the BAG (Brookby, Alfriston, Gardens) Cluster and will be available for sale at \$10 per item. Funds raised will go toward the development of 'The Arts' across these schools.

We are looking forward to hosting this event and appreciate the time and effort put in by a small number of people who have got it to this stage for us. The exhibition will be open for parents on Wednesday and Thursday 24/25 March (times to be advised) with tickets purchased allowing for entry to the exhibition and to the film festival. This inaugural event is hoped to be the first of many across the cluster to expose our students to wider competition.

SUSANNAH FOWLER, PRINCIPAL

P.S I hear that Peter Jackson is working on a new film about the New Zealand meat-works industry. It's called "Abattoir".

BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS, MAY 2010

Do you want to use your skills & experiences to help shape a positive future for our children?

Are you passionate about the education of children in your community?

What about becoming a member of your school's Board of Trustees?!

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 SCHOOL

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

WELCOME!

Mrs Fiona Davis

Who will be teaching in the
Poutama Centre whilst
Mrs Teresa Duffin is on leave

THANK YOU!

Mr Richard Fowler

For the donation of foam-board that
will be used for art, technology, and
classroom projects –
much appreciated!

*(Please let us know via our school email
if your child competes in sporting or
other activities at representative level
so we can acknowledge their
achievements)*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (B.O.T) ELECTIONS

Every school in NZ has a BOT. BOTs
bring families, communities & schools
together to work towards a quality
education for children.

The BOT is the 'employer' of all school
staff & assists in setting the school's
overall strategic direction. The school's
principal manages the school operation in
line with policies of the BOT.

The BOT is made up of elected parent
representatives, an elected staff
representative & the principal and:

- * Works with the principal & consults
with staff, students & the community
- * Assists in setting the educational goals &
strategic direction of the school
- * Monitors progress as to how the school
is progressing against its annual targets
& how well students are achieving
- * Assists in deciding how the school's
funding will be spent
- * Selects the school's principal & supports
the development of all staff
- * Oversees the management of staff,
property, finances, curriculum &
administration

**Who can become a trustee?
Parents, caregivers and people
from the wider community can
be nominated for election to a
school board – that means you!**

*Information & updates on these forthcoming
elections, including nomination & voting
processes, etc will be made regularly*

MARIMBA FAMILY CAMP, 2010

Fri 19–Sun 21 Mar, Waiwera YMCA Lodge

A live-in camp for children/parents/teachers
with Marimba workshops, percussion, song & dance

CONTACT CLARE (09 479 7814 – clare@c-change.co.nz)

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Our Deputy Principal – Michelle McCarty

*I grew up in Manurewa and attended some wonderful Manurewa schools back when it
was not unusual to wake up in the morning to the sound of cows mooing in the distant
Weymouth area!*

*I always wanted to be a teacher and still love learning about how kids learn best.
After training to be a teacher at Auckland Teachers College in Epsom, my first
teaching job was at Clendon Park School. I then taught at Hillpark School, Ardmore
School and Jean Batten Primary School before becoming a mum.*

*I have three children and after my youngest son was born I completed an Early
Childhood Diploma then returned to fulltime teaching at St Mary's Primary School in
Papakura then on to Conifer Grove School. I have been at The Gardens School since
2005.*

*I have visited include USA, New Caledonia, Norfolk Island and Australia and as my
children are now venturing to different and far-off lands, I am hoping to be able to
visit them.*

*One of my favourite things to do is go walking along Kariotahi Beach. I love the
wildness of this West Coast area and so does my dog Leo!*

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASS?

Takaha 1 has been focusing on using factual information & technical
language & we have a number of "Who/What am I?" riddles for you to
enjoy:

I can live anywhere on the sand, in rock-pools & in the sea.

I come in any colour.

When you step on me I crunch under your feet.

What am I?

LAUREN HUMPHREYS, YEAR 5

I have a claw that's big & a claw that's little.

I am a fast runner & I help clean the beach.

I eat dead animals.

What am I?

LEVI DODDRELL, YEAR 5

I communicate with others like me through sending

hormone signals through the water that others pick up.

I am very squishy & slimy

I come in different colours, sizes & lengths

I am a very unusual sea creature

Who am I?

MICHENNA STEWART, YEAR 6

I have big teeth & live deep in the sea.

I have a light on my head so I can see.

I was in the movie "Finding Nemo".

Who am I?

KOBE NADEN, YEAR 6

(Shells – Crab – Sea Cucumber – Lantern Fish)

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

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

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