



# T.G.S. Bulletin

ISSUE NO. 31

DATE: 20 OCTOBER 2009

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Enrolment Interviews,

#### Alfriston College

3:30-8:00pm, Tue 20 Oct

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### 'Crazy Hair Day'

#### (CanTeen Fundraiser)

Fri 23 Oct

(gold coin donation)

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### Years 5+6 Interschool

#### Touch Tournament,

#### Gallagher Park, Manurewa

9:00am, Thu 22 Oct

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### Years 7+8 Interschool

#### Touch Tournament

Wed 28 Oct

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### Board of Trustees Meeting

#### in the Boardroom

7:00pm, Wed 28 Oct

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### G.S.T Fundraiser:

#### Halloween Disco

Fri 30 Oct

(Tickets on sale Wed 28-Fri 30 Oct)

## "HELLO!" FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers & Friends of the School:

### Exciting Plans for 2009

The new classroom, Weka 1, will be completed by the 30<sup>th</sup> of this month (weather permitting the roof will go on tomorrow!) and I know the new entrant children will be looking forward to their new classroom environment.

Other important times & dates for you to note are:

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| * Fri 20 Nov      | Hip-Hop Show                        |
| * Wed 2 Dec       | Portfolios home                     |
| * Thu 3 Dec       | Year 8 School Ball                  |
| * Fri 4 Dec       | Culture Group Assembly              |
| * Tue/Wed 8/9 Dec | Senior Team (Y4/5/6) Museum Trip    |
| * Tue 8 Dec       | Year 8 Graduation Dinner            |
| * Fri 11 Dec      | Junior Prizegiving                  |
| * Wed 16 Dec      | Senior & Intermediate Prizegiving   |
| * Thu 17 Dec      | Last day of School (closes 12:30pm) |

There may be some slight changes to the above but hopefully not too many to disrupt plans made by you to attend various end-of-year school events.

### Exciting Plans for 2010

After a six-week holiday break, your children will finally be off your hands and back in ours when they return to school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> of February. We will endeavour again to have tentative class lists displayed in the hall windows a week before our starting date. A reminder that these class lists will be subject to change due to students leaving and further enrolments.

Next year we are adopting our school-wide environmental theme with other forward planning around the curriculum occurring over the next few weeks.

Is there only 58 days left in our school year?!

**SUSANNAH FOWLER, PRINCIPAL**

## NATIONAL EDUCATION MONITORING PROJECT

### (N.E.M.P)

Parents with children involved in the above initiative are invited to come to school to observe a 20-minute session to be held at **3:00pm on Thu 22 Oct 2009**

## MANUREWA PRINCIPALS ASSOCIATION 'DIVERCITY' PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

**7:00PM, TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER,  
TELSTRA CLEAR EVENTS CENTR**

*Celebrating the Youth of Manurewa!*

Entry \$5 or \$17 for Family of 4  
Tickets available at the School Office  
(cheques made out to Manurewa Primary Principals Association  
Music Festival Committee)

## THE GARDENS SCHOOL

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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!**

**Braith Williams &  
Dylan Fitzsimons**

who have started with us  
as New Entrants;

- enjoy your time here as a part  
of The Gardens School Family!

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## **THANK YOU!**

Gardens Support Team (G.S.T)  
once again for the outstanding  
management & organization  
in putting together our successful  
Quiz Night (an annual fundraiser)  
held in the weekend.

We are truly appreciative of the  
"behind-the-scenes" work  
that goes into such an event  
to ensure it is well attended  
& enjoyed by all.

THANK YOU SO MUCH

Rachel Homan & your Team  
(mums, dads, friends & families);  
we can't wait for next year!

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**Kesby Family**

For the fantastic donation of  
bike racks which are being well  
utilised by students who are now  
cycling to school

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASS?**

Kiwi 1 (New Entrant children) have been learning about Diwali, the Indian Festival of Lights and the start of the Hindu New Year. It is a time when families get together to light small oil lamps (diyas) and candles and place them around the home; fireworks are set off as well. Diwali is also a time for other New Zealanders and their families to celebrate and enjoy the music, dance, food and colours of the Indian culture.



**Diwali is the Indian Festival of Light.  
I can make barfi for my friends and  
family.**

**Diwali is when people do a dance.  
I went to Diwali with my family and  
my cousin.**

**It was fun because there were  
fireworks and I ate some candyfloss.  
RIYA SINGH, YO**

**Diwali is a celebration.  
They have a lot of fireworks.  
Diwali is the Indian Festival of Light.  
There is a lot of rangoli patterns.**

**BILLIE LAWSON, YO**

**Diwali is a celebration.  
Diwali is when you have fireworks.  
It is the Indian New Year.  
Diwali is when you have a party.**

**JANAIYA PAPA, YO**

### **CanTeen Bandanna Fundraiser 2009**

The Gardens School will be selling bandannas to fundraise for CanTeen, an organization that supports young people (13-24yrs) living with cancer. Bandannas are \$4 each & are on sale now until the end of the month. There are lots of different patterns & colours to choose from so there will be a bandanna for everyone!

On Friday 23 October there will also be a Crazy Hair Day, where students can come to school with 'wild hair' & a gold coin donation that will go to CanTeen.

**Support CanTeen & buy a bandanna or make your hair crazy!  
THE GARDENS SCHOOL COUNCIL**



**MANUKAU CENTRAL  
BAPTIST CHURCH,  
75 Everglade Dr.,  
Totara Heights**

**L I G H T P A R T Y ! ,  
(instead of Halloween)**

**Sat 31 Oct, 4-9pm**

Gold coin entry - Bouncy Castles,  
Face Painting, Treasure Hunt,  
Stilt Walkers, Prizes, etc

**RING 297 7831 FOR  
INFORMATION**

**ACTIVE PHYSIO TAKANINI**

Experienced Massage Therapist  
JO TIMMERMAN

now at Active Physio Takanini.

Special Introductory Offer:

Come and have a massage,  
introduce a friend  
& get your second massage for free!  
30-mins back/neck/shoulder - \$30  
1-hr full body - \$50

**PH 299 7690 for  
bookings & enquiries**

**MANUREWA PRINCIPALS  
ASSOCIATION**

**Invites you to a  
Parenting Session 6-  
7:00pm, Wed 28 Oct,  
Manurewa West School**

Guest Presenters:  
Alf Filipaina & Willy Maea

Topics include:  
Awareness of Gang Issues,  
Bebo, Facebook, Text Bullying,

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

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