



T.G.S. Bulletin

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

New Entrant Open Morning
9:00am, Thu 3 Dec

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Year 8 School Ball
Thu 3 Dec

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G.S.T Meeting
7:30pm, Mon 7 Dec, Staffroom

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Year 8 Graduation Dinner
Tue 8 Dec

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**Auckland War Memorial
Museum Trip**
Kakapo 2, Takahe 2, Kiwi 3
9:15am, Tue 8 Dec
Kakapo 1, Takahe 2, Kiwi 4
9:15am, Wed 9 Dec

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New Entrant Open Morning
9:00am, Thu 10 Dec

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Junior Prizegiving
1:30pm, Thu 10 Dec

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**Sausage Sizzle / Mufti Day
(G.S.T Fundraiser)**
Fri 11 Dec

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Senior/Intermediate Prizegiving
6:30pm, Wed 16 Dec
(NOT 1:30pm as previously stated)

"HELLO!" FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers & Friends of the School:

Last Friday our school hall was packed with families, friends & whanau for our Cultural Showcase and we were certainly treated to a wonderful variety of musical and artistic presentations. How fortunate we are to a part of the huge melting pot of ethnicities and cultures here at our school, celebrating & sharing with each other through song, dance & art. Thank you to everyone who was involved with our students & assisted them in the numerous activities undertaken in cultural clubs particularly Mrs Maria Baxter (Flower Arranging) & Mrs Tutana Dickson (Flax Weaving)

Teachers have been working hard in the preparation of student portfolios & reports for the end of the year. Portfolios will be sent home shortly & we ask that you take some time with your children to look through these so they can talk about the work they have done & the progress that has been made since the beginning of the year.

Teachers will be spending some time working through lists to ensure children are placed appropriately in classes for 2010 factoring in the learning styles of both child & teacher, the peer group a child best works & learns in, behavioural & social needs, etc. Once lists are compiled & completed with the addition of new student enrolments, lists will be displayed on hall windows late January. To further assist in our classroom planning, it is important to advise us now if your child is not returning to our school next year.

We have begun to organise our sponsors for the 2010 cover of our school Bulletin. These colourful covers are designed & delivered free to our school & this is only made possible by the support of local businesses. If you are interested in advertising next year - electrician, plumber, builder, beauty therapy etc - & would like to promote your services to our local community then please contact Sue Leonard at Redgate Newsletters on PH 0800 NEWSLETTERS (0800 639 753) or email Redgate.newsletters@extra.co.nz). This advertising can be extremely beneficial as our Bulletin goes out to over 350 families every week!

Remember to check 'Forthcoming Events' & any team notices to ensure you don't miss out on anything important.

So little time, so many things to do!

SUSANNAH FOWLER, PRINCIPAL

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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

THANK YOU SO MUCH !

EVERYONE !

*This little ode goes out to you
If you've helped & supported,
Or read to kids, made resources,
or had children transported
There's so many people
we want to thank
For all the help we've had
Caregivers, friends, whanau too,
But especially our Mums & Dads
You've all assisted with many jobs
There's always a lot to do
So this is just a special way for us
to say a big "THANK YOU!"*

We really appreciate the help & assistance that is given to us during the year for so many things – supervision & transport on school trips & sporting events, sports coaching, in-class tutoring, resource making, etc. To that end, if we have called upon you to help out in any way throughout the past year, we would like to invite you to come & share in a **Parent Helpers Morning Tea at 10:30am on Friday 11 December** if you are attending, please R.S.V.P to the Office (PH 269 0041 extn 800) by Monday 7 December.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASS?

In **Kakapo 2** we have been learning how to write 'Diamante Poems' as part of our Creative Writing topic in Term 4. We chose to write about nature, describing each season & the many changes that take place around us during a year.

Summer

warm, sunny
shining, shimmering, sweating
sunblock, T-shirts, hot water, snow
blowing, withering, freezing

Winter

cold, white
cloudy, icy
dying, sparkling, blocking
snowmen, fire, leaves, orange
awful, horrible

Autumn

dead, itchy
falling, scratching, annoying
broomsticks, rakes, water, seeds
growing, sprouting, jumping
lovely, cool

Spring

wonderful, awesome
blossoming, blooming, sprouting
soil, pot, sun, beach
swimming, sunbathing, diving
bright, colourful

Summer



Spring

green, colourful
picking, smelling, gardening
flowers, sun, BBQ's, ice blocks
swimming, sweating, playing
sun glasses, juice

Summer

hot, sunny
sunbathing, relaxing, resting
towels, jandals, leaves, wind
raking, crunching, cleaning
dead leaves, breeze

Autumn

windy, wet
walking, jogging, running
naked trees, shovels, snow, ice
sneezing, coughing, burning
hot chocolate, fire

Winter

white, fluffy
snowing, skating, skiing
icicles, hail, goggles, togs
running, puffing, sleeping
T-shirts, shorts

Spring

KRIZELLE REQUILMAN, Y6

SERENA WESTERLUND, Y6

END-OF-YEAR REMINDERS

- Are there any school library books or readers/journals 'lost' in the house somewhere? Please encourage your child to have a good look (under the bed, beneath the couch cushions!) so that any school property can be returned. Some of you may have already received an invoice for replacement of the school item.
- The Lost Property box outside Sick Bay is full of UNNAMED uniform items, some being our new uniform! There are also shoes, lunch boxes, drink containers – all of which require a home.
- Do you have a child that is starting school next year, or do you know of anyone moving to the area that has not yet completed an enrolment form? Contact the Office (PH 269 0041) to provide this information.

THE GARDENS SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Avoid the queues of the back-to-school rush - purchase uniforms this year!

BACK TO SCHOOL SHOP HOURS

Tuesday 26 th January	9:00am – 12:00pm
Thursday 28 th January	2:00pm – 4:00pm
Tuesday 2 nd February	9:00am – 12:00pm

Normal shop hours commence from Tuesday 4th February

Tuesday (8:30-9:00am) Thursdays (2:45-3:15pm)

Orders can be placed at the School Office outside of Shop hours
Cash, Cheques & Eftpos accepted – no credit card facilities available

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

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