



T.G.S. Bulletin

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

School Ends 2011
12:30pm, Fri 16 Dec

School Starts 2012
8:50am, Thu 2 Feb

2012 Term Dates
Term 1: 2 Feb-5Apr
Term 2: 23 Apr-29 Jun
Term 3: 16 Jul-28 Sep
Term 4: 15 Oct-18 Dec

The School Office
will be open from
16th January 2012
(10:00am-2:00pm)

HELLO FROM THE PRINCIPAL!

Dear Parents/Caregivers & Friends of the School

The past few weeks have been tremendously busy for students and staff, culminating in our end-of-year prize-giving ceremonies held yesterday. We were able to celebrate and recognise the accomplishments of our children for work in the classroom as well as efforts in the sporting arena; from the way they interacted with their fellow peers to behaviours and attitudes displayed to teachers. We are all proud of the many successes and achievements our children have been involved in.

We must also congratulate all of our school staff – senior management, teaching and support members – for the fantastic work and support given to our students. What a privilege it is indeed to have such caring and committed teachers.

To all our families and friends, enjoy each other and share in some wonderful holiday fun – take care and we will see you in 2012.

SUSANNAH FOWLER, PRINCIPAL

*Our Caretaker Rob Stone
will be on site over the
holiday period.*

*However, if you observe
any suspicious activity
at our school, we ask*

*that you contact
Edge Security
(PH 0800 359 657)*

or the Police.

*Our school grounds are for
all to enjoy so please help
as look after them!*

SCHOOL STATIONERY FOR 2012

Over the past two years we have encouraged our families to utilise the online ordering option through Office Max for the purchase of stationery. Stationery lists for year groups will be available on www.myschool.co.nz from next week – flyers going home with students today so check it out.

Please note that we are a 'SMIGGLE-FREE ZONE' & ask that all Smiggle-brand items be kept for home activities.

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**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS
EVERYONE!**

THANK YOU!

Year 8 Pupils & Families

Who attended the Graduation Dinner held this week. A wonderful evening was had by all with inspirational words of wisdom coming from guest speaker Logan Swann, as well as our Principal.

A new chapter begins in your educational journey as you prepare for college and we ask that you always perform at the highest in all you do and remember your time here as a member of The Gardens School Family.

Thank you Miss Gifford for all your organisation & to those staff members & Year 7 students who worked behind the scenes to ensure this night was a great success.

DENTAL SERVICES

DURING HOLIDAY PERIOD

Services are provided free to all pre-school/primary/intermediate children. For details of the nearest school dental clinic open during the holiday period, ring **0800 4 DENTAL (0800 433 6825)** or www.ards.co.nz.

VALUES PROGRAMME FOR 2011

We hope you have enjoyed and appreciated the many different character virtues we have embraced this year. We hope you have been able to put these into practice in your daily lives and ask that you reflect on all values presented during the year in your home and work environments:

Peacefulness

PEACEFULNESS is an inner sense of calm. It comes especially in quiet moments of reflection or gratitude. It is becoming very quiet & looking at things so you can understand them. PEACEFULNESS is a way of approaching conflict with others so that no-one is wrong. It is being fair to others & yourself. PEACE is giving up the love of power for the power of love. With PEACEFULNESS, everyone wins. Practicing PEACEFULNESS helps to create a calm mind free from worry. When you are PEACEFUL, you respect others & their differences. People around you feel calm & safe. Without PEACE, no-one is safe. People get hurt. Fighting doesn't solve problems & no-one ever really wins a war. With PEACEFULNESS, any problem can be solved. PEACE in the world begins with PEACE in your heart. To find inner PEACE, become very still & think PEACEFUL thoughts. Observe & think about your feelings, like anger, instead of acting with anger. To be a PEACEMAKER, use PEACEFUL language instead of name-calling, yelling or gossiping. Avoid aggressive or violent actions. Talk things out & listen to the other person too then look for a PEACEFUL solution. PEACEMAKERS find there are lots of creative ways to solve any problem. Violence never solves anything.

You are practicing PEACEFULNESS when you:

- Create inner PEACE with a regular time to pray, meditate or reflect.
- Use PEACEFUL language even when you are angry.
- Speak gently & respectfully.
- Avoid harming anyone.
- Appreciate differences.
- Find PEACEFUL solutions to every problem.

"Have calm thoughts. Picture calm scenes. Recall calm sounds. And guess what you'll be feeling...." PAUL WILSON

2011 HIGHLIGHTS (to name but a few)

- * ASB 'Get Wise' Financial Literacy Workshops
- * Trips to Howick Historical Village
- * Travel-wise Programme
- * Y5-8 Bike Training
- * 'Princess Smartypants' Play presented by Alfriston College
- * Community Consultation Survey
- * Tree Planting at Totara Park
- * Sir Peter Blake Leadership Week with 'Red Sock Day' Fundraiser
- * Education Review Office visit
- * 'The Great Rugby Robbery' show presented by NZ Playhouse
- * 4-classroom relocatable block on site
- * Installation of shade sails
- * Commencement of 'Walking School Bus' initiative
- * Cosmodome visit
- * Y4-8 Athletics Day
- * Wearable Arts Show
- * Y3/4 to Auckland University for Kids Science Lab
- * Y8 Graduation Dinner
- * Y7-8 trip to Miranda Hot Pools

- * Life Education Trust Mobile Classroom Sessions
- * Fundraisers for Christchurch
- * Wheels Day Fundraiser
- * ANZAC Commemoration Assembly
- * 'The Gardens Chefs' in the Maggi Kitchen Show-down Competition for 'The Erin Simpson Show'
- * UNSW Testing
- * Hopskotch Dance Company performance
- * Rugby World Cup activities & celebrations
- * E-Learning Open Evening
- * Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori
- * 'Velvet the Eel' display to promote eel preservation
- * CanTeen Bandanna Appeal
- * Election Day (congratulations National Party)
- * Intermediate Team Ball 'A Night in Paris'
- * Trip to Auckland Zoo
- * Trip to Maritime Museum
- * Scholastic Book Fair & Book Character Parade
- * Outdoor chessboard & 'figures' placed on field
- * New Entrant Open Mornings
- * School Prizegiving Ceremonies
- * Water Day
- * NUMEROUS sporting competitions

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

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