

GIS Newsletter

Friday 23 February 2024

Principal's message

Kia ora whānau,

It was great to see such a wonderful turnout on Tuesday night at Whānau Night! Thank you for supporting our school events and activities! We hope you enjoyed yourselves as well!

Preparations for next weeks Activity Week has been going strong this week. As I am sure parents can appreciate, organising three off site trips for 432 students is a bit of a mission and I do want to thank all staff for their mahi in getting this done for our students.

This year we have enrolled 217 Year 7 students. 215 Year 8 students have changed class this year - with different students and a new teacher. Ensuring they transition well matters. At GIS we believe it is vital that we “do not leave to chance” the establishment of relationships (student to student and teacher to student) to foster a sense of belonging for all students; to their class, to their school and to their peer group. This is why attending Activity Week is so important as it gives students an opportunity to get to know other students and teachers in a different setting.

But the organisation can be a little daunting for students and parents can help with this by making sure they know what they are doing each day, where they are going, and what they need to take. I have included the organisation for each hub in this newsletter.

A huge thank you to the parent volunteers who are coming along as without you, we wouldn't be going! You should have been contacted by a hub teacher regarding the organisation.

At the end of next week we farewell Shomal Dhoke from our teaching staff. Shomal is moving to Australia with her family to live. She will be hugely missed at GIS - she is so bright and bubbly - a breath of fresh air. We wish you all the best Shomal!!!

Maylene Tanielu will be the new teacher for room 12, starting Monday 4 March.

This newsletter includes information about:



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- Activities Week
- Congratulations to our Whānau Ambassadors
- Athletics
- Private Tutoring Music Lessons
- Parenting in a Digital Age - Parent hui Wednesday 6 March
- Phones away for the day - school policy

Have a wonderful weekend!

Ngā mihi

Cathy Chalmers

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Activities Week

Detailed information about Activities Events has already been sent out numerous times - and on Facebook. However, below is a reminder of what is happening each day so that you can help get your child ready to go! **On the trip days it is vital that students arrive at school by 8.30a.m. at the latest** (the school buses are always here by 8.30). We don't want students to miss out because they were late to school but we have to be away from school before 9.00a.m.

Just a reminder that the whole school (including staff!) is going - there won't be anyone left at school to supervise students if they are late!

Monday 26 February:

- **Shakespear Regional Park** - Tawa & Matai (Rooms 1, 9, 10, 3, 18, 11, 4, 8)
- **Auckland Zoo** - Kowhai & Rimu (Rooms 20, 21, 6, 17, 19, 7, 2, 12,5)

Tuesday 27 February

- **Whānau Swimming Sports at Massey Park Pools** - whole school

Thursday 29 February

- **Auckland Zoo**- Tawa & Matai (Rooms 1, 9, 10, 3, 18, 11, 4, 8)
 - **Shakespear Regional Park** - Kowhai & Rimu (Rooms 20, 21, 6, 17, 19, 7, 2, 12,5)
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Whānau Hub Ambassadors

Today at assembly we announced the 2024 Whānau Hub Ambassadors. These students represent their class and provide service to the school through various leadership roles. Congratulations to these awesome students!



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Whānau Hub Ambassadors

Mātai Whānau Ambassadors

Te Wairingiringi Tuipulotu- Room 4
Tracey Faataape- Room 8
Sebastian Gear-Williams- Room 11
Jasmine Allan- Room 18

Rimu Whānau Ambassadors

Alisha Lal- Room 2
Lily Ranga- Room 5
Tony Crestanello- Room 7
Eli Sabani- Room 12

Tawa Whānau Ambassadors

Xavier Afu- Room 1
Kate-lee Enoka-Aue- Room 3
Reef Henricks- Room 9
Rocky McCaw- Room 10

Kōwhai Whānau Ambassadors

Tokapuia Wade- Room 6
Rachael Kolotau- Room 17
Jennette Purua- Room 19
Alicia Tusa- Room 20
Laura Thein- Room 21

Mathletics for Homework

It was good to see so many parents sign their child up for a subscription to Mathletics. The Board pays for this subscription and all we expect in return is for parents to make sure their child does their Mathletics homework at least three times a week most of the time. We will be placing the order for subscriptions next week - if you missed out on signing your child up but really want them to have a subscription, you can complete the google form below.

[Sign up for Mathletics here](#)



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Sharon's Music Studio

MUSIC LESSONS AVAILABLE DURING SCHOOL HOURS

\$18 for 30mins Lesson!

Group guitar lesson & group
keyboard lesson available
during school hours.

One on one lesson is also
available.



Please email Sharon for more information
sharonmusic.nz@gmail.com

Private tutoring lessons for music

We are really fortunate that our students have a great opportunity to have privately tutored music lessons at GIS through Sharon's Music Studio during school time.

Sharon's music studio offers

- Group guitar or keyboard lessons (three students) between 9.00a.m. and 3.00p.m. on a Thursday.
- One on one lessons are also available but cost more.
- Lesson are \$18 for 30 minutes

Most private lessons cost from \$30 for 30 minutes. This is a very good price to have amazing lessons with top class musicians.

If you wish to enrol your child for these lessons, or have any further questions please contact:

Sharon Kim

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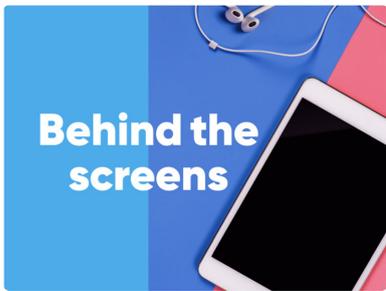
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"Behind the Screens" parent workshop



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On **Wednesday 6 March at 6.30p.m.** we are running a **"Behind the Screens" parent workshop**, facilitated by Team Attitude. If you are concerned with the impact of technology, social media and your child's safety online, then the Team Attitude presentation will give you the tools and insights you need to confidently navigate this tricky space as a parent. Particularly important for this age group! If you plan on coming, please RSVP below so we have some idea

of how many to plan for.

RSVP here for "Behind the Screens"



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