



Greetings, Kia Ora, Talofa lava, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Malo e lelei, Taloha, Ki Orana, Ni Hao, Buenos Dias, Chao Malo Ni, Namaste, Habari Dobar Dan, Bula Vanaka!

Dear Parents,

It has been rather a wet start to the term! Fortunately the rain has tended to hold off during break periods! Despite that, students have had a really positive return to school - there is such a nice overall "feel" in classrooms at the moment - it is awesome! We welcome Michael Cox and Leilani Asiata to the GIS staff this term. Michael is teaching Room 3 for Term 3 and 4, Leilani has joined us as a teacher aide supporting students in classrooms across the school. It is also nice to have Mr Lukupa back from paternity leave.

Congratulations to Aviu Aviu who was invited along to share his writing about Manurewa at the opening ceremony for Cafe Aroha at Totara Hospice last week. This great piece of writing was also published in the Manukau Courier. Awesome work Aviu!



## **PARENT CYBER-SAFETY EVENING- Wednesday 9th August, 6.30p.m. in the hall**

This age tends to be the "entry point" for children to have their own cellphone and increased access to social media online. It is really important that we understand how to support our children to keep safe online and be responsible digital citizens. On Wednesday 9th August, Cyber Safety expert, John Parsons, will be hosting a parent information evening which we hope you will be able to attend. John is an outstanding, engaging speaker and will cover topics such as cyberbullying and how parents can support their child to be responsible digital citizens. Please do come and bring your friends! See the attached flyer for more information.

John will also be taking workshops with students in classes on Wednesday and Thursday in week 3.

## **SCHOOL JUBILEE FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Greenmeadows Intermediate School officially opened on 16th September 1967 and is celebrating it's 50th Jubilee on Friday 15th September. More information can be found on our facebook page.

1. **We will be holding a special assembly from 11.00a.m. to 1.00p.m.** We are inviting any previous pupils, staff members, parents, families or friends of Greenmeadows to come along and join us. Of course we are already hoping our current parents and families will come! All of our performance groups will be performing - this will be a very special occasion! Please do pass the word along.
2. **The Board of Trustees will be hosting a social function for adults (18+)** who are keen to reconnect with previous students, BOT members, staff, families, and friends of the school. This will take place in the school hall from 7.00 to 9.30p.m. Finger food and drinks will be provided. Tickets cost \$25 for a non alcohol ticket, \$40 for a limited alcohol ticket. Please use this link to purchase tickets. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/greenmeadows-intermediate-schools-50th-jubilee-social-function-tickets-36573641747>

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SCHOOL JUBILEE

## **KAWAU CAMP PARENT MEETING - Tuesday 1 August, 6.30p.m. in the hall**

A reminder that there is a parent meeting for those students who are going to Kawau Camp next Tuesday evening. It is really important parents come to this meeting so we look forward to seeing you there!

## MANUREWA MARAE TRIP - Monday 14th August

The whole school will be visiting Manurewa Marae on Monday 14 August. A letter detailing the organisation will come home next week. The purpose of this trip is to reinforce the learning that has been taking place in the Te Reo programme. It is also an excellent opportunity for our students to inquire into the Great Pacific Voyage and to explore the ways that people pass on and sustain aspects of their culture and heritage. There is no cost for this trip (school is paying) and all students will attend, unless parents do not want them to attend for a valid reason.

### HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENT PACKS

In Zone Enrolment Packs for Alfriston College, Manurewa High School and James Cook High School will be given out to Year 8 students in Week 3. If you wish to apply for an Out of Zone enrolment, you need to organise this yourself with the high school you want your child to attend. Out of Zone enrolment forms must be returned to the high school by Wednesday 6th September. **We only collect In Zone enrolment forms** which are due Friday 15th September.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The next meeting of the Board will be held in the staffroom on Monday 14 August at 6.30p.m.

### MPA DIVERSITY FESTIVAL REHEARSAL

The choir will be taking part in the Diversity Festival Rehearsal next Friday 4 August from 9.00 to 12.30p.m.. This is held in our school hall. It is really important that all choir students attend these rehearsal to secure their place in the festival performance on the night. The actual festival takes place this term on Tuesday 12 September at the Vodafone Events Centre. Tickets will go on sale after the rehearsal and can be purchased from school.



### MUFTI DAY - Thursday 3rd August

Students are able to wear mufti on Thursday next week. The purpose of this fundraiser is to raise money for Kawau Camp. The cost is \$2.00.

## STUDENT'S WRITING

### ON THE COURT

She has a narrow, oblong face with angular cheekbones and a pointed chin. Her slit-like eyes are a clouded hazel; her thinly plucked eyebrows are shaped into a deceivingly perfect arch, that followed the slight curve of her eye. A long nose hooks over her dry, parched lips. Her thin, satin like hair was up in a high ponytail (which swayed like anything on the court). The sharp features of her face are a distinct reflection of her entire body structure; the muscles on the women is immense. Her vibrant, pink asics stand out like a sore thumb on the court. Her posture is firm and solid; she walks in long strides. The expressions on her face resemble the way she performs, aggressive, fierce and dominant. Sharni Layton, what an outstanding netball player - just a shame she's an Aussie.



By Maia Taua'a, Room 1

### BARACK OBAMA

Although he is mature, he likes doing outdoor activities. His hair is white, thin and grey like patches of snow flakes scattered everywhere on the pathway. His skin is silky smooth, but during his term, it has vanished. Everytime you walk past him, you will get a strong whiff of hot chocolate as this is his favourite drink. Although he talks slowly, his ideas are bright and powerful. His tailored black and white suit (with a blue tie) matches his style; he has his own tailor to cut it for him. His black oval eyes matches the midnight sky. He is known around the world for his intelligent mind and his gracious smile. Barack was able to outsmart everyone to be what he is now. Because he has retired, we will respect him as one of the greatest politicians the world has ever seen.

By Anu Inmathong, Room 1