

GIS Newsletter

Wednesday 5 April 2023

Principal's message

Kia ora whanau,

Today was a lovely day at school - it was so cool to see all the students having such a fun last day at school participating in our Whānau Hub Tabloid Sports event. Great also to see so many students dressing up in their house colours!



Today was also the last day for students this term - **tomorrow (Thursday 6 April) is a Teacher Only Day.**

We are farewelling Jane Hudson and Frank Godden from our school staff tomorrow. We have been most appreciative of their service to our school, Jane as our Learning Support Coordinator and Frank as our sports teacher this term. We wish them well and they will both be missed.

Next term we welcome Jack Walker-Tate as our new music specialist teacher and Molly Harris, our new food technology specialist teacher to the staff. It will be great to have them on board! We are also very pleased to welcome three new teacher aides to our staff; Josh Gray, Sofai Maka and Lagi I'u.

We wish everyone a safe and happy Easter and a great holiday. We look forward to welcoming all students back to school on the **first day of Term 2 - Wednesday 26 April.**

Please do have a good read of this newsletter; this week it includes information about the following:

- Totara Springs Camp
- 3 Way Conferences
- Wero Water Park Experience
- Photolife Photos

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Whole School Camp – Totara Springs, Matamata

A reminder of the dates that camp is taking place next term.

- **Tawa & Matai Whanau Hubs** (Rooms 8, 9, 10, 21, 6, 1 and 4) go from Monday 15th to Wednesday 17th May.
- **Kowhai & Rimu Whanau Hubs** (Rooms 18, 20, 17, 5, 7, 3 & 2) will go from Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th May.



Great to have 114 more forms come in today - **we only have 101 to go!!** See below for links to the forms if parents wish to fill them in and email them over the holidays to their class teacher. **Note these are google docs and you will need to make a copy before filling in.**

- [Parent Consent Form](#)
- [Health Form](#)
- [Student Behaviour Contract](#)

We now have more than enough parents who have volunteered to come to camp with us - thanks for that. Joe Lukupa will draw names out of a hat and will make contact with parents tomorrow.

We ask parents to contribute \$100.00 to the cost of camp (total cost \$280 per child). Parents can continue to make payments through the holidays if they wish via [Kindo](#). Part payment instalments are able to be made on Kindo as well. Due date for payments is Wednesday 10 May.

There is a **Parent Information meeting VIA ZOOM on Wednesday 26 April at 7.00p.m.** Joe and I will be going over the organisation in detail and can answer any questions parents may have. We hope to see you there. A link will be sent out the week before.

3 Way Conferences

A reminder that we have **3 Way Conferences in Week 2 on Wednesday 3 May - school finishes for students at 12.30p.m.** Parents will be able to book these through the Hero App - and so we strongly recommend that you have downloaded the app and signed in before next term. We will be releasing bookings during the holidays.

For more information on how to download the Hero app and login, [click here](#).



Vector Wero Waterpark

Some of our Year 7 students visited Vector Wero Waterpark last week and had a fabulous time. They learned about water safety while water rafting down the rapids. The instructors were so impressed with our students (both their positive attitude and their behaviour) that they have now offered for our whole school to experience water rafting (for free!) over the next two terms. Each class will get a turn - Year 7's in Term 2 and Year 8's in Term 3. They will love it!



Photolife

Just a heads up that Photolife will be in school on Tuesday 9 May to take class and individual photos. The information will come home the first week of term.