

# GIS Newsletter

Thursday 4 May 2023

## Principal's message

Kia ora whanau,

It was great to see 221 parents and whānau attend 3 Way Conferences last night. This is an important opportunity for teachers, students and parents to have a kōrero about teaching and learning. These two years at intermediate are so important for making sure our learners are well set up both academically and socially for high school - and we do this best when we work in partnership with parents.



If for any reason you were not able to come last night - it is not too late! Parents can email teachers at any time to make an appointment at a time that is convenient to both. Feel free to do this if you missed out last night!

The Fonterra Science Roadshow was held at our school this week and was a great learning experience for those students who went along. We were also very proud of our students who hosted the fair for other schools in Manurewa and were "explainers" for the various activities. Some photos below!

School camp is only one week away! Please have a careful read of the information in this newsletter - it does include a few reminders.

Included in this newsletter is information about the following:

- Totara Springs Camp
- Homework - Mathletics
- Photolife Photos - next Tuesday 9 May
- Orienteering Tournament rescheduled

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## Whole School Camp – Totara Springs, Matamata

It is great to see that nearly all students are coming to camp in Week 4. Not long to go now! This is excellent! The students will have so much fun!



A reminder that the **students who are not going to camp are still required to attend school each day as normal** - staying home because they are not going to camp is not a justified reason for absence and they will be marked as truant if they do. **The school has employed a relieving teacher (Jessica Hall) to teach all non-campers together for the week;** she will deliver the learning programme planned by their classroom teacher.

We ask parents to contribute \$100.00 to the cost of camp (total cost \$280 per child). Parents can continue to make payments via [Kindo](#) or at the school office. **Due date for payments is Wednesday 10 May.** Please don't hesitate to contact us if you are not able to meet this deadline - we don't want this to be a barrier to students attending camp - we can always find a way to help!

If you have misplaced the gear list sent home with the original notices then [you can access it by following this link](#).



## Homework – Mathletics

The school pays for every student to have their own Mathletics subscription (\$21.83 per student) with the expectation that they work on their Mathletics at least three times a week for half an hour as their homework. We had a number of parents saying last night "why doesn't our child have homework?". **They do - it is their Mathletics!!**

Teachers assign activities on Mathletics that align with the Maths that students are doing in class. They also assign activities that will help your child "fill in some gaps" that the teacher currently notices with their Maths knowledge. We purchase the Year 7 to Year 13 programme subscription, so the Mathletics has a different "feel" to

what they may have experienced if they had Athletics at primary school.

We are finding a lot of our students are lagging behind in their Maths knowledge - the Board pays for this subscription to help them catch up as much as possible so they are well prepared for high school. We would appreciate parent support in making sure students do their Maths homework regularly!



## Photolife

Just a reminder that Photolife will be in school on Tuesday 9 May to take class and individual photos.

## Orienteering is postponed until next Monday

Due to the weather, the Counties Manukau Orienteering Tournament that was to be held today was postponed until next Monday 8th May. The organisation remains the same for those students who are in the team. Fingers crossed for a fine Monday!