

# GIS Newsletter

Friday 23 June 2023

## Principal's message

Kia ora whanau,

Next week is the last week of Term 2. **School finishes at the usual time of 3.00p.m. on Friday 30 June.**



Term 3 starts on Monday 17 July at 9.00a.m. I wish everyone a super holiday and we look forward to a safe return for all our students after the break.

This newsletter includes information about:

- Photolife Photos - how to order
- How to print a school report
- Welcome back to two of our previous teachers
- Wero Waterpark
- Maths Homework Club
- Board meeting
- Attendance

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ngā mihi

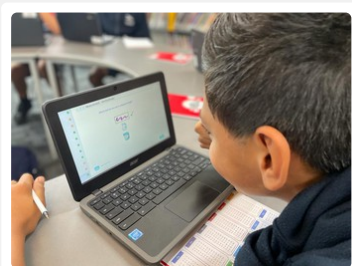
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## Welcome back!

Next term we welcome **Shomal Dhoke** back from maternity leave. Shomal will be teaching Digital Technology as part of the specialist team for Term 3 & 4. She has been working Wednesdays and Fridays the last two weeks to get ready for next term and It is so lovely to have her cheerful smiley face back at school!

We also welcome back **Vivek Gopal** next term! Mr Gopal has been a teacher of Greenmeadows Intermediate for a number of years and we are thrilled he is returning to our staff as our new Learning Support Coordinator.



## Attendance

As parents are aware, across the motu, all schools are pushing for students to attend school regularly as part of the governments [Attendance and Engagement Strategy](#).

50% of our students have attended school regularly this term (ie 90+% of the time) and that is just awesome - an improvement on the same time last year when only 43.6% of the students were attending school regularly. There has been more sickness this term, but that is ok as you can still take five days off sick a term to maintain 90+% attendance. Lets see if we can get to 60% next term!! Parents are able to monitor how many days off your child is having by logging into Hero and checking the Attendance dial.

We are noticing a number of students starting to take Friday and Monday off, or staying home when it is raining. Mr Lukupa refers to this as "rainitis"! It is important to come to school every day and only stay home for justified reasons.

## Maths Homework Club

This term we have been running an after school Homework Club for some of our students who were keen to take part. What a great bunch of students they are! They turn up both days (Tuesday and Thursday) and work really hard on their Mathletics with Eldon in the library. It is already paying off as they are rapidly improving their maths capability. Enjoy some photos!

# PhotoLife

## Ordering Photolife Photos

Ordering of school photos is no longer done through schools.

Parents should have received an email directly from Photolife which includes an individual code that can be used to order class and individuals photos online [via their website](#).

All instructions for how to order are on their website. If you have not received a code it is likely because we do not have your email address on our records - or it has gone to your junk mail. If you would like them to resend you a code, we suggest you ring them directly on 0800 501 040.

## How to print a school report on Hero

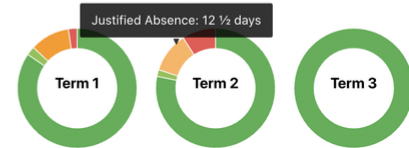
We are getting to that time of year when some parents are wanting a printed school report. While our Manurewa high schools do not require a school report for enrolment purposes, some of the ones outside our area do. Usually these just need to be emailed as a PDF. The simplest way to do this is to print it off Hero yourself. Because Hero is intended as a real-time, digital reporting platform, the printed report is quite simplistic but it does include a printout of all posts made by teachers, along with current achievement levels. The instructions on how to print a copy of the report is below.



# Your child's online report

- At the top of the report, a graph showing student attendance for each term is displayed. If you move the mouse (or your finger if looking at the app) over the graph sections, the current attendance data held on file is shown.
- Students who attend school regularly, attend school at least 90% of the time. (ie are absent no more than 5 days a term).

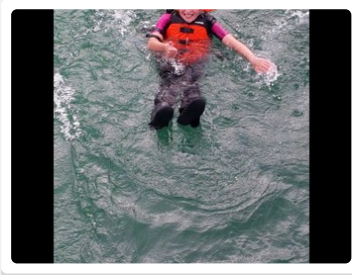
Attendance in 2020



- **Parents are able to print a report at any time.**
- Go to "Print Report"
- Change the date range on the calendar if you wish to. Print by clicking on the Printer icon - or use "Command P" or "Control P" depending on your computer.
- Remember that Hero is designed as a digital reporting platform - the printed copy is very simplistic, but does provide information for parents who require a printed report.
- Save as a pdf or print. The school will assist with printing a report for Y8 students who need these for college applications if absolutely necessary - most will accept a PDF emailed which parents are encouraged to do themselves.

## School Board Meeting

The School Board have their next meeting this upcoming Monday 26 June at 6.30p.m. in the staffroom.



## Class Wero Trips

We have been very fortunate to have Wero White Water Park in Manukau City providing us with the opportunity for the whole school to participate in a two hour water safety programme that includes white water rafting. The students have thoroughly enjoyed the experience! Year 7 went to Wero this term and **Year 8 will go in Term 3.**

**The timetable for Year 8 next term is as follows:**

- Room 2 - Thursday 3 August
- Room 4 - Tuesday 8 August
- Room 5 - Wednesday 9 August
- Room 7 - Thursday 10 August
- Room 8 - Tuesday 15 August
- Room 21 - Wednesday 23 August

**Permission forms will be sent home at the start of Term 3 with students.** It is important that these are returned to school as soon as possible once you receive it.

