

# GIS Newsletter

Friday 22 September

## Principal's message

Kia ora whanau,

Term 3 draws to a close today. We hope everyone has a great two week break - fingers crossed that the weather is fine although it is not looking too good at the moment! Daylight Saving starts at 2.00a.m. on Sunday - don't forget to put your clocks forward an hour!



This week was a wonderful celebration of the amazing talents of our students which were showcased so well at our Mighty Minds and Talents Show on Tuesday evening! Each performance was really outstanding - and the new costumes for the Pasifika Group and Kapa Haka were just lovely and really helped to motivate the students to perform at even greater heights.

I do want to do a special shout out to all the teachers and tutors who really did work so hard to make the evening such a success. There were a few stressed out people last week because everyone wanted so much to see the show come together well - and boy did it ever come together well! We should not take for granted the high calibre of the staff at this school - and we really did appreciate the support of the parents who helped as well.

The photos are still coming (they are currently being edited)....however once I have access to them I will post them up on Facebook!

We look forward to seeing all students back on the first day of Term 4 - Monday 9 October at 9.00a.m.!

This newsletter includes information about:

- School Uniform expectations for Term 4
- Attendance of Students
- Manu Tioriori Festival
- Teacher Only Day Term 4
- Year 8 graduation T Shirts or hoodies available for ordering
- Totara Hospice

Have a wonderful break ahead!

Ngā mihi  
Cathy Chalmers

## School Uniform for Term 4

The holidays is a good time to make sure your child has the correct school uniform for Term 4!

**Students are NOT to wear long pants during Term 4** - this is for winter time only! We find students get far too hot (and smelly!) in Term 4 and it affects their ability to focus on their learning. We also do not want to see students wearing hoodies etc at school either. This is a deliberate choice on their part and it is becoming particularly prevalent in some Year 8 classes.

We would appreciate parents reinforcing this with their child. Many students just think we are nags! What they don't realise is we are working very hard to get them to develop good work habits before starting high school. Trust us - there are very few high schools who accept students wearing non uniform clothes to school!



## Attendance

We have just analysed our Term 3 attendance data for the school board meeting which is taking place on the first Monday after the holidays. It was great to see that the proportion of students who attend school regularly has increased from 50.5% in Term 2 to 62% in Term 4. This is brilliant and we need to keep this upward trajectory going! The school boards target is to have 65% of students attending school regularly.

Some parents will find that Mr Lukupa will follow up regarding their child's attendance - especially if they are absent for no reason, or if there is a concerning pattern of non attendance (eg often takes a Monday or a Friday off school). The Ministry of Education has now made it that school management systems must automatically "flag" students who have been absent for more than five days in a row, or who are dropping below the expected regular attendance rate of 90%. Parents are able to keep track of how many days their child has had off school (as well as their attendance rate) by logging into Hero.

Thank you to those parents who have completed the [extended absence form](#) - this now needs to be completed for all students who parents wish to take out of school for more than five days.

## Manu Tioriori Festival

The choir has been rehearsing very hard learning the songs for the Manu Tioriori Festival which is taking place up at the Due Drop Centre next term on Wednesday 1 November. The Pasifika Group and Kapa Haka will also be performing. Tickets will go on sale at the start of Term 4 and they are very limited as the BNZ Theatre only seats 650 in the audience; our school is only allocated 100 tickets.

- \$15 for an adult ticket
- \$10.00 for a child's ticket
- \$40.00 for two adults, two children. Additional children \$10.00 each.

Tickets will be able to be purchased via Kindo from the start of next term.



## Teacher Only Day - Monday 20 November

The Ministry of Education has allocated a teacher-only day in Term 4 to enable schools to spend time understanding, preparing and engaging with changes being made to *The New Zealand Curriculum*. These days have to be taken between the 13th - 24th November. The Board has decided on Monday 20 November. Students will not be at school on this day.



## Year 8 Graduation Hoodies or T-shirts

We have had requests to provide graduation Hoodies and T Shirts for our Year 8 students to purchase as a memento of their time at Greenmeadows. After talking to the Year 8's it seems preferable to them that these be "Class" based - ie they would have the names of all the students in their class on the back. Black seems to be the preferred colour. We have yet to design what they will look like, but below are some examples. The quality of the items is very good. It would cost around \$50.00 for a hoodie, \$30.00 for a t-shirt.

Before we can go ahead and finalise the order, I need to know how many people are interested (and therefore know how many will be required). We do not want to be left with a whole lot of t-shirts and hoodies that are of no use to anyone - if we don't have sufficient interest, we won't go ahead with it. Please complete the form below if your child would be interested in purchasing one.

**Form to register interest in Y8 Hoodies or T Shirts**

As a school we like to support Totara Hospice in their endeavours. Their Cafe Aroha is now offering an out catering service. See below for details of some school holiday specials and a pop mini market that will be taking place.



# Café Aroha

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPECIALS!

### WAFFLE POPS

**\$10 each**

*25<sup>th</sup> Sep - 6<sup>th</sup> October*

#### Flavours

- **Cookies & Cream**

Dark chocolate, Oreo's, white chocolate and chocolate sauce

- **White Chocolate and Raspberry**

White chocolate, strawberry topping, assorted sprinkles

- **Smores**

Dark chocolate, crushed biscuit, marshmallows, caramel sauce



**Visit us at 140 Charles Prevost Drive,  
The Gardens - Open 8am-3pm**





# Café Aroha

## Pop-Up Mini Market

Wednesday  
27<sup>th</sup> Sept  
8:30am - 1pm

### FEATURING THIS MONTH:

- Kahuri Designs
- Doris and June Crafts
- Kiwiana Jewellery
- Zino's Preserves

New edition:  
Tōtara Hospice  
Retail area!



**140 Charles Prevost Drive, The Gardens**

Join us for the last Wednesday of the month for a fabulous shopping experience at Café Aroha showcasing a range of local stalls - featuring creative works of art and stunning accessories of Aotearoa.

Come along and enjoy a hot coffee and grab a bite to eat.

#### Café Aroha menu features:

- Daily Specials • Dine-in Breakfast • Kids Menu
- Sandwiches & Rolls + a range of baked goods & sweet treats

Order on line at [cafearoaha.mobi2go.com](http://cafearoaha.mobi2go.com)