

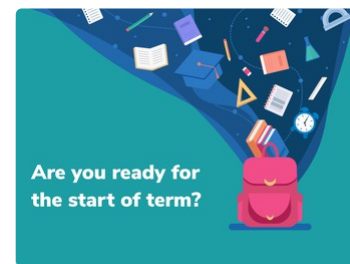
GIS Newsletter

Friday 13 October

Principal's message

Kia ora whanau,

Welcome to Term 4! I hope everyone had a lovely break. Term 4 is always a special term at an intermediate school; there a lot of different events and activities happening and of course, the closer we get to the end of the year, we begin to prepare our Year 8's for their transition to high school. I have flagged for parents the dates of some of the important activities and events - you may wish to pop them in the calendar now.



This newsletter includes information about:

- Manu Tioriori Festival
- Teacher Only Day Term 4
- High School Enrolments
- Navigator Sailing programme for Year 7
- Dates to pop in the calendar!
- A reminder about school uniform expectations for Term 4
- The Brave Project - reminders for those involved
- Instagram presence
- Year 8 graduation T Shirts or hoodies available for ordering

Have a wonderful weekend!

Ngā mihi

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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, Kapa Haka and Chinese Fan Dance will also be performing.

Tickets are now 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. To enable as many of our students

performing to get tickets for their family, we have restricted ticket sales to two adult and two child tickets per family. (and you can't swap them out)

- \$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 from Whaea Mel in the Resource Room. Once we run out, we will start a waiting list for tickets as we are hopeful other schools will have some to spare that we can get the week before the festival.



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. **A reminder that the school board has decided on Monday 20 November.** Students will not be at school on this day.

High School Enrolments

A reminder that all Year 8 students should have their enrolments sorted for high school as soon as possible. To date we only have 28% of our Year 8 students enrolled.

If your child has been accepted for an Out of Zone enrolment for high school, it is important that parents let us know and send us a copy of the acceptance letter. Manurewa High, Alfriston College and James Cook High regularly send us updated enrolments lists so it is not necessary if your child is going to one of those schools.

At the end of the year, when your child is withdrawn, the Ministry of Education expects us to enter into their record the name of the high school they will be attending - this is why we need to know as well.

The local high schools have just this week informed us of their transition days **for students who have completed the enrolment process:** They are as follows:

- Manurewa High School - 27 November
- James Cook High School - 28 November
- Alfriston College - 29 November

New Navigators Programme - for Year 7 students

Our Year 7 students all have the opportunity this term to take part in the New Navigators programme which introduces them to marine sports while at the same time teaching them about water safety and

the marine environment. Keep an eye out for the notice with all the information including the permission slips which classroom teachers will be sending home soon.

It is a great day out and a wonderful opportunity for our students. **There is no cost involved - it is all paid for - including the bus to get there!**

The students will try their hand at sailing, kayaking or even stand-up paddleboarding and waka ama, while also learning simple ways that they can help to protect the ocean thanks to the Blake Trust NZ-VR outreach programme.



Here is a link to the [New Navigators website](#) if parents would like more information. **We need a minimum of two parent helpers per class, so please do email your class teacher if you can help out!**

See below for the dates and timings for these class trips.

Date of Trip	Room	Time Departing from School	Time Arriving at Venue	Time Leaving Venue	Time Arriving at School
Wednesday October 25th (Week 3)	6	8:30 AM	9:15 AM	By 2:15 pm	By 3:00 pm
Wednesday November 29th (Week 8)	18	8:30 AM	9:15 AM	By 2:15 pm	By 3:00 pm
Thursday November 30th (Week 8)	1	8:30 AM	9:15 AM	By 2:15 pm	By 3:00 pm
Monday December 4th (Week 9)	9	8:30 AM	9:15 AM	By 2:15 pm	By 3:00 pm
Tuesday December 5th (Week 9)	3	8:30 AM	9:15 AM	By 2:15 pm	By 3:00 pm
Wednesday December 6th (Week 9)	17	8:30 AM	9:15 AM	By 2:15 pm	By 3:00 pm
Thursday December 7th (Week 9)	10	8:30 AM	9:15 AM	By 2:15 pm	By 3:00 pm



The Brave Project

Some of our students are very fortunate to have the opportunity to take part in The Brave Project. 'The Brave Project', founded by AJ Hackett, aims to develop resilience in students. So, after completing a unit looking at what causes fear, the physical effects, and strategies in overcoming fear, a group of our students have the opportunity to put their learning into practise by completing a Bungy jump off the Auckland Harbour Bridge next Tuesday 17 October. A reminder that all Brave students need to be at school before 7:30am so that they can be in the city by 9.00a.m.

School Uniform for Term 4

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct uniform for Term 4; in particular **students are NOT to wear long pants during Term 4** - this is the winter uniform 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, particularly with some Year 8's.

We would appreciate parents reinforcing this with their child. We are working very hard to get all our students to develop good work habits before they transition to high school. Trust us - there are very few high schools who accept students wearing non uniform clothes to school!



Year 8 Graduation Hoodies or T-shirts - don't miss out!

There has been great interest in the purchase of graduation Hoodies and T Shirts for our Year 8 students as a memento of their time at Greenmeadows with more than half of the Year 8's putting in an order. We will be encouraging students to wear them on last few days of school when many of our Year 8's donate their school uniform to the school in order for us to help incoming families who want the option of purchasing second hand uniforms.

Students can order either a hoodie or a t-shirt (some have ordered both which is fine too!). 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.

Please complete the form below if your child is keen to order one by the end of this week. Orders will close by the end of the day on Monday and we are unable to accept late orders.

Form to register interest in Y8 Hoodies or T Shirts

Instagram - A parents guide!

We have had a number of issues recently with students online behaviour via Instagram. Many parents we contacted were unaware that their child even had an Instagram account (or two.....or three....)! We find many students have their "official" Instagram account that they show their parents, and then another that they do much of their posting. It really is important that parents stay informed about what their child is doing online and the "groups" they belong to. Many of them are not OK - and we really object to the ones being set up as "GIS confession" pages etc.

Below is a really good guide for parents on Instagram including how it works, how to check the activity, manage interactions etc. It is definitely worth reading! Hope it helps!

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