

GIS Newsletter

Thursday 26 September 2024



Kia ora whānau,

As Term 3 draws to an end with tomorrow being the last day, I took the opportunity to reflect on what a great term it has been for showcasing the outstanding performance talents of our students. The Mighty Minds and Talents show was absolutely amazing - every year I am astounded by how confident and talented our students are and how much they love performing for their whānau, friends and classmates. They did themselves so proud! Many thanks to the tutors of the groups who helped train the students - I know they all got as much of a kick out of seeing their group perform and they were equally proud - as they should have been!

Next term, our school will be performing in the Alfriston Kāhui Ako Manu Tioriori Festival on Wednesday 23 October up in the BNZ Theatre at the Due Drop Centre. The choir has been practising for this all year, learning sixteen songs! Our Pasifika Group, Kapa Haka Group and Year 8 Chinese Fan Dance groups will also be performing. Parents can buy tickets now - either on Kindo or from Whaea Mel in the Resource Room. \$15.00 for an adult ticket, \$10.00 for a child.

I hope everyone has a lovely break. We look forward to seeing all students back at school on Monday 14 October at 9.00a.m.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!



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Welcome to Amanpreet Kaur!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Amanpreet Kaur who has joined our teaching team. Amanpreet is currently teaching English to some of our students and it is wonderful to have her working with us! She is also assisting with cover in some of our classes when needed.



Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

Greenmeadows Intermediate had a great time celebrating Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. Every morning classes received a video from Whaea Luanda which was completely in Te Reo Māori. Ākongā had to watch the videos and search for the translations of key words in the Māori dictionary to help them figure out what Whaea Luanda was talking about. All classes loved the activity and it became quite competitive! Some classes also did Māori art, learned waiata Māori, participated in Māori cooking classes and even made poi earrings!

Our school also entered Te Whakataetae reo Māori, an online Te Reo Māori competition facilitated by Education Perfect. **Greenmeadows Intermediate came 4th overall globally out of 328 Schools.** Congratulations to the following students who placed in the top 100 competitors in the world.

- Benson Le, Room 9
- Drishti Shreeya, Room 9
- Karanveer Singh, Room 9
- Leila Seymour, Room 8

Te Kahikātoa Kapa haka

Last Friday Greenmeadows Kapa Haka were invited to a whānaungatanga event at Alfriston College. They watched a stunning performance from Te Kahikātoa kapa haka which included two ex-students from our kura. This was also a great opportunity for tamariki to connect with different kura around Manurewa. The kura who attended were Finlayson Park, Te Kura Ākongā and Randwick Park. The highlight of our time there was the mass waiata at the end. We look forward to attending more whānaungatanga events in the future.



Teacher Only Day - Tuesday 29 October

There will be a Teacher Only Day for teachers to learn more about the new Maths and Literacy Curriculum on Tuesday 29 October.

There will be no school for students that day - the school will be closed. The Board always adds any Teacher Only Days onto long weekends as these are days when we consistently have more students absent from school than usual.



I am sure the announcement that Minister Seymour made today regarding Teacher Only Days may have people wondering why the school is having a teacher only day at all! To be clear, this is a government mandated Teacher Only Day that has been approved by the Minister of Education. If you wish to know more about the Ministry approved Curriculum Days, [please follow this link.](#)

Our Attendance Statistics are looking pretty good!

With the winter cold and flu bugs rampant, there has been a lot of sickness in Term 3 for both students and staff. Despite this up until the end of last week, we still had 64.5% of students attending school more than 90% of the time. This is outstanding and a big improvement from Term 2 when we had 57% of students attending school regularly. Attendance is slightly better in Year 7 than in Year 8. For comparison, in Term 1 this year, 53% of students in South Auckland attended school regularly.

I just thought it important to share our great attendance data - particularly at a time when there is a lot in the media about how shocking NZ's attendance statistics are. Our school target is to have 65% of students attending school regularly - if we keep going like this, we will reach this target by the end of year - how cool would that be!

2025 Enrolments

A reminder that if you know anyone who wants to enrol their child at Greenmeadows Intermediate School in 2025 that they are advised to get there enrolment in as soon as possible. People are able to enrol online by [following this link.](#)

It is also important that Year 8 students enrol in high school as soon as possible and let the class teacher know which high school they have been accepted for.

Term 3 dates to remember



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- Monday 14 October - First day of Term 4
- Tuesday 15 October - Manu Tioriori Rehearsal - at Greenmeadows Intermediate
- Tuesday 22 October - Manu Tioriori Dress Rehearsal at Due Drop
- Wednesday 23 October - Manu Tioriori show 7.00p.m. at Due Drop
- Thursday 24 October - Boys & Girls Volleyball Counties Tournament
- Monday 28 October - Labour Day
- Tuesday 29 October - Teachers Only Day

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