

GIS Newsletter

Thursday 2 May 2024

Welcome back to term 2,

We are pleased to welcome all our ākonga back to kura ready to take on the challenges of Term 2. Our week began with a warmhearted pōwhiri where we took the opportunity to welcome all our new students and staff. This occasion set us up for a fantastic week.



Our tamariki have returned to school with positive attitudes and there is a cheerful feeling around the school as students prepare to dive into the new learning of this term.

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Pink Shirt Day - Friday 17 May

Pink Shirt Day is an event to eliminate bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusion. To show our support we are encouraging students to wear pink on this day and make a gold coin donation.

We will also be having a **PINK Bake Sale** where students, staff (and whānau members) are being given the opportunity to show off their baking skills, while supporting the cause. Students are

encouraged to bring some home baking (preferably pink) to school on the day. Throughout the day students will be able to purchase the baking and all proceeds will go to the Pink Shirt Day.

Students who are unsure of what to bake or need support with recipes can seek help from Whaea Jes.

Please talk to your tamariki about supporting the cause.



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The Brave Project

We are pleased to announce that our school will be participating in the BRAVE Project again this year. This programme is founded by A.J Hackett and is designed to teach students new skills to help them overcome challenges and achieve their goals. Our students will participate in several lessons taught in school over the coming weeks and as a final challenge, we will be taking 30 students to complete the Auckland Harbour Bungy. These students will be going on the trip in Week 4 (**Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd May**).

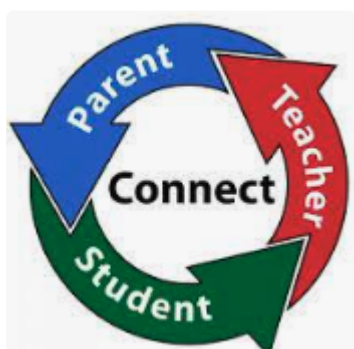


Girls Self Defence

If you are a parent of a Year 8 girl, you would have received an information letter informing you about the upcoming self defence lessons that are being run at school by Kia Haumarū – Personal Safety Education. We are really pleased that we can offer this great opportunity to our girls.

Mangrove Field Trip - Brylee Park Reserve, Conifer Grove

Our field trips to the Brylee Park Mangroves have started well. Students who attended the trip today, enjoyed getting up close and personal to these amazing plants. The students in Room 1, enjoyed exploring the reserve and observing different living organisms in their natural habitat. Our students have shown a high level of curiosity and interest in this topic and as a result of this visit they're well set up to continue their learning in the classroom.



3 Way Conferences

Just a reminder that 3 Way Conferences will take place on **Wednesday 15 May from 1.00p.m.** These are an opportunity for parents, students and teachers to have a conversation around the progress and achievement of the student across the curriculum. Caregivers are able to book a time for this on Hero or by contacting their child's teacher.

School finishes at 12.30p.m. on Wednesday 15 May - please note that the school buses do not come early so bus students need to arrange an alternative way home.



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Save the Date!

We will be hosting a whānau hui at 6.30pm on Wednesday 22nd May, focusing on Maths. On the night, we will be looking at a range of topics and activities that can help families to help their children at home with maths. More details to come.

Teacher Only Day - Friday 31 May

A reminder that there will be a Teacher Only Day on Friday 31 May - this is one of two Ministry approved days that are provided for all schools to engage with the refreshed curriculum. We have booked two external facilitators who will be providing professional development for staff - one is a Maths expert, the other a Literacy expert. There will be no school for students on this day.



Term 2 - Dates to remember

- Tuesday 7 May - Counties Girls Football Tournament
- Tuesday 14 May - Readers & Writers Festival
- Wednesday 15 May - 3 Way Conferences
- Friday 17 May - Pink Shirt Day - don't forget to wear pink!
- Wednesday 22 May - Parent Partnership Hui - Come and learn about Maths!
- Tuesday 28th May - Counties Boys Rugby Competition
- **Friday 31 May - Teacher Only Day**
- Monday 3 June - King's Birthday
- Friday 28 June - Matariki Public Holiday



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