

GIS Newsletter

Thursday 16 May 2024

Principal's message

Kia ora whānau,

It was great to see such a wonderful turnout last night for 3 way conferences.

If you were unable to make it please feel free to contact your child's teacher to make another time to meet.

At the beginning of May, the GIS Orienteering teams travelled to the Botanic Gardens for the Counties Orienteering event. Despite the heavy rain, the students showed remarkable perseverance and enthusiasm. Notably, the Year 7 Girls team who made history by getting through into the interzonal competition, marking a significant milestone for GIS Orienteering.

Today was the day of the interzonal competition and despite facing cold weather and slippery, muddy grounds, the girls displayed perseverance. Despite initial nerves, they tackled the challenges head-on, showcasing their determination and earning praise for their performance.

Well done girls! You displayed great sportsmanship in navigating through pretty challenging conditions.

Warm regards

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Teacher Aide Vacancies

We are looking for two enthusiastic and reliable people to join our support staff team at Greenmeadows Intermediate School, providing extra support for students in order to improve their literacy or numeracy skills. There is a permanent position and a fixed term position available with



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negotiable start dates. Ideally, we would like the successful candidates to start as soon as possible.

If you are interested or know anyone who might be interested please email nnelson@greenmeadows.school.nz to request an application pack.

Pink Shirt Day - Friday 17 May

A reminder **Pink Shirt Day is tomorrow Friday 16th May**. Please support this amazing cause by baking beautiful pink cupcakes, buying and eating the cupcakes and by wearing **"PINK"** on this day. A reminder of a gold coin donation will be required if your child chooses to wear pink on the day. Money made on the day will go to a great cause to help get the message out that Bullying Is Not Acceptable.



New Zealand Sign Language Week

Last week we celebrated NZSL, one of NZ's official languages, as a kura. During the week classrooms were learning greetings and the meanings of different signs as another form of communication. At assembly, each Whānau Hub performed a different waiata to demonstrate their learning, and appreciation of a language and culture other than their own.



Girls Soccer

Girls Soccer Tournament

Last week the GIS Girls Soccer team competed in the Counties tournament. It was a torrid day with the team having to play 5 games. EWe qualified for the semi finals with outstanding victories over Rosehill Intermediate and Te Matauranga School. We played Manurewa Intermediate in the semi's and unfortunately went down in a closely fought contest. In the playoff for 3rd place we played Conifer Grove School. We let in an early goal and then came storming back with two sensational goals from Isabelle and Jassan to take the victory 2-1.

Congratulations to the team who were admirably led by our captain Isabelle Singh (who scored 8 goals in the tournament).



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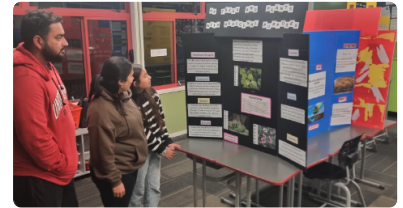
School Gardens

Our School garden boxes are completed and we have had the first soil delivery. Students have been fully engaged in putting the soil into the garden beds and are starting to layer our compost bins. Our Year 7s are super excited to start the gardening process and learn more about growing vegetables.



3 Way conferences

Great turn out for the 3 Way Conferences on Wednesday 15th May. It was pleasing to see so many families attending the interviews even though the weather was wet and cold. If you were not able to attend the 3 way conferences and you would like to meet with your child's teacher after school, please make contact with the classroom teacher who will be more than happy to book a time to meet with you.



Auckland Readers and Writers Festival

A group of 30 gifted and talented writers from our school were selected to attend the Auckland Readers and Writers Festival on May 14th. Accompanied by Vivek Gopal, Sharon Lyons, and Alison Aviga, the students had the opportunity to engage with celebrated authors Maryam Master, Rachel King, Selina Tusitala Marsh, and David Hill. This experience allowed students to gain insights into the authors' journeys and draw inspiration from their life stories and works. The festival, held at the Aotea Center, provided a unique platform for our students to deepen their love for Reading and Writing. Our students demonstrated great enthusiasm and engagement throughout the event, making the most of this invaluable learning opportunity. As an added bonus, our school has been given \$1000 in tokens which can be used to order books for our students who attended the trip, our library, as well as students who do not have access to any joyful literature in their homes.



Winter Uniform

It is great to see all our ākonga wear their school uniform with pride. As the days are getting colder, a friendly reminder that we are now in our winter school uniform. Children may wear long navy blue school pants and the polar fleece. These items can both be purchased at the Manukau Warehouse. Please remind your tamariki to wear the appropriate footwear. This includes plain black shoes preferably covered. Crocs are not permitted.



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.***



Maths Parent Evening

On Wednesday, 22nd May, the GIS Maths Waka Pod is hosting a "Parent Partnership Night", from 6:30pm - 7:30pm. The aim of this night is to promote maths-at-home with whānau. The Maths Waka Pod will be covering such aspects as: Life Skill Maths (time, bus timetables, measuring), Financial Literacy, Maths Board Games, and Mathletics. If you would like to know how to support your child with their math then this is the workshop for you. Come along and support your child.

This term, the students at Greenmeadows Intermediate School have been engaged in their classroom inquiries. Each class has visited Brylee Park Reserve in Conifer Grove. Here, our students have explored the local mangrove ecosystems. These field trips were facilitated by our classroom teachers with the support of Vivek Gopal (Learning Support Coordinator). During these sessions, our students were able to think and act like scientists. This involved using microscopes, collecting samples, sketching, and recording their observations. Ultimately, this experience provided our students with some insight into topics such as the impacts of dredging on land as well as biodiversity and the overall health of mangrove ecosystems. Our students are motivated and on track to complete this unit of inquiry successfully.



Term 2 - May Dates to remember!

- Friday 17 May - Pink Shirt Day - don't forget to wear pink!
- Monday 20 May - BOT meeting
- 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



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- Thursday 13 June - Counties Girls Rugby Competition
- Wednesday 19 June - Counties Boys Hockey Competition
- Friday 28 June - Matariki Public Holiday
- Tuesday 2 July - Counties Girls Hockey Competition



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