

Glen Eden Intermediate School

Newsletter No. 2

Students Family Name _____ Room _____

Thursday 25 February 2010

Kia Ora & Greetings

NEWSINSIDE: *Beach Trip; Kapahaka Group; Parent/Teacher Interviews; Teacher Union Meeting; BOT Elections; International Student Homestays; Cell Phone use; CallPlus Better Schools Programme*

Our election day will be 11 May 2010 and forms will be sent out in the next few weeks asking for nominations.

Board Chairperson Re-elected

Patrick Baker was re-elected as Chairperson for 2010 at our last BOT meeting. Patrick has been a board member for over six years and is also a member of the Auckland Trustees Association.

The next Board meeting is Wednesday 17 March at 6.30pm. These are open meetings and you are always welcome to attend.

Dear Parents and Caregivers

On Tuesday I had the pleasure of being with Karekare Mini-School as they explored Karekare Beach and got to know its special character. Each mini-school will visit their "namesake" beach in Term One. We want this to generate interest in the unique character of the West Coast and its links to the Waitakere Ranges, which are ever present in our logo.

It was great to see students sketching, making sand sculptures, hiking, exploring and learning safety in the water. This "hands on" experience will begin the process of students' identifying with their unique mini-school.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our Kapahaka group who, with a very short practice time, performed a wonderful welcome at Auckland Airport to the "Girl Skateboard Company". This team are the number one Skateboard team in the world, and are based in the USA. Our students received a number of comments on the way they conducted themselves and the excellent volume that they created. Well done to those new Year 7 students who joined the Kapahaka group in Week 2. Special thanks to Huri-ana Hiko, who trained the group and Mr Thompson and Mrs Dunn for their efforts.

Ex-Student Success

Congratulations to our ex-student, Sarah Woolley, who has been appointed Head Prefect at Avondale College. It's great to see Sarah gain such a high honour.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Date changed to 9 March

Parents/Caregivers are invited to this initial Parent Interview on 9 March. The meeting is scheduled at this time of the year to enable you to meet the teacher and discuss your child's transition into their new class. Initial test results will also be discussed. A goals and interests sheet should be collaboratively filled out by students and parents, as a point of discussion. Please see the accompanying letter for more information.

We are using an electronic parent interview booking system this year.

Logon to

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz.

Enter the school code: 838VB. Follow the step by step instructions. You should receive an email confirming your interview time. If you do not have internet access at home you may contact the school office (817-0032) to arrange a time.

All bookings must be made by 2.00pm, Tuesday 9th March

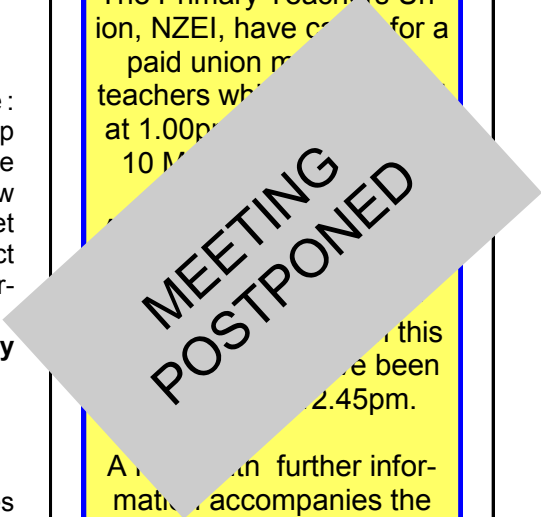
We look forward to meeting you.

Board of Trustee Elections

This year is the Board of Trustees triennial election and we encourage you to think about taking the opportunity of becoming a parent representative on the board.

Teacher Union Meeting Notice

The Primary Teachers Union, NZEI, have called for a paid union meeting for teachers who have been at 1.00pm on 10 March. This meeting has been postponed to 2.45pm. A further information sheet accompanies the newsletter.



COMING EVENTS

Meet the Teacher Parent Interviews

Tuesday 9 March

Board of Trustees Meeting

Wed 17 March, 6.30pm

Building Progress

Our Staffroom, Resource Room and Hall building project is on target to be finished in three weeks and Waitakere Architects, our Project Managers, have kept the \$604,000 costs within budget.

Students and Parents will have much better access to our Resource Room, new Sick Bay, Uniform Shop and Hall. The hall will become our Multipurpose Room and After School Care room and the space we are using currently as a staffroom will become our Learning Support room.

Staff are looking forward to moving into our enlarged staffroom. Many thanks to them for being so patient and stepping through the major revamp as smoothly as possible.

Dramatic Arts Props

If you have any old objects with 'dramatic' potential I'd love to borrow or keep them to use in my Dramatic Arts programme. e.g. gramophone, music box, figurine, throne, portraits, photographs, rocking horse/chair, mannequin, wind-up ballerina, stuffed animals, jack-in-a-box, mirror, lamp, clothing, treasure chest, baskets books, food preparation utensils, grandfather clock, puppets,....etc! If you are able to assist please email me chris@geis.school.nz, preferably with a photo and I'll get back to you to discuss suitability.

Staff Carpark

A friendly reminder to parents/caregivers to refrain from using the staff carpark before or after school as we need to ensure the safety of our students. Drop offs or pick ups should be made at the front gate. Thanks for your support.

Notification of Absences

Our voice mail is available for recording absences before school hours. Please remember to phone before 9.30am if your child is not attending school. This allows for cross checking with our classroom teachers.

School Canteen

A reminder that lunch orders are taken at the Canteen from 8.15am. The lunches will then be delivered to classrooms at 1.00pm by classroom monitors. We encourage students to use this system before school.

International Student Homestays wanted

We are looking for good families to homestay international students from Korea and Thailand.

If you are interested please email our International Student Director, Lesley King (lesleyk@geis.school.nz) or phone the school office, 817 0032.

Cell Phones

Parents and students are reminded of the school policy on cell phones. Each home classroom has a small safe facility installed for the safe keeping of cell phones and valuables and students are urged to use this facility. Teachers will open the safe in the morning at roll call and keep it locked until the end of the day. This removes the possibility of any negative aspect of cell phone use around the school.

If a cell phone is used in any way during the day staff will confiscate the phone and put it in the office safe. This may be collected by a parent from the main office. Our aim is to ensure students can retain their cell phone for communication before and after school. We would appreciate parental support in this matter.

Newsletters

These go out fortnightly on a Thursday. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email please send your email address to jillb@geis.school.nz

CallPlus Better Schools Programme

GEIS has signed up with CallPlus Telecommunication programme. Friends or parents of the school can help us raise funds by going to www.slingshot.co.nz/schools and selecting Glen Eden Intermediate. We will receive a portion of the monthly bill of every friend or parent that joins Slingshot and nominates our school. This is a great fundraising opportunity and we appreciate your support.

Kind regards

Terry Hewetson
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TUTORING AVAILABLE for Y3 to Y8 students in Maths and English. \$30 per hour. Phone Michael 027 343 1396 or email michaelgeorge18@hotmail.com

AT ENRICH TUTORING WE HELP YOUR CHILD TO SUCCEED in literacy, reading, writing and spelling. Our specialist tutors help take the struggle out of school, extend your child's skills or help them study effectively and easily. Ph 8 2 7 8 0 8 6, email sarah@enrichtutoring.co.nz or visit our website www.enrichtutoring.co.nz

EXPERT MATHS TUITION LTD. All levels up to Year 13. Ph 817 367 or 820 3637. www.emt4maths.co.nz

PIHA COMMUNITY LIBRARY AFTER-SCHOOL SESSION - The Piha Library will be open on Thursday afternoons from 3.30-5.30 pm (beginning Thursday February 18th until the last Thursday of Term One). This session is intended to provide families with school-aged children greater opportunity to access the Piha Library collection and learning resources. This session will be continued in Term Two if there is sufficient interest. More information can be found on the website www.pihacommunitylibrary.org.nz

FOR SALE—Size 14 polar fleece for sale, second hand, hardly worn. \$35.00 ono Please text/phone Zena on 0272187747

KELSTON GIRLS' COLLEGE— OPEN DAY—ALL WELCOME. Saturday 27 March, 9am - 2pm. Visits classes from 9am-11am. Interactive displays. KGC Cultural Groups will perform. Ph 827 6063.

BALLET, JAZZ, HIP HOP, LYRICAL— AUCKLAND WEST DANCE ACADEMY. Pre-school to adults. Phone Kym, 813 5459, 027 264 7287. www.awda.co.nz

GLENORA RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB— Registration for Mini, Mod & Juniors (ages 5-16). Sun 28 Feb, 1.00-3.00pm Club Rooms, 50A Glendale Rd. Fees to be paid at registration. \$40 per child; \$60 per family. Phone Renata, 021 02993101 or 832 0407 after hours.

MARIST COLLEGE OPEN DAY—Tuesday 9 March, 3.00—6.00pm. 31 Alberton Ave, Mt Albert. Ph 846 8311. Prospective students and parents are warmly invited to visit the school

Please note the change of phone number for Arbor Vista, one of our supporters who advertises on the back page of our newsletter.
New number is 813 5418.