



# Glen Eden Intermediate School

Newsletter No. 2

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## Kia Ora & Greetings :

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## School Newsletter

Our newsletter is sent home fortnightly on a Thursday and these newsletters are also available for you to view on our website, [www.geis.school.nz](http://www.geis.school.nz)

If you would like to receive our newsletter electronically please send your email address to [jillb@geis.school.nz](mailto:jillb@geis.school.nz) or notify the front office.

## ICAS Competitions

If your child is interested in entering the ICAS (International Competitions) this year they can collect a registration form from their classroom teacher or from the school office. All forms and entry fees must be received by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

## Overseas Students

A special thanks to all our home-stay families and buddies who looked after our Jeonbuk students from South Korea who were here recently. We really appreciated the way you made the students feel so welcome and shared our wonderful culture with them. During their Graduation speeches on Monday it was great to hear how much you all meant to these students. They all had such a positive experience and we hope it was the same for you too.

**Lesley King, International Student Director**



## Dear Parents and Caregivers

This morning I went out to our back gate (Atkinson Road) end of our school to greet our students as they arrived at school. Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who are using the roundabout safely. We share this entrance with Kaurilands Kindergarten and the traffic congests easily from the top of Atkinson Road.

Last week we signed up the "TRAVELWISE—Thinking Transport" programme.

This programme, supported by Auckland Transport, is designed to reduce congestion outside the school gate and encourages more students to walk, cycle or bus to school, and, of course, to deliver a safer road environment to the community.



The first step in "Travelwise" is to define travel patterns in our area. We will be surveying students this term and will be assisted by Road Engineers to develop a Draft Plan. More news on this will follow.

## BOT News

Last week we presented our 2010 Annual Targets (Analysis of Variance) to the BOT. This outlines the progress we made in Writing, Reading and Numeracy for Year 7 and Year 8 cohorts. We have put this on our website as parent information. You are welcome to give us feedback at any time.

Our targets for 2011 will be finalised when testing data is collected this term.

## Reminder to parents

As a safety issue, please do not drive into the school grounds when dropping off or picking up children before and after school.

## Air Conditioning Installed (\$19,000)

The hot weather has required us to install air conditioning in Rooms 17, 3,4 & 5. These very hot classrooms are the first ones to have air-conditioning. We hope learning will improve in the afternoons for these students.

## New Electric Gate Working

At the end of this week our electric gates at the front entrance will be working.

The following week a digital sign will be installed at the gate to inform parents/caregivers of upcoming events. Mrs Mettam in the front office will change the message on the sign as required. Watch this space!

## Parent Support Group

Today we are sending home a letter from our Parent Support Group, "Friends of GEIS", asking for volunteers from classes to be a parent/caregiver representative. If you have the time and want to help, please fill in the tear-off slip and return to the office, Mrs Joanne Heavey, our President, will email members.

**Our first "Friends of GEIS" meeting for 2011 is March 2nd, 7.00pm, in the Staffroom. All welcome.**

## COMING EVENTS

Friends of GEIS Meeting	2 March, 7pm
Parent/Teacher Learning Conferences	8 March from 3.15pm
Maori & PI Hui	17 March
School Social	18 March
BOT Meeting	23 March

## ★ Student Success ★

Congratulations to the following girls who have been selected in the "All Star Pixies Cheerleading Team": **Paris Laverty; Bethany Mottram; Grace Messent.**

The team will compete in Australia next year. The girls are training twice a week for 3 hours a session. We wish them well.

### Hui Attendance / Information Meeting with Mini-Schools

Many thanks to all those who have attended our initial meetings at school. It's heartening to see so many parents who want to work in partnership with our staff to raise student achievement.

Our formal Meet the Teacher afternoon and evening is on March 8th from 2.10pm. We look forward to hosting this reporting event.



### Maori and PĪ Pool Party

GEIS held their annual Maori/PĪ Pool Party on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February. It was great to meet so many new families and old friends of the school.

A reminder to all Maori/PĪ families that our Term 1 Hui will be happening on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March. A notice will be sent out with further details. We look forward to continuing our learning partnership with you.

### Cyber Safety & Use

GEIS strives to educate students to use information technologies including mobile devices responsibly. All students and caregivers are encouraged to read and discuss at home our policy on student cyber safety and use. GEIS has zero tolerance for the misuse of mobile devices in school and would like to remind students that phones and iPods are to be placed in their classroom safe at the beginning of each day. As an extra precaution we do not permit the use of personal cameras at school, unless a classroom teacher asks students to bring one along for a school activity. We thank you for your assistance in making GEIS a safe, responsible technologies learning environment.

Principal's Honour Roll

Congratulations to the following students who are recent Principal's Honour Roll recipients:

**Emma Melville; Caleb Clarke; Caitlin Dellow; Caitlin Flynn, Jacob Anitelea; Kyle Stirling; Frazer Burgess; Joseph Makasini; Sabrina David; Jared McDowall; Corbin Murray; Reegan Absolum, Gabby Jones; Oliver Scott; Jordan Ngatai; Joshua Tupara; Ewan Godward; Melanion Handley; Isla McNeil; Daniel Kavafolau; Baden White; Chelsea Ganda; Jane Dockery; Daniel Fitzgerald; April Crofskey; Jacy Murray**

### House & Garden Magazines

If anyone has past issues of House & Garden magazines they no longer require, our Textiles Technology teacher would love to use these for her textiles programme.

### Glass Jars still needed

A big thank you to all the people who have donated glass jars to the school for use in Food Technology. They have all been put to good use in student projects. We will be using them throughout the year, so please keep sending them along to the Food Tech room.

### Term Dates

#### Term 1

Wed 2 Feb—Fri 15 April

#### Term 2

Mon 2 May—Fri 15 July

#### Term 3

Mon 1 August—Fri 7 October

#### Term 4

Tues 25 Oct—Thurs 15 December

Kind regards

Terry Hewetson, Principal

## Community Notices

**TUTORING AVAILABLE FOR YEAR 3 TO YEAR 8 STUDENTS** in Maths and English. \$40 per hour. Phone Michael, 027 343 1396, or email michael-george@hotmail.com

**"FOR BRIGHT CHILDREN WHO AREN'T LEARNING"** For individual tuition specialising in Dyslexia, spelling, reading and comprehension from children through to adults. Phone Denise Price on 838 1219 or Robyn van den Berg on 816 9499.

**EXPERT MATHS TUITION LTD.** All levels up to Year 13. Ph 820 3637. www.mathexperts.co.nz

**MARIST COLLEGE**—Catholic School for Girls Y7-Y13. Open Day Tuesday 22 March, 3pm—6pm.

**ACTING TRAINING FOR CHILDREN** with tutor John Goudge at Rimu Glade Studio. For infor, phone John on 814 9744. (Adult classes also available.

### [www.enrichtutoring.co.nz](http://www.enrichtutoring.co.nz)

Give your child a fresh start to the New School Year. Make issues with reading, spelling, writing, study skills and essays a thing of the past. Whether it be a boost to help launch the year right or diagnosing a learning difficulty, ring and make an appointment for an assessment and start them off on the right foot for the school year!

Email: [info@enrichtutoring.co.nz](mailto:info@enrichtutoring.co.nz) or call Sarah 827 8086 and we will design a solution for your child.

### **WEST BIKE FEST SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 10-12PM,**

Corban's Estate, Henderson. Ride along to the West Bike Fest for a fun, free activity for families. Win awesome prizes whilst visiting a number of fun and informative stands and enjoy a great ride along the beautiful twin Streams Cycleway. Activities for all ages, don't forget your helmets. For more information contact Auckland Transport on (09) 355 3553 ext 8290.

### **Ponsonby Kelston Junior Rugby Registrations 2011**

Rugby for Under 6's – Under 13's. Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 10am – 1pm. Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 4pm – 6pm. Archibald Park, Archibald Rd, Kelston. For enquires phone Karley – 845 6502 or email [juniors@ponsonby.co.nz](mailto:juniors@ponsonby.co.nz)