



Glen Eden Intermediate School

Newsletter No. 1

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Kia Ora & Greetings :

NEWS INSIDE: Welcome to GEIS; Roll Increase; Past Staff Member passes away; Welcome to Jeonbuk Students; Learn an Instrument; School Patrols

Staff Car Park - A friendly reminder to parents/caregivers to refrain from coming into the schools grounds and using the staff car-park before or after school as we need to ensure the safety of our students. Drop offs or pick ups of children should be made at the front gate. Thanks for your support.

Absences - Our voice mail is available for recording absences out of 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. The school office phone number is 817 0032.

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.

Visitors to the School

All visitors to the school are requested to check in at the office on arrival.

International Student Home-stays wanted

- We are looking for good families to home-stay 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.

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 entries fees must be received by Friday 18th March.

Dear Parents and Caregivers

A great big welcome to all our new families and to those who are already familiar with our school. Many thanks to all the parents and caregivers who attended our Year 7 Powhiri at the start of 2011. What a great way for you all to be part of the GEIS family! Many thanks, also, to our Kapa Haka Group and School Council Head Boy, Pranav Nand, and Head Girl, Yona Dorsett, who welcomed our newcomers from a student's perspective.

New Staff

A big welcome to all our staff, including new staff who are joining us in 2011 and some staff who have returned after being away for a short time.

Welcome back to Natalie Toh and Elle Haden who have returned to our school this year. Other new teaching staff include Samantha Balchin, Tash Forrest, Toma Unoi, Jessica Weller, Rochelle Johnson and Tracey O'Sullivan. Elaine Jones and Tracey Bird join us as Teacher Aides.

Welcome to our GEIS community.

Roll Increase to 1050

The roll this year has increased significantly and we have had to create another Year 7 class with this intake. We have had huge interest from out of zone students and sadly we are unable to take all students on our waiting list.

This is a positive step for GEIS as we continue to be the "middle school of choice".

Board of Trustees Meeting

Our first board meeting for the year is on Wednesday 16 February at 6.30pm. These are open meetings and you are always welcome to attend.

Past Staff Member Passes Away

It was with shock and sadness I received an email informing me of John Catmull's sudden death in Bangkok on Christmas Day.

John came to GEIS in 1984 and taught for 24 years in our school. He will be remembered for his passion for teaching and his ability to get alongside students and help them prepare for High School. He was a lead-teacher in Phys-Ed and Sport and organised school-wide sport for many years.

Four years ago John left to live and teach in Bangkok. He taught English to Year 9 & 10 students and played lead guitarist in his band.

Our hearts go out to his daughter Nastassja Catmull, who is John's youngest daughter and an ex-pupil of our school. Many students will remember John, who was awarded a "Best Teacher" award in 2004, which was presented to him at the Beehive.



Welcome to Jeonbuk students from South Korea

who are with us at GEIS from Monday 7th - Wednesday 23rd February. We wish them a wonderful stay and a positive learning experience at our school.

COMING EVENTS

Maori/Pasifika Families Pool Party	Wed 16 February, 6-8pm
Year 8 Swimming Sports	Wed 16 February
BOT Meeting	Wed 16 February, 6.30pm
Year 7 Swimming Sports	Wed 23 February
Parent/Teacher Learning Conferences	Tue 8 March



Learn an instrument at GEIS

At GEIS tuition is available from our qualified experienced tutors in Piano, Keyboard, Violin, Viola, Flute, Drums, Clarinet, Saxophone, Acoustic, Electric and Bass guitar. Individual lessons are ½ hour once a week taught during school hours. \$25.00 per lesson. (\$15.00 for shared lessons available in guitar and violin following consultation with the tutor.)

If you are interested please fill out the yellow form given out in class and return to the office or collect a new form from the Performing Arts notice-board outside the music room or from the school office.

Maori/Pasifika Pool Party

We would like to invite our Maori and Pacific Island Community to an informal meet and greet BBQ and Pool Party on Wednesday 16th February 6.00pm-8.00pm. This is a chance to meet our staff who will be working alongside your children this year. All family members are welcome!

GEIS STAFF 2011

Principal Terry Hewetson
Associate Principal Mark Whitford
Deputy Principal Michelle Tuivaiti

Karekare Mini School— (Andrea Thomas - Assistant Principal)

Nathan Dowding (Rm 1); Sandra Fraser (Rm 2); Kylie Fullerton (Rm 3); Christina Prangnell (Rm 4); Teresa Watts (Rm 5); Doug Jenkins (Rm 6); Andrea Thomas (Rm7); Pam Stewart (Rm 8)

Piha Mini School - (Sarah-Jane Codyre — Assistant Principal)

Viki Runnerstrum (Rm 9); Samantha Balchin (Rm 10); Sarah-Jane Codyre (Rm 11); Miriam Simon (Rm 12); Graham Stewart (Rm 13); Toma Unoi (Rm 14); Katy Parris (Rm 15); Fiona Hett (Rm 16)

Te Henga Mini School—(Barbara Cloonan—Assistant Principal)

J'Aime Godinet (Rm 17); Tracey O'Sullivan (Rm 18); Ray Lowther (Rm 19); Barbara Cloonan (Rm 20); Tamryn Nicholson (Rm 21); Caroline Shum (Rm 22); Richard Barry (Rm 23); Jason Benoit (Rm 24); Rochelle Johnson (Rm 25)

Muriwai Mini School—(Belinda Hirst—Assistant Principal)

Angela Chitty (Rm 26); Matt Short (Rm 27); Lauren Schroeder (Rm 28); Frances Thompson (Rm 29); Michael Norris (Rm 30); Glenys Eddy (Rm 31); Belinda Hirst (Rm 32); Tash Forrest (Rm 33); Elle Haden (Rm 34)

Specialist Teachers

Hard Materials—Dave Kindley; **Sound Arts**—Bronwyn Jensen; **Dramatic Arts**—Chris Horne ;
Art & Design— Tracy Taylor; **Textiles**—Jessica Weller; **Food Technology**—Hana Turner;
Design Technology—Vicky Tubert; **Video Production**—Alan Diprose

Sports Coordinator—Vaimoana Va'ai

International Student Director—Lesley King; **International Student Support**—Jane Robinson

Progressive Learning Centre

Assistant Principal—Jan Peach; **Student Support**—Pam Hooper-Corbett; Natalie Toh
Teacher Aide Support—Sue Davis, Fiona Rosan, Robyn van den Berg, Sandra Hefford, Chrissy Rielly, Elaine Jones; Tracey Bird

ICT Coordinator—Kim Wilkinson; **AP & PRT Support**—Russell Thompson; **DP Support** – Kim Eder

Support Staff

Executive Officer—Margaret Scott; **Principal's P.A.**—Jill Bain; **Receptionist**—Jenny Mettam;
Finance Assistant—Jenny TeBay; **Health Centre**—Deirdre Pollok; **Resource Manager**—Kim Kerrigan
Librarian—Karen Collins; **Library Assistant**—Sophie Campton; **Property Manager**—Andrew Howe;
Groundsman—Mike Mowbray

School Patrols

- ◆ School Patrols help other students cross the road safely.
- ◆ They give security to parents that their children will cross the road safely.
- ◆ They provide pedestrian safety for motorists.
- ◆ They set a good example as a responsible, co-operative, proactive community member.
- ◆ They volunteer and are contributing to the community in a positive way.

Thank you to all the students that have expressed a desire to be a school patrol.

Training has begun already and a roster is currently in action. Please treat the patrols and the job they do with respect so that crossing the road is as safe as possible. Thank you. **Mrs Runnerstrum**

Karekare Mini School will be having a meet the teacher evening on **Tuesday 15th February (week 3)**. The evening is an informal chance to meet and chat to your child's teacher. Families can bring along a picnic dinner (or fish and chips) and eat in the swimming pool

Please be aware that there will be no BBQ facilities available. The pool will be available to those who would like to have a swim before or after dinner. The evening begins at 5.30pm and ends at 7.00 so that those with young children are not too late home. We will also use this opportunity to hold a Year 8 camp meeting. This will start at 6.00pm. This is a great chance to ask any questions about our forthcoming camp to Finlay Park in week 10. So bring along a blanket and join us for a fun evening!

1 Bedroom Flat wanted for lovely Korean Mum and her 11 yr old son Mid February – December 2011

We are looking for a 1 bedroom flat , separate self contained area or the living situation could be part of your home with a family who have children. The boy would be attending GEIS. Both Mum and son are very tidy and come with good references. If you are able to help out please contact Lesley King on lesleyk@geis.school.nz

Kind regards

Terry Hewetson, Principal