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Coming Events

End of Term One	April 15th
Term 2 Commences	May 2nd

Glen Eden Intermediate School



Kia Ora and Greetings

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Its great to be back from our week in the McKenzie Country. We had six fabulous days exploring the Mt Cook region and climbing safely to Mueller Hut. We connected with the Department of Conservation and the Mt Cook School of five students. The weather from sunrise to sunset was absolutely incredible.

Many thanks to the parents—Brian Dockery, Reegan Pearce, Phillip Wilkinson and Tony McNeil who accompanied us and Mrs Cloonan for her tremendous organisational skills with menu's and programme.



To the 24 children, congratulations on the hard tramp you undertook and the way you challenged yourselves to complete the walks. You were great ambassadors for your age group and your school.



McCain are once again running their program based around schools building their own veggie patches and growing their own vegetables.

An important part of this program is the support parents and caregivers can give by collecting the barcodes from McCain's

vegetable products and sending them into school to Ms Johnson in room 25.

We are able to redeem these barcodes for a range of gardening tools, seeds and equipment such as wheelbarrows, water tanks and compost bins to help grow healthy vegetables in the school veggie patch.

As well as involving the students in the exciting process of planting, growing, harvesting and eating their own vegetables, the benefits and related areas of study across the curriculum are extremely valuable.

Please help us make this a successful venture for the children and start collecting those barcodes today, thank you.



From My Principal's Digest

A Note for Parents and Caregivers

Parents can make a difference

No doubt you will have read in the media the increased amount of bullying highlighted by the Prime Minister in the weekends news to Boards of Trustees.

A new study in Britain has found that children telling parents about being bullied really makes a difference.

When children tell their parents as well as their teacher that they are being bullied, it is more likely that bullying will stop. By the age of 16, those young people whose parents had reported them being bullied when they were 14 were almost twice as likely not to still be bullied at age 16 compared to those who had not told their parents. So reporting bullying does help to

stop it occurring. Another piece of good news is that bullying declines as children grow older.

We have a policy at our school that promotes "its okay to tell", we also have a "Bystanders Code" which emphasises the importance of reporting incidents that occur. (These are in our School Diary on page 101).

The proactive initiatives emphasise the "GEIS Way" - the way we do things in our school culture. Staff and parents working together obviously helps to reinforce these values.



Student's Corner

"What's Out There?" by Taqi Shaik Rm 30

Room 30 have been studying the solar system and beyond and Taqi has produced an extremely in depth inquiry project covering such questions as explaining a Black Hole, the Gas Giants; Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. Taqi's favourite is Jupiter. Taqi also researched several of the latest discovery's and developments relating to the solar system and space travel, including the Messenger probe's orbit of Mercury and the discovery of a new planet; Gliese 581g. Taqi's research left him with questions to answer so he has written to the Stardome Observatory to assist him in answering these. One of his questions is: "If our solar system keeps expanding, why doesn't our earth move away from the sun and other planets?" Food for thought!



Room 34 has been learning to write descriptively using language features. We started with a simple sentence i.e. The fish

swam, the bird flew. The following are some examples of what we came up with:

Howard:

A Sparrow shot.
A small, agile Sparrow shot swiftly.
A small, agile Sparrow shot swiftly like a speeding bullet.
BANG! A small, agile Sparrow shot swiftly like a speeding bullet into the night sky while the deadly wind whipped at it's side.

Susanna:

A Swan glided.
An elegant Swan glided.
An elegant Swan glided peacefully like the moonlight across the sky over an icy lake while the stars sang in the night sky.

Jacob:

A kingfisher darted.
A small, hungry kingfisher darted.
A small, hungry kingfisher darted splendidly over a moonlit river.
SWOOSH! A small, hungry kingfisher darted splendidly like a cheetah jumping on its prey over a moonlit river as the stars smile down on him.

Dramatic Arts

After 32 years of experience in the primary, intermediate, secondary and tertiary sectors, teaching at GEIS has got to be my best job yet! Through a variety of past and present contexts, from Cinderella's wedding reception to the slums of Victorian London, a Paris train station in 1931 to one of today's local markets, we have created various imaginary worlds to help us understand the real world and confront questions like: 'What is more important, people or profits?', 'Can looks be deceiving?', 'How can our possessions give away our secrets?'. Using a rich sensory environment, collaborative group work, curiosity, innovation and by asking 'how?', 'why?' and 'what if?', the students have been encouraged to be imaginative thinkers, courageous risk takers, better able to cope with imperfections, team players, confident students better able to face issues now and in the future. *Chris Horne, Teacher.*



Principal's Honour Roll

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

Alyssa Cain	Kirsten Alger
Shayna Ludwig	Anna Lines
Sian Hepburn	Victoria Murray
Kahurangi Butler	Che Roes
Sophie Mowat	Josh Kelly
Regan Stanko	Anirudh Iyer
Ayla Cunningham	Emma Morgan
Micah Jarvis	Yuvraj Patel
Daniel Latham	Tom Cooper
Jaimee Gravatt	Cara Flynn
Olivia Cheetham	Dianne Montierro
Nikita Postma	Jennifer Rogers
Scott Gilson	Lachlan Putt
Dante Courtney	Avishak Kumar
Jordan Whitley	

Kind regards

Terry Hewetson, Principal.

Arahoe Gala Day

The Arahoe School Gala day is only days away and our team of hard-working parents have organised an exciting day of fun activities.

Invite your family and friends to join us for the day.

Saturday 11am 'til 3pm

Important Information and Requests:

Class photos and Individual portraits

These will be taken at GEIS by Friis Photography on Friday May 13th and Friday May 20th. Envelopes for the prepaid orders will be given to each student at the beginning of Term 2.

Textiles Technology

In Textiles Technology, Year 8 students use imagery from NZ gardener magazines to create an inspiration collage to design a fabric stamp from. They print their stamps onto fabric which they then make into an ECO Shopping bag. This project surrounds discussion topics about sustainability and the pollution plastic bags make. These topics educate students about the need to practice sustainable living and create a plastic bag free future!!

Request

Textiles technology needs your help!!
We need NZ Gardener Magazines to

create inspirational collages!! (We have plenty of NZ House & Garden, Cuisine and Foodtown (so don't need anymore of these thanks). NZ Gardener has great floral and textural images and that's what we need, thank you.



Sport Request

If you have any second hand football boots and/or shin pads that your family have outgrown and that you would be happy to donate to the school, would you please take to Miss Va'ai in the gym. Thank you for your support.



Glass Jars in Food Tech

Thanks to everyone who has donated glass jars for use in Food Technology. Over the past few weeks, Year 7 students have used the jars to package the homemade breakfast cereal and chocolate brownie mix they made in class. The jar 'mixes' make a nice gift and are a great way of reusing a throwaway household item. If you have any spare jars at home, please continue to send them along to the Food Tech room. Plastic ice cream containers are also needed.



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: michaelgeorge18@hotmail.com

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Oratia United Holiday Football Programme

Monday 18th April - Thursday 21st April - 9am

through to 1pm Venue: Parrs Park, Oratia

\$90.00 Full Programme

Full information and Registrations forms can be

completed at www.oratiaunited.co.nz and

forwarded direct to Colleen Short at

cjshort@xtra.co.nz

\$15,000 RETHINK creative grant pool available

for a performance, event or innovative project that will raise awareness of the stigma and discrimination associated with mental ill-health. Applications close April 30th. Information and online application at www.rethink.org.nz

Hybrid Adobe Workshop in Titirangi.

9th & 10th April by "The Hybrid Adobe Handbook" author, Phillip Mirkin.

Hybrid Adobe is based on a mixture of traditional adobe, mud brick, straw bale and fiber-crete techniques, incorporating the malleable, sculptural qualities of earth building with the high tensile strength required to withstand harsh natural conditions. Hands on landscaping workshop includes building bush-stairs and a pizza-oven. \$175 for 2 days including gourmet lunch (one day and concession prices available), info at: www.tiny.cc/hybridadobe.

All proceeds go towards free building workshops for Christchurch Quake Victims.

Break-Away

Break-Away is a netball based programme designed to build basic ball skills, netball ability as well as including a focus on health, fitness and improving self esteem. We will also have some special guests from the sporting world coming in to visit with us. Break-Away School holiday Programme is free to all participants and we welcome youth aged 11-13.

When is it happening?

We will be running two courses per day.

Course 1 - Mon 18 April - Thurs. 21 April 8.30am - 12.30pm (4 Days)

Course 2 - Mon 18 April - Thurs. 21 April 1pm - 5pm (4 Days)

Course 3 - Tue 26 April - Fri. 29 April 8.30am - 12.30pm (4 Days)

Course 4 - Tue 26 April - Fri. 29 April 1pm - 5pm (4 Days)

Where is it happening?

Netball Waitakere, Te Pai Centre, 31-35 Te Pai Place, Henderson.

Registrations

Please see our Website www.netballwaitakere.co.nz for more information and registration forms. Please send this back to us by the 7th April so we can secure your place.

