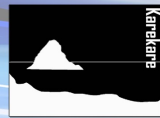




# Glen Eden Intermediate School



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## Kia Ora and Greetings

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### Our 50 Year Jubilee Celebrations



This week we are busy getting ready for our 50 year Jubilee celebration.

Mr Howe, our Property Manager, has built a wonderful wooden "Treasure Chest" made from Matai timber, saved when we demolished the original stage in the Hall in 2010. This wooden chest contains our "time capsules" which include items from this year's Room 4 students as well as from our 40th Anniversary and is to be opened in 2061! The chest will be kept in our office foyer for everyone to see.

Congratulations to staff and pupils who have been busy over the past few weeks making Memory Stones out of cement and putting their own themes on them to commemorate our 50th birthday.

GEIS has a wonderful history to be proud of. The school was opened in 1961 by Mr A. Gordon, the first Principal. There were 285 pupils and eight classes. School fees were sixpence per child!

The second Principal, Mr Russ Fletcher, was here when rapid growth took place and the school grew to 700+ students. Mr Fletcher undertook, with the support of the School Committee and PTA, the building of our 25metre swimming pool.

In 1990 Mr Fletcher retired and I was made Principal of this fabulous community school. Successive Boards of Trustees have engaged the community, improving our school to cater for emerging adolescent students. Our students today have an opportunity to be involved in a huge variety of activities and make long lasting friendships with other students who are all proud to be part of "the dream school where everybody loves to learn".

Our Open Days on Friday and Saturday are a celebration we can all join in and be proud of. Parents, pupils, ex-pupils, grandparents are all welcome.

## Coming Events

BOT Meeting,	9 Nov
Te Henga Camp Lakewood Lodge	15-18 Nov
Piha Camp Lakewood Lodge	22-25 Nov
Y6 Parent Information Meeting	29 Nov
Cushion Concert	1 Dec



## What's Happening?... Friday evening "Mix & Mingle"

The Jubilee celebrations starts with a Mix and Mingle evening on Friday 4th November, from 6.00pm—midnight. This is for adults only and is an opportunity to enjoy a social time and catch up with past acquaintances. It's great to see we even have people coming from Australia to join in our Jubilee celebrations.

It's not too late to register for this event as registrations will still be accepted up until 3pm on Friday. Tickets are \$45.00 per person.

Our Kapa Haka group and the Core Quartet will be performing in the early part of the evening. Photographs through the decades will be taken during the evening.



## Open Day Saturday 5th November

*The school will be open to the community from 10.00am—1.30pm on Saturday 5th November.*

During this time there will be tours of the school, performances by our Rock bands and Kapa Haka group, cultural activities will be taking place in the Auditorium and sporting activities will be held on the field and turf. Some classrooms will be open with numerous activities taking place.

Raffles, ice-cream, food and drinks will be on sale during the day, as well as cake stalls in Room 29 & 30 selling delicious home baking.

### 11.50am

Performance by the Rock Band and Kapa Haka group.

### Mid-day

Principal's Speech, cake cutting ceremony & interment of the Time Capsule, followed by performances by the Rock Band.



## Year 8 Class Lists for 2012

As usual, at this time of the year we work on preparing class lists for 2012. The intent of this newsletter is to inform you of the process and give you an opportunity to inform the school of any issues we may not be aware of. Teachers will be considering a number of factors when deciding the class lists for next year.

These include:

- Matching teachers and students to meet the needs of the students.
- Ensuring students are with their friends, where possible.
- Separating students who clash with each other, or who disrupt each other's learning.
- Ensuring a balance of boys and girls as much as possible.
- Ensuring each class has a range of academic abilities.
- Keeping class sizes at a similar number.

If you have any particular concerns about the placement of your child for next year which is **NOT** listed above, then put it in writing to: The Associate Principal, Mark Whitford, and send it to the office via mail or email Mark at [markw@geis.school.nz](mailto:markw@geis.school.nz)

**Please ensure you get your note to us no later than Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011.**

## Principal's Honour Roll

Congratulations to the following students who are recent

Principal's Honour Roll recipients:

Ciara Doran	Natasha van Etten
Oscar Dove	Keeley Stoehr
Ben Key	Joshua Best
Taeroa Harris-Peke	
Charlotte Howard	Mikayla Graham
Salote Fifita	Coco Coleman
Esme Jones	Tim Proctor
Sami Campbell	Tiana Afoa
Grace Manning	Caleb Fa'auiga
Hester Acharya	Sapphire Turner
Zoe Allott	Kevin Wang
George Maunder	Elisabeth Howard
Sarah Dukes	Dylan May
Kiriffi Leilua	Joshua Head
Nisal Eriagama	Olivia Roach
Andrew Robinson	Stella Young
Grace Queenin	
Poppy Theyers-Cairns	
Maddison Conlon	Jordan Malam
Leah Mettam	Caitlin De Mey
Eleanor Divers	Poppy John
Sophia Barrell	Jordan Cannon-Thornley
Zeyvien Ward	Neve Walker
Samantha Plowright	
Zane Marsters	Hayden Hart
Jacob Parkes	Todd Wannan
Jen Scott	Patrishia Bertulfo

We look forward to seeing you at our Jubilee celebrations and Open Day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Kind regards

Terry Hewetson, Principal

## Community Notices

**"FOR BRIGHT CHILDREN WHO AREN'T LEARNING"** For individual tuition specialising in Dyslexia, spelling, reading and comprehension from children through to adults. Ph Zannie Danks Davis on 818-8167 or Robyn on 816-9499.

**Is CHALLENGING/ UNACCEPTABLE ADOLESCENT BEHAVIOUR a problem in your home?**

**Toughlove** can help with a wide range of problems by helping you to regain control in your home. Confidential meetings are held weekly at New Lynn & Massey Community Centres, 7.30pm every Thursday

For more information call ToughLove Auckland on 624 4363

**SPECIALISED ENGLISH TUITION - Need a helping hand with reading, writing, spelling or essays?**

We help all students Y1 to Y13 to achieve top results and reach full potential

Phone 827 8086 or email [info@enrichtutoring.co.nz](mailto:info@enrichtutoring.co.nz)

Free assessments available until Nov 19<sup>th</sup> [www.enrichtutoring.co.nz](http://www.enrichtutoring.co.nz)

**Rudolf Steiner School—Advent Fair, 20<sup>th</sup> November, 10am-3pm**

Christmas Baking, Handmade Craft, Dolls and Toys, Advent Calendars, Wreathmaking, Children's activities, Fairy Queen, Café, Live music, Designer Seconds Boutique, White Elephant, Stalls, Games and much more.

Rain or Shine at **Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School, 5 Helios Place (off Laingholm Dr), Titirangi** – sign posted from Titirangi Roundabout.

## OTHER HAPPENINGS...

### Student Council News

The Student Council are organising a fundraising **"WET THE TEACHER DAY"** which is being held at school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. 50c a throw or 5 for \$2. This should be a lot of fun!

We are also planning the **Year 8 End of Year Social** which will be on 6<sup>th</sup> December—the theme this year is "Tropical Beach Party".

**National Jandal Day** is happening at GEIS on 1<sup>st</sup> December. Each class will be provided with information about what's happening on the day, as well as a "blow-up Jandal" and stick-on tattoos.

*STUDENT COUNCIL*



### GEIS Cushion Concert

This annual concert features the Concert Band and students learning instruments at GEIS.

**WHEN?** Thursday 1 December, 7.00–9.00pm. (Gold coin donation)

**WHERE?** Glen Eden Intermediate School Auditorium  
Bring a cushion or buy one of our souvenir cushions for just \$20).

### APPA Choir Final Rehearsals and Concert

**Dress rehearsal for APPA choir in the Town Hall.** Meet at 8.45 am in the GEIS Auditorium on Monday 7 November  
**APPA Concert Town Hall 8 November.** Meet at the Town Hall in the Supper Room, 7.00pm

### NZ Ukulele Festival

The NZ Ukulele Festival, The Trusts Stadium, Waitakere, Saturday 26 November, 12pm–4pm. A day of FREE family fun.

In its 5<sup>th</sup> year, the NZ Ukulele Festival melds together diverse musical styles, international artists, great local talent, emerging bands, school and community groups.

[www.nzukulelefestival.org.nz](http://www.nzukulelefestival.org.nz)

**The GEIS Ukulele Group will be there!**

### Congratulations to

**Lachlan Putt**, Room 31, who recently was placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Auckland Dead Toad motorbike cross country championship for 12 – 13 year olds.