

Dates for your Calendar

Wednesday	16 June	Rooms 11 & 12 Arataki Centre Tui Arts group 1 and the Choir to Botanical Gardens
Thursday	17 June	Tui Arts Group 2 & 3 to Botanical Gardens
Friday	18 June	Interschool Rugby Day
Monday	21 June	Rooms 9 & 10 to Arataki Centre
Wednesday	23 June	Kiwi team to Botanical Gardens
Thursday	24 June	Socials & National Standard Forums
Friday	2 July	End of Term 2

Tena koutou katoa. Talofa. Greetings.

The Board of Trustees met last night and elected Leah Brain as Board of Trustees chairperson. Welcome aboard Leah! Leah is a staff member at Fruitvale School and a trustee at Glen Eden Intermediate School so comes to us with a strong grounding in education.

Thanks to the fantastic team of helpers who organized the sausage sizzle last week. Thanks also to Sam's Butchery, Great North Rd for supplying the awesome sausages at a great 'school' price.

The school leaders had a fabulous time on their leadership camp which ran from Thursday morning till Saturday night. We were hosted by Paparore Primary School in the far north, a school with 120 students. Our leaders all spoke at their assembly and did a waiata on their own. The leaders from GEPS spoke confidently and represented our school brilliantly for the entire time. On the trip we visited Kawakawa, Cape Reinga, 90 mile beach, the stone store, Waitangi and Paihia. A highlight was sand duning at 90 mile beach. The leaders planned the menu for our trip and had had to do some research before they left on the trip. We have all learnt a lot and have got some great ideas now to use at GEPS. A special thank you to Anita Takau for accompanying us - the yellow car game will carry on! Also thanks to Rota Carrington who did the driving and organised the kai.

Lots of excitement over the next two weeks: Trips to Arataki and the Botanical Gardens, planting day, choir rehearsal, Intermediate visit and interschool sports days. True proof that education is not confined to the four walls of a classroom and is not just about reading, writing and maths.

And of course the school socials and National Standards forums are next Thursday, 24th June. Please can all pupils attending the socials bring a plate of finger food, and only turn up to school when their social is on. The theme is 'characters' so everyone should come dressed as their favourite character, whether it be a book, film or fantasy character. I was thinking of coming as Snow White but my four year old grand daughter's costume is too small for me.

The arrangements for next Thursday afternoon are as follows:

3.30pm - 4.45pm Pukeko and Kiwi teams social.

3.45pm - 4.30 pm National Standards forum for parents in staffroom.

5pm - 6-15pm Takahe team social

5.15pm - 6pm National Standards forum for parents in staffroom.

6.30pm - 8pm Tui team social

6.45 - 7.30pm National Standards forum for parents in staffroom.

Room 7 will be hosting this week's assembly. All families welcome.

Last week we farewelled our Room 16 teacher aide, Brendon Davison. His hours have been picked up by Moana Hatton and Anne Benitez.

Yours sincerely

Linda Mayow
Principal

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School Banking Day is Wednesday. Encourage a good savings habit from a young age, making small and regular deposits is the best way to go even 50c or

10c a week is a great start to regular savings and creates a good savings habit. If you would like to register your child, applications are available from the school office. The children receive a Kashin banking bag which includes a savings diary, calculator and certificate.

