

Dates for your Calendar

Friday	2 July	Assembly Rm 13
Friday	2 July	End of Term 2
Monday	19 July	First day of Term 3

Thank you to all involved with the socials. A great time was had by all.



As you read this, I will be in Queenstown at the New Zealand Principals' conference. The theme is "Truly Remarkable". I have just re-read the very inspiring programme and will return with my

head full of ways to improve things for our students. Hope the snow has disappeared from the town, its cold down there, but I should be warm in the big coat I have 'acquired' from Miss Soljan's husband.

This week we farewell Debbie McLarin for a term of sabbatical leave. We wish her and her husband Andy all the best in their travels.



Mrs McLarin's position will be filled for four days by Victoria Scott and the other day by Lisa Girvan. Victoria will run reading groups with Kiwi team in the mornings and will also work with every class once a fortnight on an exciting visual arts programme. Lisa, who already works here two days a week, will release senior and other teachers to carry out special programmes.

My husband and son have returned from their epic journey to London, Scandanavia and Russia. It was everything they had hoped for, but they were mightily pleased to get home.

I hope you all enjoy the holidays with your children. The term ends at 3pm this Friday, 2nd July. School re-opens at 9am Monday 19th July.

Yours sincerely

Linda Mayow
Principal

NEW

From the beginning of Term 3, we are introducing an exciting new programme to help new entrant children make a successful transition to school. All children who are starting school soon are welcome to attend with a caregiver. Come along and have some fun!

Five fun sessions introduce children and their families to our school.

Held every Wednesday from 1.30-2.30pm in a New Entrant classroom.

Each session has a fun theme and focuses on school-entry level reading, writing and maths skills.

At the end of each session, children get a free pack to take home and explore!

Call the office for more details.

This replaces our original Monday School Visits.

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Bula Vinaka, Namaste, Konichiwa, Kia orana, Malo

It is that time of year again friends and whanau - culture groups start next term!

Can you or someone you know tutor a group at GEPS?

The groups run from 1:30-3:00 every Friday afternoon for 9 weeks. We are currently short of tutors for our groups and need help if the culture show is to go ahead this year.

Please contact Donna Soljan if you can help.



A HUGE thank you to our wonderful parent reading helpers: Amanda Charlton, Flo Peita, Moana Hatton, Dianne Rayner and Pat Stanley. These awesome women give up their time to help give our students an extra boost in reading every Wednesday morning. Can you join this great team and offer help in Term 3? Even half an hour makes a difference. Please contact Donna Soljan if you can assist.

'Incredible Science' Festival

The Faculty of Science at The University of Auckland will be holding its annual 'Incredible Science' festival Monday 5 July. There is a great programme running from 9:30 - 3:30 which includes; shows, interactive activities, displays and demonstrations etc. for more information phone 373 7599 ext 88925 or check out the poster in the school office.