

Nau mai haere mai Oceana & Lucious, welcome back.

Last week, I wrote about how busy the previous week was but it seems like each week is just getting busier!

Last week at school we had lots of great things happening. We finally saw our beautiful playground being opened and used. We are very grateful to The Ted Manson Foundation for this generous gift for our tamariki. It has been great to see this playground used every day and see the joy that it brings.

An event which also brought joy last week was our Junior School Athletics. Thanks so much to all of the whānau who came along to support the day. Thanks also to all of our senior students who helped out and, of course, to our awesome staff who ensured the day was so well organised.

Last week, Mrs Lange arranged for artist Martin Horspool to visit Takahē team who have been studying his work. It is always great to meet a real artist and Takahē team enjoyed the experience.

On Monday last week, the Year 4-6 students also started their swimming lessons with Skillz4Life. We are very lucky to get trained swim coaches once a year who work with small groups and teach each student for ten consecutive days. It is fabulous to see the pool in use again.

Thanks to everyone who has already added to our Xmas hampers to help whānau in need over this tricky period. We appreciate the generosity and know that these hampers will make a real difference to families at Xmas time.

As we move into the last few weeks of school, there are lots more events planned. One big event is The Mayow Fun Day - an annual event that we need lots of help to run. This day will be on December 5th. Please see your class teacher if you are able to help on the day.

With so many things happening each week it is essential that everything is well organised. GEPS is extremely lucky to have Alana McKenzie and Kathryn Arbon who ensure that all events run smoothly, that all staff are organised and that all safety forms, permission slips, transport forms and medical details have been prepared and correctly filled in. Both Kathryn and Alana are expert at dotting the i's and crossing the t's. They both do a power of work behind the scenes as well as out in front and I would like to thank both of them for their efforts. They are awesome and our GEPS tamariki benefit as a result!

Ngā mihi mahana

Donna Soljan

A well deserved pizza went to PJ for being such a fabulous role model to our tamariki.



Friday 29 November	2:15 pm Assembly R15
Monday 2 December	11:00 am - Helpers Morning Tea in Hall
Tuesday 3 December	Interschool Athletics
Wednesday 4 December	7 pm - Year 6 Dance
Thursday 5 December	Mayow Fun Day
Friday 6 December	No Assembly
Thursday 12 December	11:00 am Prize Giving Assembly
Friday 13 December	School finishes @ 12:00pm END OF TERM 4
Monday 3 February	First day of Term 1

All the best to our choir who are performing tonight at the Town Hall.

