

Nau mai haere mai Amarni,

What a great week it was last week. After 20 years of attempts Mrs Rayner and the Year 5 netball team won the inter school zone day! To top it off our Year 6 team came second as well. We are so grateful to have the services of Mrs Rayner and Mrs Thorby who coach our teams every season. They were already legends in our eyes but it is nice to have the trophies too! Well done to all of our netballers who represented our kura so well that we had comments from other schools about how they conducted themselves. Thanks also to Miss Bellingham and to Michelle for coaching and organising the teams. Fa'afetai lava to our great whānau who came to support and to the kaiako who made a special lunchtime drive to cheer on our tamariki.

We also had success in The Arts. Last week two of our students were chosen as soloists for the APPA massed choir at the town hall. There were only 3 students who were chosen so we are very proud that two of these are from GEPS. Well done to Kahlea and Rudy who won these positions. Mrs Chettiar is doing an incredible job with our choir - they sound amazing and we are looking forward to seeing them perform at the town hall next term.

Keeping with The Arts, Room 2 are going to be given the opportunity to learn the recorder and will get to play the songs with the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra at the Vodafone Events Centre. We look forward to seeing and hearing their progress with this project.

Another super effort on Friday night for our annual Boogie and Bingo. Our best so far - we raised over \$4500. It is a very small crew who put this event together- thanks to Sarah and Raewyn for all of their organisation, to Marcos for his DJing, to Michelle for her Bingo calls, to Grant and Karen for their kitchen skills, to Esmae for all the dips and to Paul, Dinah, Brett and Rota for their help on the night. Thanks also to Fay Arbon, Alana McKenzie, Stacey Yates and Paul Hancock for their very generous donations of prizes. We appreciated all of the support from those who came along. A special mention to our friends at Kelston Intermediate for their support and for adding fun to the event with a themed dress up table. A really fun night. THANK YOU!

Yesterday your tamariki should have come home with a Les Mills - Get fit for your school pass. This pass gives parents free entry to the gym for 14 days. Each time it is used GEPS will receive \$1 for the school. We would love to see you head along, try out the classes, and raise some money for our kura.

We wish everyone a happy two weeks of term break.

Ngā mihi mahana

Donna Soljan



Dates for your Calendar 2019

Friday 27 September	End of Term 3
Monday 14 October	Start of Term 4
Friday 18 October	9:15am Pōwhiri 2:15pm Assembly R8
Monday 21 October	Photolife - Class & Individual Photos
Friday 25 October	2:15pm Assembly R12
Monday 28 October	Labour Day - School Closed
Tuesday 29 October	Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6:30pm
Wednesday 30 October	Inter-school girls football
Thursday 31 October	Inter-school football
Friday 1 November	Inter-school boys football 2:15pm Assembly R16
Friday 8 November	2:15pm Assembly R10
Wednesday 13 November	Kiwi team to Kiwi Valley
Thursday 14 November	School Discos
Friday 15 November	School athletic day 2:15pm Assembly R9
Friday 22 November	Out of Zone enrolments close - ballot to be completed 2:15pm Assembly R15
Monday 25 November	Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6:30pm
Friday 29 November	2:15pm Assembly R1