

Nau mai haere mai Siaana,

We had a fabulous day at the Rippa Rugby and the League zone days last week. Our Under 45s league team came third and our Opens side won the tournament. This means our team will be going to represent West Auckland at the Auckland Open Championships.

At GEPS we really try to give as many students as possible a chance to experience sports and the chance to be a part of a team. This is often the first time that students have played a sport or been a part of a team in a competition. We want our tamariki to be involved in a range of sports as well. Sometimes, through participating in these school sports, we uncover a talented student who we can then direct to a club or similar. It can be the first step in playing a sport as an extracurricular activity.

So far this year our students have competed in basketball, ripper rugby, league, swimming, cross country and cricket. They are currently training for gymnastics and hockey. Later in the year they will compete in athletics, netball, tag, and soccer.

As well as the zone days we have had teams who have played in weekly competitions. We have had two teams competing in the rugby sevens tournament held at Waitakere Rugby. We also have three basketball teams who compete in the Monday night competition at Trusts stadium and five netball teams who compete at Te Pai courts.

All of these sports means that there is pressure on training times at lunchtimes in an effort to be as ready as possible for all of the sports we play. A huge thank you to ALL of our coaches who often give up their lunchtimes and coach students across the whole range - from those who are rep players to those who have never played before. Thanks also to ALL of our whānau for the excellent support for our tamariki from the sidelines.

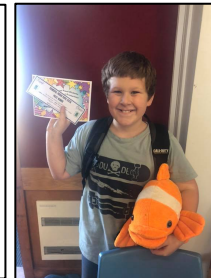
A reminder that in Week 9 we will be celebrating Matariki at our kura. One major event will be a whole school shared kai on Wednesday 26 June. We will need all of the help we can get on this day to prepare and serve food. Please keep the date in mind and let your child's teacher know if you are able to help.

SAVE THE DATE - September 20th for our Boogie and Bingo night. More information to follow, but these are great nights.

Ngā mihi mahana

Donna Soljan

This week's Principals Proud Pupil Prizewinner is Josh. We are so pleased with how well he is doing in so very many ways. Well done Josh!



Dates for your Calendar 2019

Friday 14 June	2:15pm Assembly R11
Friday 21 June	Tui Mid Winter break the ice swim Celebration of Learning - Open Afternoon
Monday 24 June	Auck Rugby League Champions Day 6:30 pm BOT Meeting in staffroom
Wednesday 26 June	Whole School Matariki Kai
Thursday 27 June	Whānau Consultation Evening
Friday 28 June	Year 6 to Kelston Intermediate School Year 5 to Auckland Zoo
Tuesday 2 July	R1 & R12 to Arataki
Wednesday 3 July	R6 & R16 to Arataki
Friday 5 July	End of Term 2
Friday 20 September	SAVE THE DATE Boogie and Bingo Night more information to come.