

Nau mai haere mai Kiara, Isaiah, Moala, Shelby and Brody.

Congratulations to all of our performers at Kelifest last Friday. We were so proud of how our tamariki performed. We are very lucky to have such wonderful tutors and helpers who ensure that our groups are well trained. Fa'afetai lava to Mr Davids, Becs and Dinah for their help with the Pasifika group. Kia ora to Whaea Monica, Miss Toluaki, Justin and Keriria for tutoring our kapa haka group. Huge thanks also to Mrs Chettiar for leading our choir. We are also very grateful to Mrs McKenzie who did all of the background work with uniforms, buses, trip notices and the like to ensure that we could be a part of Kelifest.

There will be photos from Kelifest on display in the staffroom windows later this week so please keep an eye out for these.

Over the next few weeks we will be putting together classes for 2020. Please see Ms Arbon or I should you have any requests. As always we will do our best, although not all requests are always possible.

In last term's parent questionnaire, many people wanted more extension groups to be held at GEPS - especially in the areas of English, maths and coding. So far this year Tui students have been involved in writing, reading, maths and art extension groups. Kiwi and Takahē students have had maths extension and Te reo Māori extension. In 2020, we plan to continue offering extension classes in several areas.

Last week we purchased some new digital technology - BEEBOTS. These are used to introduce younger students to digital coding. The Kiwi teachers and Ms Arbon are very excited about having them and they are already getting plenty of use.

We also asked whānau about the idea of running odd/even years with concerts. In 2020 we will have a stage production and in 2021 we will have a cultural show. Kapa haka, choir and Pasifika group will continue to run every year.

A reminder again to wear hats - the sun is so intense and we want to protect our tamariki from the damage the sun can do. We do have sunblock in every classroom but we would also encourage application of this at home.

I hope everyone had a fabulous long weekend. My husband and I had our 5 year old and two 2 year old moko for the weekend. Luckily the sun shone! We had lots of fun but it was also very exhausting.

Ngā mihi mahana

Donna Soljan

Last week's proud pupil pizza prize winners were Joesph, Ezra and Cameron for their manaakitanga and looking after our kura.



Tuesday 29 October	Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Wednesday 30 October	Inter-school girls football
Thursday 31 October	Inter-school boys football
Friday 1 November	2:15pm Assembly R16
Monday 4 November	Takahe Trip to Sunhill Reserve
Thursday 7 November	Interschool Tag Day
Friday 8 November	2:15pm Assembly R10
Wednesday 13 November	Kiwi team to Kiwi Valley
Thursday 14 November	School Discos Kiwi - @ 3:15 pm - 4:00 pm Takahe - @ 4:15 pm - 5:00 pm Tui - 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm
Friday 15 November	Senior School Athletics Day 2:15pm No assembly
Thursday 21 November	Junior School Athletics Day
Friday 22 November	Out of Zone Enrolments close - ballot to be completed 2:15 pm Assembly R15
Monday 25 November	Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Friday 29 November	2:15 pm Assembly R1
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