

Nau mai haere mai Safa.

Well done to our soccer teams who competed last week. By all accounts, the games were very closely contested and we were right up there as one of the best schools in both the boys and girls competitions. Thanks to all of our coaches and to whānau who supported on the day.

Yesterday Takahē team went to visit Sunhill Scenic Reserve by the top of Waikumete Cemetery. This trip was a local one designed for our students to do some environmental science and look closely at an area right by us. This trip was organised in conjunction with Frazer Dale who used to teach at GEPS. Frazer works at the Auckland Zoo and has stayed in touch with us. We are planning to continue working with Frazer in helping to preserve and enhance this local area. Mrs Williams reports that the trip was amazing in every way.

A reminder that over the next few weeks we will be putting together classes for 2020. Please see Ms Arbon or me should you have any requests. As always we will do our best, although not all requests are always possible. Those of you who have indicated that you would like your child to be in the bilingual Year 5/6 next year will be contacted this week so we can confirm placements in that class. At present we have a full class. Please see us if you have any queries.

Our Year 6 students who are going to GEIS next year visited the school with Mrs McKenzie today for an orientation visit. At this time of the year, we work closely with the intermediate schools that our students are going to attend to ensure we give as much information as we can for a smooth transition. It's great to see that almost all of our Year 6 students are already enrolled. Please see us if you need any help with any aspect of this move to intermediate.

At the end of this week reports for Term 4 will be coming home. Please contact your child's teacher if you wish to follow up with anything from the report. By Friday I will have read and commented on all reports. Some comments are in Te Reo Māori. All comments used are translated in this newsletter so you can understand the comment should you need help. A huge thank you to all of the teachers for their hard work writing these reports and also for the mahi they do every day to make our kura a great place for our tamariki. Also kia ora to Whaea Monica who keeps checking my Māori phrases and adding to my limited word bank.

Ngā mihi mahana

Donna Soljan

Our pizza winners last week all stepped up and helped out with extra jobs when other students were busy at various events. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and mahi.



Thursday 7 November	Interschool Tag Day
Friday 8 November	2:15pm Assembly R10
Wednesday 13 November	Kiwi team to Kiwi Valley
Thursday 14 November	Kōwhai Whānau whanaungatanga day Rm.5, 6, 7 & 8 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
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 School 2020