

Issue 33
Week 3 | Term 4

Kia Ora GEPS Whānau

Nau mai haere mai …… Zimeng & welcome back Ruth

What a fabulous day last Friday was. It was really cool to see so many students wearing clothes that reflected their identity. Thanks to all of the whānau who supported this.

Another highlight of last week was our Kelifest re run where our tamariki shone on our own GEPS stage. Our first Year 4 kapa haka group was awesome for doing their first performance to a big audience and we look forward to seeing them perform more over the next two years. Huge thanks to Tawnee, Luisa and Tapu who tutored our Pasifika group and to Whaea Monica, Whaea Te Awhina & Iyana who tutored our kapa haka groups. Thanks also to the wonderful staff at GEPS who volunteered to help on the night - we had more help offered than we had jobs for which says a lot about GEPS.

Our Year 6 students had their first dance lesson last week in preparation for their leaving dance at the end of the year. This is always a special event that we look forward to. Details have been sent to whānau of Year 6 tamariki.

Next year Tūī team (Years 5 & 6) will be attending camp at Camp Adair (Hunua) in March. This is a fabulous experience but does come at a cost. Many whānau pay this off in installments and these payments can start from now. Please see Louise at the office or email her louisel@geps.school.nz to set these payments up. There will be the option of selling chocolates at the beginning of 2027 to help cover camp fees. More details about camp will be sent closer to the end of the year. Just a reminder that we will also be fundraising for camp by selling Juicies for $2 each every Friday lunchtime for the rest of the year.

As the weather warms up a reminder to send students to school with hats and sunblock. All classes have sunblock in their rooms and teachers will remind students to apply it. However, it is helpful if students come wearing sunblock and with a hat. Water bottles are also recommended over the summer months.

We have recently had a huge surge in out of zone enrolments. The ballot for 2027 is on November 26. Please ensure that any out of zone students are enrolled by then, including siblings of current students.

Thanks to all of those who have raised money so far for our 2026 colour fun run fundraiser. We have reached our first target which means that a few teachers will be covered with slime this week! Thank you! Miss Arbon and I are a bit worried that we will soon be in the slime pool given the rate we are raising which we're happy to do but also a wee bit worried. Every cent that we get as a kura is spent on the tamariki. Our aim is always to ensure they get great teaching, have great experiences and have all the equipment they need to learn and play. Please email kathryna@geps.school.nz if you have any questions.

We are now in the process of putting classes together for 2027. While teachers for each level will not be formalised for a few weeks please let us know any requests that you may have for your child/ren. We cannot make any promises but we do endeavour to make things work where we can. Email me at donnas@geps.school.nz with any requests or with any questions you may have. Please also let me know if your child/ren will not be returning next year.

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Kairangi Whanaungatanga Manaakitanga Ako

Happenings

T4 WK3/4 2026

DATES	HAPPENINGS
Tuesday 27 Oct Lunch – Chicken dumplings. (Vegetarian & Halal alternatives)	Kiwi @ Te Uru – R6 @ 9.10am & R14 @ 11.40am BOT Hui @ 6pm
Wednesday 28 Oct Lunch – Cheesy beef pasta. (Vegetarian & Halal alternatives)	Kiwi @ Te Uru – R3 @ 9.10am Interschool girls football
Thursday 29 Oct Lunch – Creamy chicken pasta. (Vegetarian & Halal options)	Kiwi @ Te Uru – R4/R12 @ 11.40am Interschool boys football Netball prizegiving in hall @ 3.30 – 5pm
Friday 30 Oct Lunch – Crunchy beef nachos. (Vegetarian & Halal options)	
Monday 02 Nov Crispy chicken rice bowl	Assembly R3 @ 2.15pm
Tuesday 03 Nov Lunch – Beef cottage pie. (Vegetarian & Halal alternatives)	
Wednesday 04 Nov Lunch – Fiesta beef mince on rice. (Vegetarian & Halal alternatives)	
Thursday 05 Nov Lunch – Butter chicken on rice. (Vegetarian & Halal options)	
Friday 06 Nov Lunch – Crunchy beef nachos. (Vegetarian & Halal options)	Diwali Celebration & Colour Fun Run
NOTES: Term 4 finishes Term 1 2027 starts	 Tuesday 15 December 2026 Tuesday 02 February 2027

CHRISTMAS COOKIE FESTIVE FUNDRAISER

Orders due by Wed 18Nov



Parenting Talk

Tackling Technology



DATE
6pm
Tues 10 Nov

VENUE
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Primary School

RSVP
To class teachers
via HERO app

FREE EVENT
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Sheridan Eketone, Parent Coach
Sheridan Eketone is passionate about shaping the hearts of the next generation through great parenting. Mum of four teenagers, Sheridan is grateful to her own tamariki for teaching her the importance of connection when it comes to raising confident and resilient kids.

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- Sunday 8th November 11am–12pm
- Sunday 15th November 11am–12pm
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- Sunday 29th November 11am–12pm

$80 per child per term

At West Wave

https://www.waitakwaterpolo.co.nz/register

Kōnini School Sustainable Gala & Jubilee Celebrations

SATURDAY
14 NOVEMBER 2026
10AM TO 2PM

We are excited to announce we're hosting a combined Sustainable Schools Gala and Jubilee celebration on Saturday, 14 November 2026.

We're sharing these plans early so our families, friends, and alumni can start making arrangements to join us for a wonderful day celebrating our history and our future.

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Public Health Nurse

Kia Ora Whanau

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They can be contacted via childandfamilywest.wth@waitematadhb.govt.nz.

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MONDAY, 3:30 – 4:30 PM
AGES 8–13

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TUESDAY, 3:45 – 4:45 PM
AGES 5–11

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