

Term 4 Week 6

Monday 25 November 2019



"Te Ako i te Ora" - "Learning through Living"

From the Principal's Pen

Well, the term has certainly flown by! So much so, that I thought newsletter week was next week! I was convinced I had just written one. We have all been so busy—here are just a few of the events that have been going on that involved our school and the children: -

MADE Awards

During Term 3, a group of creative students honed their photography skills with Miss Bohling. Each selected a photo to submit to the MADE Awards (Movie and Digital Excellence) in Tauranga. The finals were held last Friday, and our school achieved great success! Well done to William Z. and Vanessa L. who won first place in their age group! Julia O. came second and Isaac B. came third in their respective age groups. Across all the categories, over 400 entries were submitted to this competition. Well done!



Onepoto Cultural Festival

We were very lucky with the weather and Onepoto, as normal was a wonderful event that we were able to participate in. Thank you to all the parents who supported this event and came along. Thank you to our magnificent performers who sang and performed to a very appreciative audience. Well done to you all. It takes a lot of courage to stand in front of an audience who you do not know.



CALENDAR DATES

- ⇒ **Tuesday 26 November**
Cluster Athletics
- ⇒ **Wednesday 27 November**
Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00pm
- NE Parent Meeting 6:00pm in Room 7
- ⇒ **Friday 13 December**
Years 0-2 Prizegiving 9:15am
- Years 3-5 Prizegiving 11:00am
- ⇒ **Monday 16 December**
Year 6 Graduation 6:00pm
followed by Disco until 9:00pm
- ⇒ **Wednesday 18 December**
Last day of term 12:30pm (home for lunch)

2020

- Term 1**
Thursday 30 January to Thursday 9 April
- Term 2**
Tuesday 28 April to Friday 3 July
- Term 3**
Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September
- Term 4**
Monday 12 October to Friday 11 December

Senior Sports Day

This was a great occasion where the senior school children came back from GIS for the day. It does not seem possible that it will only be three weeks until our Year 6 senior students leave us to go off to new schools. The sprint races were outstanding and very competitive, followed by the field events. The children enjoyed themselves and performed well. The top placed athletes are off to the Cluster Sports Event tomorrow (Tuesday). A very exciting time for them all as they showcase their ever-improving athletic skills. Good luck to you all and remember your sunblock!

APPA Choir—Music Festival

The children have practiced all year for this performance evening and were excellent on the night. We had a few tired children the next day as it did not finish until 9:45pm, and it made for a late night for them all. They sang well, and the percussion group was outstanding. We even managed a few children singing in a small group. Well done to you all, and to Mrs Kim for her dedication and organization.

Recorders at Vodafone Event Center

A group of children have been practicing with Mrs Shoebridge for this event and another group have been practicing with Mrs Kim at the Intermediate. Tomorrow afternoon they will combine to perform at the Vodafone Event Centre. It is such fun to be involved in playing an instrument and making music.



Reading Eggs/Spellodrome

A reminder to send in your form and payment to the Office by Friday 29 November if you wish your child to have access to these wonderful online programmes for 2020 through to March 2021. The cost is \$50.60 per student to participate. The offer will not be repeated in February next year.

Homestay Required for 2020

Glenfield Intermediate School requires a homestay for their new Mandarin Teacher. He will arrive in February and leave in December 2020. Payment of \$250.00 per week. Please email Leanne Somerville-Smith at : lsmith@glenfieldint.school.nz. if you are interested.

Principal's Awards

Joshua B., for his wonderful piece of writing;
Zuri P., for her 'glamorous glasses' writing.
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Leaving at the End of Term 4??

If your child is leaving our school at the end of this year, and is NOT currently in Year 6, please inform the Office directly.

Enrolments for 2020

If you have siblings or know of any children that are due to start, or are intending to start at our school in Term 1 of next year, please complete an enrolment form or ask the parents to fill one out and hand it in to organise placements for next year. Enrolment forms are available from the Office or on our website.

Lost Property

Please check the trolley if you have lost, or misplaced a uniform item. All un-claimed items at the end of the term will be 're-distributed'.

"Calling all old mobile phones"

It would be great if you could have one final rummage before the end of term, for any unwanted mobile phones you may have at home. It is estimated that each year up to three million phones become obsolete in NZ, of those, only 2% are recycled! Phones collected, help our school gain valuable rewards and the environment benefits as well, by keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances. Please bring any unwanted mobile phones to the school office. Thank you.

Have a great week!

Sue Buckley

'Learning is at the heart of our journey together'