



1st June 2022

Term 2 Week 6

From the desk of Ms 'O'

So Much to be Grateful For

Thanks to everyone who offered to help with the organisation of the Mid-Dome cross-country.

It definitely was disappointing that the weather derailed our plans. The children were psyched up to do their best but it wasn't to be.

I'd very much like to acknowledge those who contributed by offering support:

- Matthew and Shona Tayler for providing land, knowledge and facilities for the course.
- Haylee Trusler and her BBQ/Shop crew (Stacy Thomas, Jo, Brad and others who were also standing by ready to play their part).

We realise how much goes on behind the scenes when organising a major event so please accept my thanks on behalf of the Garston School community.

Mostly, I'd like to say how the calm manner in which people reacted to what was a challenging situation, helped us all to cope with the distress and frustration it caused.

Much appreciated, everyone.

Thanks to the Garston Home and School committee who organised the pie orders and deliveries which were very well received by the locals.

Special thanks to Brad, Liv, Annabelle and Jo for all efforts made to support school fundraising activities. Also to everyone for bringing in the orders.



Mid-Dome Cross-country Results (Qualifying races)

Congratulations to those who competed in the races and their results were as follows.

- 8 year girls – 4th Taegan.
- 9 year girls – 1st June, 2nd Juno.
- 10 year boys – 5th Kolby. 7th Rykah.

We wish those who qualified for competing in the Northern Cross-country all the best for their races.



A Message from NZ Ski

Kia ora katoa,

Hope everyone is keeping well and getting excited for winter as it fast approaches!

Some of you might've already seen that we moved to a new web platform towards the end of last week. The new web store's functionality is still being developed, particularly with guest groups such as local school passes. As a result, the links previously provided no longer work.

They can still purchase online, but they will need to use these links:

[Primary School Pass](#)

[Secondary School Pass](#)

We've extended the deadline for purchasing online until 7June 2023. It will be then taken fully offline. If any parents need to purchase after this date but we will require a letter from you all confirming the students enrolment before they are able to purchase and it need to be provided in person or via email.

Apologies for the inconvenience and let me know if you have questions.

Ngā mihi,

Becky Slimming

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REMINDER re Education outside the Classroom (EOTC)

- The Garston School EOTC policies are up for review as part of our School Docs triennial cycle of review.
- If you would like to comment on these policies then log on to <https://garston.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm> and ring the school office for the password.



Road safety & Traffic rules Awareness

Being conscious about road safety and traffic rules is so important. It can save many lives. Below are interactive quizzes about road safety for students, parents and teachers, so that everyone can learn.

The links are:

1. For Age group (5 to 9 years):

<https://trafficquiz.com/road-safety-quiz-junior-level-1/>

2. For Age group (10 to 15 years):

<https://trafficquiz.com/road-safety-quiz-secondary-level-1/>

3. For Parents (Child safety quizzes):

<https://trafficquiz.com/child-safety-quiz-for-parents-level-1/>

4. For Parents and Teachers (Traffic & road safety rules quizzes):

<https://trafficquiz.com/road-safety-quiz-for-adults-level-1/>

5. For Drivers and support staff:

<https://trafficquiz.com/road-safety-quiz-for-adults-level-1/>

6. Road Signs quiz

<https://trafficquiz.com/road-signs-quiz/>

Wood Tech Wakas

Room 1 are working on an exciting Wood Tech project to build model Waka Hourua this term.

Having researched the design of this early Maori expedition boat, the children drew design sketches with double canoe style hulls, a deck, shelter, sail and paddles. Using off-cuts of ply wood kindly donated by Mitre 10 and the Ashford's building site, the children have started to learn how to measure, saw and hammer the wood into boat models.



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Supported by Mrs A-T, Annabelle, Patrick Fallon and Tom Parrant the children are being safely taught to handle the tools and build independence.

We are fortunate to be well resourced with saws, hammers, two work benches, numerous wooden desk covers and bench hooks to keep our furniture safe!

If anyone can lend us any clamps, they would be great to hold the wood more firmly whilst the children saw the pieces.

Next week work will begin on the design for sails, **so if you have an old white or cream pillow case or sheet, please send it in.**

If you would like to join the fun, we'll be working on the boats every Tuesday from 1-2:45pm this term and plan to test them in the river at a later date.



Wood Tech Wakas



Thanks to Annabelle, Patrick, Tom and all the parents who are supporting this project. Your help is really appreciated!



Dates for your Diary



Date: 12th June.
School-wide rugby session



Date: 19th June.
School-wide rugby session



Date: 26th June.
School-wide rugby session



Date: 30th June.
Last day of Term 2.
School reports go home.

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- Select a date range, if applicable
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