



Garston School Newsletter

Thursday, 16th February 2023

From the desk of Ms. 'O'

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This year despite a huge effort, the three local schools have been unable to co-ordinate dates that suit their programmes to run the usual Mid-Dome athletics day.

In its place we will have a Garston School based sports day on Tuesday, 28th February with a postponement date of Wednesday, 1st March. This will run from 10:30a.m. and is expected to finish between 12 - 1p.m. All whanau are welcome to attend and any who do so can take their children home with them afterwards. The bus will run as usual on the day.

The children won't be using their school uniforms but do need to be appropriately dressed for the physical activities and weather conditions on the day.

The sports will be modified to suit all age groups and abilities and to reinforce enjoyment through participation. It promises to be a positive experience for all involved.

At a later date the names of any students aged 7 years and over who meet the required standards for competing at the Northern Athletics Championships will be forwarded to the organisers. Once the entries have been confirmed further information will follow. The Northern Athletics event is scheduled to be held on 15th March at Northern Southland College with a postponement date as soon as possible afterwards.



We warmly WELCOME two new Room 2 students and their families to our school. They are:

- ◇ Sarah and Logan Daly and their daughter Charlotte.
- ◇ Rebecca Sutherland and Michael Newnham and their daughter Kaia.



We wish Mrs A-T a continued recovery from last week's appendix operation. While she will be excluded from heavy work for at least a month after her surgery, all going well we expect Sheena to be back on light duties this Monday.

The children have brought home a **Safety Wise** booklet designed for parents to use to talk to their children about **VITAL** everyday safety messages.

I have shared aspects of this excellent resource with Room 1 students.

Please make the time to look through it. It could prevent future injuries or even loss of life.

Peter Rabbit Celebration Day

A wonderful community celebration involving our tamariki will take place in the Garston Village on Wednesday, 22nd February starting at 1:30pm. In case of inclement weather the children will perform at school at the same time. In preparation for the big event the plan is for the whole school to walk over on the 21st February for a dress rehearsal then again on the 22nd for the actual event.

District councillors and community development representatives will join the designer and local people for the official launch of the Peter Rabbit seat. All parents are welcome to attend.

The children will catch the bus after school as usual on any of these days.



To:

Mescha for her generosity in gifting our tamariki the sunflower seeds and prizes and then returning last Friday for the all important judging.

While the child whose flowers won the category for the tallest flower, widest flower head or biggest flop received a prize so too did everyone else who participated.

It was a fun time for us all as we celebrated the resplendent sight of our Sunflower Garden.

The Results

Room 2: Tallest - 1st place - Ayva.

Widest Flower Head - 1st Place - Cruz.

Room 1: Tallest - 1st Place - Violet.

Widest Flower Head - 1st Place - Howie.



REMINDERS:

Tuesday, 28th February	School Sports start at 10:30. Postponement day Wednesday, 1st March.
Monday, 6th - Wednesday, 8th March	Parent/Teacher interviews.
Monday, 13th March	Life Education - Harold the Giraffe visit.
Wednesday, 15th March	Board of Trustees Meeting at 7pm.. All welcome. (Please note change of date).
Monday, 20th - Friday, 24th March	Swimming at Mossburn.
Monday, 27th March	Home & School meeting at 7pm.



BALFOUR PUMP PARK

'OPENING' SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25TH AT 10.00AM.
 "HELMETS" ARE ESSENTIAL, BRING A BIKE, SCOOTER OR SKATEBOARD AND WATCH A DEMONSTRATION BY THE PUMP DESIGNERS.