



17th August 2023

Term 3 Week 5

From the desk of Ms. O

The children began the process of preparation long before Tuesday's Speech & Poetry celebration. First the choice of poem or speech topic was selected to match children's individual interests and those students in Year 4 and over researched and then put together their speech. As the reality of presenting before an audience hit home the children started practising with a whole new level of intensity. All who attended observed how important it was for the children for them to do well and how each was trying their hardest.

Those of us who have been listening to the children's speeches over the last couple of weeks now know many more facts about subjects ranging from dinosaurs, to social media to natural disasters. However, even more impressive was witnessing how our children are developing, with support, the self-assurance needed to be able to step up when challenged. As always, the children did themselves proud.

Congratulations to the following children who qualified to compete at the next round of competition today in Mossburn: Year 7/8 - Jamie Edmonds (1st), Thomas Baker (2nd); Year 5/6 - June Baker (1st), Tehila Naivaluwaqa (2nd).

Thank you to the Garston Home & School who provided and served refreshments.

Looking forward to sharing the fun up at the Remarks this Monday. If you don't get a message/email/text telling you if it has been postponed, then we will all meet as prearranged.



Self-assured

Productive

Independent

Respectful

Innovative

Thinking smart

SPORT: Year 4 - 6

Please note that this initiative has been opened to a larger group of children to now include **Year 4 - 6** children in the wider area for Thursdays in Early November.

Concept:

A tournament style model teams (girls or mixed players around age 8 – 10) will participate in a variety of games in the Mossburn School all-weather sports complex (no cancellations needed).

Possible sports could be: cricket, football and kemu.

Hopefully there will be no cost to the participants.

Please contact Garston School A.S.A.P. if you would like to register interest for your Year 4 - 6 child to participate.



Daffodil Day. As part of our contribution to cancer research fundraising the children are asked to wear yellow on Friday, 25th August and if able to, donate to national fundraising efforts.

Property Up-date

During the week upgrades have been made to existing classrooms, library and admin areas to meet MOE requirements as follows:

- Acoustic ceiling panels have been fitted in Room 3.
- L.E.D. light units have been fitted throughout the school.
- R.C.D. power outlets have been fitted throughout the school replacing the existing outlets.

In the future carpets throughout the school will be replaced as well as some wall linings. This is funded through the MOE Small & Rural Schools Up-grade programme.

Just for a laugh, a collection of Dad on-liners.

- I went to a seafood disco last week but ended up pulling a mussel.
- Four fonts walk into a bar. The bartender says, 'Hey! We don't want your type in here!'
- Two Wi-Fi engineers got married. The reception was fantastic.
- People who take care of chickens are literally chicken tenders.
- It was an emotional wedding. Even the cake was in tiers.
- I didn't think orthopaedic shoes would help, but I stand corrected.

And to finish off with my last 'state'-ment!

- What did Tennessee? The same thing as Arkansas.



Garston School Newsletter

Dates for your Diary



Monday, 21st August
Whole-school ski day.



Tuesday, 22nd August
Postponement date for ski day.



Friday, 25th August
Daffodil Day Celebration – Cancer Appeal.



Thursday, 31st August
Area Speech Final (only if qualified from Mid-Dome round).



Wednesday, 6th September
BOT Meeting. 7pm.



Tuesday, 12th September
Speech Grand Final only if qualified from Area final. Invercargill 6:30pm.
Location to be advised.



Tuesday 19th September
St. John Education



Thursday, 21st September
Home & School Meeting at 7pm. (location to be advised).

Year 7/8 Technology at Northern Southland College

18th 25th August. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd September.

Please advise the principal early in the morning if your child will not be going on any of the days on 027 758 1520.

This is so a message can be relayed to N.S.C. and also our transport providers who pick up the children around midday to bring them back to Garston School.

Don't miss the bus!

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