

From the desk of Ms. 'O'

Back to School

Kia ora and welcome back everyone.

It was almost 7 weeks ago that we celebrated the end of our 2022 school as a school family. Most of us experience a tinge of sadness at the loss of freedom that holidays afford us but at least it helps that we're enjoying glorious weather.

Now after such a lovely, long break our staff and children have all returned feeling invigorated and bursting with energy to start afresh. Yesterday as soon as I mentioned that the bell was about to ring the children took off back to class. They're so eager. I'm not kidding. I believe some parents are also pleased that school has restarted.

We are very fortunate that our Home & School group have bought a set of regulation sunhats. Each student has been issued with one to ensure they're suitably protected while outside when at school. The children have been shown how to look after their hats and they are now personally responsible for doing so. To save confusion they will bring home any other sunhat which they may have brought to school to save confusion.

Please be mindful that sunscreen that sunscreen should be applied before coming to school and that it will be reapplied during the day. If the children bring their own sunscreen then please name it.



We warmly welcome Miss Sarah Willmot as our Year 1 - 3 teacher and look forward to benefitting from the many talents Sarah has to share.

The fun has begun



Upcoming Events:	
Wednesday, 22nd February	Whole School Peter Rabbit Celebration on the Garston Village Green at 1:30pm.
Wednesday, 1st March	BOT meeting at 7pm in the school library. All Welcome.
Monday, 6th - Wednesday, 8th March	Parent/Teacher interviews.
Monday, 13th March	Life Education - Harold the Giraffe visit.
Monday, 20th - Friday, 24th March	Swimming at Mossburn
Monday, 27th March	Home & School meeting at 7pm,

INCREDIBLE YEARS PROGRAMME - Mossburn

FAMILY WORKS/MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Thursdays: 11.00 a.m. - 2.00p.m.

This programme is for parents/grandparents/caregivers of children aged between 2 and a half and 8 years who want practical step by step suggestions to handle everyday family situations, as well as strategies to manage more challenging behaviours.

Our Incredible Years Programme is delivered interactively by 2 trained leaders, in a small group setting (around 12-16 parents).

If you have any families whom you consider would benefit from Incredible Years, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at:

Contract: 03 211 8262

027 225 4477

scook@familyworkssld.nz

The programme is free of charge, and we can provide child care.

Come and join in the fun at the



DAVID REID HOMES

KINGSTON SPORTS DAY

SATURDAY 4 FEB, 2023 - 1PM

After Spud in the Bucket at the Kingston Sports Ground behind the Fire Station

- ✓ All welcome
- ✓ Prizes for the children
- ✓ Raffles
- ✓ Auctions
- ✓ Free Sausage Sizzle

- ✓ Bring a picnic
- ✓ All proceeds go towards the Kingston Pump Track
- ✓ No dogs please
- ✓ Fun day for all the family

Supporting Sponsors:





The Kingston Community Association
Lucky and Fran McLachlan - Glen Nevis Station






REMINDERS

* A gentle . . . but extremely important reminder . . . Any ABSENCES must be advised no later than 9:15 on the day. If you know in advance of an absence then advise us in advance A.S.A.P as this impacts on the teacher's planning, children's learning and possibly any itinerant teacher who may be intending to visit to support the child.

Information about absences are to be sent to the school office by one of the following ways:

- ⇒ The Skool Loop app.
- ⇒ Email to admin@garston.school.nz.
- ⇒ Phone the school office on (03) 248 8802. After a long absence the answer phone is now operating. Any messages will be cleared at 12:30 and 2:30p.m.

The recording of all absences and reasons for them is deemed mandatory by the Ministry of Education.

Let's work together to ensure children attend school at least 95% of the time (MoE expectation) so our children obtain maximum benefit from all educational experiences provided.

* Refresh your Skool Loop App by deleting it and then downloading the App again. Simply Google Skool Loop and follow the instructions.



To:

- ⇒ Rodney Baker for tuning our piano.
- ⇒ Pam Naylor, Bernie, Kathryn, Sam Sulu, Becks, Sophie, Clara Harmony and Kystella who helped out at the Wilson Contracting Christmas function last year. \$400 was donated to our school.

⇒ Northern Southland Vets for their donation of \$460 from the sale of drench. I thank the following people for their generosity:

Ben & Jo Evans, Ian Clark, Hume's Families, Matthew & Shona Tayler.

⇒ Fern Energy (ex South Fuels) for their donation of \$1000 from their Schools Sponsorship Programme. Our school has been nominated by local businesses/farms that receive bulk fuel deliveries from Fern, meaning that for every 100 litres of bulk fuel purchased 50 cents is donated to their nominated school. The more people we have nominating our school results in reaching our target a little quicker. I thank the following people/businesses for their generosity:

Dangerous Brothers Estate Limited, T. W. & J. N. McNamee, Eyre Creek Limited, Grandview Farm Limited, Tenby Estate Limited, Glen Nevis Station, Hume Livestock Services.

⇒ Our Skool Loop advertisers who continue to support our school by financing the Skool Loop App.

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Mescha Soper-Arthur and the Professionals Real Estate team in Queenstown, DBE Engineering, Wilson Contracting, Te Anau Healy Ltd, Brett Middleton Contracting, EWL Ltd, Ultra-Scan Northern Southland, Kingston Top 10 Holiday Park, Kingston Corner Shop & Café, Flame Firewood, Koota Construction, Kingston Mechanical 2021 Ltd, A Little Beauty.