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Term 2 Week 9

From the desk of Ms. 'O'

It's been a productive two terms for our students and our teachers!

We believe that all our students can succeed. This is reflected in their high expectations for them, the positive language used to encourage their efforts and very importantly, in the feedback given to them about their learning progress.

Our teachers are mindful of giving students sufficient time and appropriate opportunities to master the required knowledge and skills. Students are helped on an individual level to understand:

- where they are at on their learning journey
- where they are going (what they are aiming for)
- what their next steps are in order for them to reach their goals (what they need to do).

At the end of the term you will receive your child(ren)'s reports which are a summary of progress and achievement at mid-way through this school year. They record each student's attitude and effort, progress and achievement. They also show you extremely valuable information, describing what they learned to do and what their next focus for learning will be.

You will notice that the report will not only emphasise learning content but will include essential learning attributes and students' positive dispositions which contribute to their learning progress. Please share and celebrate with your children their gains. You are welcome to contact the teachers in the new term to discuss any aspect of the report.

Let's continue to work together to support the children as they grow and learn.



* I would love to thank my happy helpers (Annabelle, Tili and Bernie) who will be working as a school team to cater at a local business' lunch this Saturday.

* All of you for supporting our school fundraising throughout the first half of this year. With everyone's help our children will continue to benefit from the resources and opportunities for additional learning and fun experiences the Garston School children are fortunate to be offered.

*** Any gift of time and energy given to support our school is always appreciated.**

REMINDER:

Please pay the stationery account that you received last week as soon as possible. Thanks to those who have already done so.

Tofa, Farewell, Goodbye, Good luck to Lupe and Sam and their children Maela, Tangi and Milani who are moving to Dunedin.

We wish them the very best of luck for their future.



Rugby Coaching

Room 1 and 2 are fortunate to enjoy the expertise of Southland Rugby's coaches Quinn and Georgia for three sessions this term.

Georgia is working with the younger students to develop: spatial awareness through dodging drills; rugby ball handling skills through run, stop and catch games; and attack and defend skills using the ripper tags. The lessons are quite challenging and the children are building resilience alongside fitness.

Quinn meanwhile, is coaching the older students to develop: spin passing, catching the rugby on the full, punting and grub kicking and spatial awareness. The seniors are playing small-sided games and are developing team-work in larger sided games. Despite a few minor bumps and knocks, the children are really showing enthusiasm for rugby, at a level to engage mixed ages and genders.

Budding young Black Ferns and All Blacks having fun on the field

