

### From the desk of Ms. 'O'

This Monday you will receive your children's school reports. Please take the time to read the summary of some of their progress and achievement since June, 2022.

It is significant that the first information given to Garston School parents on their children's formal end of year reports focuses on their attitude and effort. Specific information is then given to describe what they have learnt and includes details about their progress, achievement and their next learning steps.

Equally important are the general comments and those pertaining to the S.P.I.R.I.T. of Garston that describe how they are developing those behaviours which will help them to relate well to others throughout life. Also, there are comments about how they have participated and contributed alongside their peers in class and school programmes and activities.

Personally, I think that if a child could write their own report the best rating they could give themselves would be to say that they have tried their hardest by setting themselves high standards for their attitude, behaviour and commitment to learning.

We farewell Mrs Pam Soper after 7 terms teaching the Year 1-3 class. We value all of her input and thank her for the guidance and support she's provided for her students as they start their formal education. We wish her happiness in her retirement from teaching.

On behalf of Bernie and myself, I wish you a happy Christmas and a relaxing break. I look forward to working with you all next year.

Having fun with the goodies from the Playler.



## Synopsis of the Board of Trustees meeting held on 30th November 2022.

### Principal's Report

\* Heron Futter who works for Healthy Active Learning gave a presentation on the health and physical education programme goals. This included the connections which can be accessed to other agencies throughout Southland who are also working in specific areas of community and personal health promotion. Heron commented on our school's excellent commitment to promoting health and physical education programmes and the quality of resources that we provide to support them.

\* Discussion around the Board's strategic goals for 2023 in the areas of student achievement, curriculum, systems and governance. These include the retention of current goals for Literacy, Maths, Well-being and Curriculum development.

\* Induction process for new Board members was discussed.

### In-committee.

Analysis of school-wide end of year reading, writing and maths data to include: progress and achievement of individuals and cohort groups; support for students' learning (within school and itinerant resource personnel); potential barriers to reading goals and targets; analysis of variance to goals; next steps.

### Policy and Board assurances.

\* The following policies were reviewed to include feedback from parents: Alcohol, Drugs and Other Harmful Substances; School Bus Transport; Digital Technology and Cybersafety; Health, Safety and Welfare; Swimming Pool.

\* Discussion of Assurances of compliance to regulations and outcomes for the following: emergency drills; staff usage and expenditure; bus audit; teacher appointment process; statutory school opening.

### Employment & Personnel.

Principal outlined systems and actions taken to meet expectations for: staff professional growth cycle; professional learning and development; staffing allocation for 2023; board training undertaken.

### Property

Still waiting for consent to install water, sewerage and drainage for the new classroom block.

### Health & Safety.

\* 2 minor injuries were treated on site.

\* The Flying Fox has passed its annual inspection.

\* A successful Earthquake Drill was carried out.

\* Risk Analysis plan for the Kingston Flyer trip was viewed.

### Legal Compliance

The school roll at the date of the meeting was 31 and made up of 15, (Year 0-3) and 16, (Year 4-7) students.

### School Bus.

Discussion of audit results and management strategies to ensure our school works with the bus provider (GoBus) to comply with MOE requirements.

### Special Topics.

Discussion of 2023 Term 1 swimming programme which will be based at the Mossburn Community pool.

### Home and School

\* Discussion of options for Home & School support for future school projects.

### Christmas Funnies.

\* What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney? Claus-trophobia!

\* What goes "Oh, Oh, Oh"? Santa walking backwards!

\* What did the beaver say to the Christmas Tree? Nice gnawing you!

\* What does Santa do when his elves misbehave? He gives them the sack!

\* Who delivers presents to cats? Santa Paws!

\* Who is Santa's favourite singer? Elf-is Presley.

\* Who's Rudolph's favourite pop star? Beyon-sleigh!

\* What do monkeys sing at Christmas? Jungle bells!

\* Who is a Christmas tree's favourite singer? Spruce Springsteen!

## Prizegiving and Concert

We plan on having this celebratory event outdoors on the grass at school, starting at 1:30pm. As there will be limited seating you are invited to bring a standard fold up chair for your personal use. If the weather is inclement we will move the event and your chairs inside the new building.

Come prepared for a sunny day (fingers crossed).

### Programme:

- ⇒ The Enormous Turnip - Room 2.
- ⇒ A Beatles Classic - Room 1.
- ⇒ Principal's Presentation.
- ⇒ Musical Ensemble - Room 1.
- ⇒ Pacifika Performance - Maela, Tangi, Milani.
- ⇒ Awards Ceremony.
- ⇒ Children's Gifts.
- ⇒ School Karakia.
- ⇒ Jolly Jingles.



### REMINDERS

- Monday, 12th December.
  - \* The envelope that you will receive on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> will contain the children's school reports and a list of stationery required for the start of Term 1, 2023.
  - \* Shared lunch for children to farewell Mrs Soper - please send in some extra treats for both classes to share.
  - \* Secret Santa.
- Tuesday, 13th December.
  - \* The last normal bus run will be on the morning of Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December.
  - \* End of year Concert and Prize Giving.      \* Last day of term for 2022

All children's school sunhats and Hi-Viz jackets are to be washed over the holidays ready for use at the start of the new school year on Tuesday, 31st January 2023.

Thank  
You

To: Brad for securing the storage units in the new building.