

*Greetings, Kia Ora, Fakaalofa Iahi atu, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Taloha, Ki a Orana Ni Hao, Buenos Dias, Chao, Malo ni, Habari Dobar Dan, Namaste, Salam*

### OUR VALUE FOR THE FORTNIGHT

**ENTHUSIASM** – “Doing something whole-heartedly, - it is giving 100%, doing things with zest and excitement. It is being cheerful, happy and positive.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Wow! What a great start to the year here at Gladstone Primary. The school year has begun smoothly with staff and children settling in quickly. A huge thank you to our fantastic staff for their hardwork and dedication and to all our children for their enthusiastic start. A warm welcome to all new families and students who have joined us over the past three weeks.

At Gladstone Primary, schooling is about “passionately preparing people for life”, and providing a series of experiences and opportunities that will challenge, stimulate and enable all to achieve in an environment that fosters respect, differences and support. I hope that everyone who becomes involved with Gladstone Primary School will feel part of our school community.

This is already being shown with the very real and practical support of our Outdoor Education week last week which was a huge success. Thank you if you were able to help out or if you offered and were not able to be accommodated. Your support of the school and your children is very much appreciated and valued.

As mentioned in my initial letter our school has an “Open Door Policy”. This means that should you have any questions or concerns about anything please do not hesitate to contact us. If at any time you wish to see your child’s teacher about something specific please telephone the school to organise an appointment. If you are wanting information on your child’s progress, it is advisable to book a time to see their teacher. This will enable them to have the time to have the proper conversation with you as classrooms are busy places in the mornings before school, and immediately after, and it is not always possible for the teacher to give full attention to your queries.

The students at Gladstone always come first. You can expect your child to be well taught, well looked after and, in

partnership with you, they will receive the best possible education over the school year. The three keys to children making progress in their learning are PRACTISE, SUCCESS and ENJOYMENT, all these things we aim to provide here at school but encourage you all to do the same at home especially in regards to Reading and Numeracy. Listening to your child reading and/or reading to them daily provides the enjoyment and practice that is vital. The same applies with listening to their basic facts.

As a staff our Professional Development Programme this year is focusing on the teaching of reading and numeracy and the implementation of the National Standards. The most noticeable feature of this for you as parents will be our revamped reports and a change in the timing of our reporting to you on your child(rens) learning. The first discussion sheet will come home in June followed by interviews. The full report will now come home in the first week of November again followed by interviews. This will let you know your son or daughter’s achievement levels but also inform you about what we will be doing over the remaining time in the year to further develop their skills and knowledge but also what you can do at home to help.

### WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW STAFF

Kaine Henderson – Rm 39, Yr 4  
Elise van de Ven – Rm 22, Yr 5  
Stephanie Pye – Rm 15, Yr 6  
Trevor Rubens – Rm 23, Yr 5  
Alan McDonald – Rm 10, Yr 6  
Halcyon Saxby- Learning Support  
Jon Siegstad – Danish Student

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

2010 is the year of the Triennial Elections for Boards of Trustees across the country. If you are interested in finding out more about being on the Gladstone Primary BOT please come and join us at our meeting on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the staffroom. Below you

will see the timeline for the election process.

EVENT	WHEN
Call for Nominations	By 15 March 2010
Nominations Close	Noon 23 April
Voting Papers Distributed	By 28 April
VOTING DAY	7 MAY 2010
Count Votes	13 May 2010
Board Takes Office	14 May 2010

### OUTDOOR EDUCATION WEEK

was held last week with all year groups involved in various Outdoor Education experiences. The trips all went well with no accidents or major hassles which was great, giving all our children a worthwhile and educational experience. A special thanks to the fantastic parents who were able to support these trips and also to all the staff for the time, energy and enthusiasm exerted in making them such a success.

### OFFICE HOURS

The School Office is open 8.15am – 4.00pm daily.

### WALKING BUSES

All buses; Mountain Millipede, Rocket and Zippy started this week.

### LOST PROPERTY

Is on display every even Friday from 2.30 – 3.30pm in the Piazza. Please come along then to look at the clothing if your child has “misplaced” anything. The next “showing” is next Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> February. You are also welcome to check the Lost Property Bins which are located in the mezzanine floor of the hall. Please leave all items in the bin when you have finished looking. After 2 weeks lost items are donated to charity.

Swimming goggles are delivered to the office not to the bins so if you are looking for these please see Lois at Reception.



## UPDATE OF INFORMATION

If there have been any changes to the custodial arrangements, change of address, change of telephone number, change of emergency contact numbers, or any other changes we would be very grateful if you would inform us as soon as possible, so our records can be corrected.

## HEADLICE

This is an on-going problem. Please check your child's hair regularly. Thank you.

## PLEASE NAME IT

We make every effort to see students' personal items are secure so it would be very much appreciated if **ALL ITEMS – INCLUDING SHOES, TOGS, TOWELS, SPORTS EQUIPMENT, JACKETS, JERSEYS, LUNCHBOXES, WATER BOTTLES, BAGS etc WERE ALL CLEARLY NAMED!!**

## DRINK BOTTLES

A reminder with the summer term that all children need to carry water bottles with them in class. A common sense approach and one we will remind all children throughout the term. Your support with this is much appreciated in the form of naming drink bottles and providing them. We encourage all children to drink water regularly throughout the school day.

## BIRTHDAYS

The following students have a birthday over the next 2 weeks. We wish you a Happy Birthday and trust you have a wonderful day. Happy Birthday to:

### 18<sup>th</sup> February

Mia Noble

### 19<sup>th</sup> February

Mia Edwards-Vernon

Beatrice Santos

### 20<sup>th</sup> February

Ben Merlini

### 21<sup>st</sup> February

Naura Bakor

### 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Aidan Quinlan

Conor Quinlan

## COMING EVENTS

### February

24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> – Tiritiri Matangi Trip

25<sup>th</sup> – Meet the Teacher – 6.00-7.30pm

Interschool Softball & Cricket,

### March

2<sup>nd</sup> – Family Group Mtg, 7pm, Staffroom – supporting your Early Readers

3<sup>rd</sup> – Sausage Sizzle

4<sup>th</sup> – Newsletter 3

11<sup>th</sup> – Interschool Swimming

13<sup>th</sup> – Sea Friends to Goat Island

15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Student Involved Conferences

18<sup>th</sup> – Newsletter 4

22<sup>nd</sup> – Family Group Coffee Morning

28<sup>th</sup> – GLADSTONE GALA 10-2pm

31<sup>st</sup> – Sausage Sizzle

Jake Findlay

Bridgit Hay

### 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Sophie Barclay

Ethan Blanchard

Milly Smyth

### 4<sup>th</sup> March

Kate Butler

Ubayd Harker

Alec Thompson

Zoe Thompson

Matthew Valkenburg

***NB:** Please let us know if we inadvertently miss a birthday so we can acknowledge it in the next newsletter*

## ENROLMENTS

if you have a son or daughter turning 5 this year (or even next year) please contact Lois at the school office (Ph: 846-9744) to have them put on our Pre-Enrolment list. Around 6 weeks before they turn 5 you will be contacted to arrange an enrolment interview for you and your child. Thank you in advance.

## AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP

For safety reasons if children have not been picked up after school by 3.15pm they are taken to OSCAR Care in the hall. So if you are picking your children up and it is after 3.15pm please collect your son/daughter from the hall.

## ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

Any child arriving at school prior to 8.15am goes to "Pre OSCAR Care" in the Hall. All teachers are involved in admin meeting's at 8.00am and are not in class until approximately 8.20am. Thank you for your support.

## ABSENCE

If your child is absent from school please remember to call the Office and leave a message by 9.00am. (846 9744 ext 1 )

## CARPARKING / DROPPING OFF

Please use the safer Seaview Terrace or Monaghan Ave entrances. Thank you to the huge majority of parents who park appropriately. The yellow lines around the school are "NO PARKING".

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### ASB KICK START SAVINGS FOR 2010

To kickstart School Banking this year we have an exciting promotion running for Term 1 starting the week being 8<sup>th</sup> February. Your School Bankers are going to be in the draw each week for 25 prizes of \$50. To enter the children only have to make a deposit to their account through the school, this will automatically enter them into the draw for that week to win one of 25 prizes of \$50.00. So the more weeks that they deposit the more chances they have of winning. This is a fantastic Promotion to encourage the savings behaviour and to start the School Banking

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 10.00am – 2.00pm. Please keep an eye out for all Gala information which will be out regularly telling you all the news you need to know about the Gala. Keep this Sunday free!

## MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

No medication should be kept in your child's school bag. If your child has antibiotic/medication that needs to be administered during the school day please ensure you have filled out a permission slip at the office. No medication can be administered to your child without approval.

**Dave Shadbolt**  
**PRINCIPAL**

## CLASS REPORTS

### Room 33 – Year 2, Trip to One Tree Hill

I felt happy and sad when I went to One Tree Hill. I saw cow poo. I walked past it. I was thirsty and hungry.

*Aidan Roe*

I saw sheep. I felt happy. I liked it. It was fun. We saw sheep run. I felt happy because I like the sheep.

*Maia Holder*

I saw some poos on the grass. I didn't step on the it because I didn't want my shoes to get smelly. I went on my tpee toes so I wouldn't step on the it.

*Gianne Quintana*

I thought I would miss my Mum because I was a long way away from home. I felt scared. I wanted to see her. We went there and back on the bus.

*Angus Edwards*

### JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATION

Rugby for under 6's to under 13's

Sunday Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 9am to Midday

Wednesday Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> 4 to 6pm

Sunday Mar 7<sup>th</sup> 9am to Midday

Western Springs Stadium, Western Springs.

For enquiries contact Pam on 817-2127 or

Email [juniors@ponsonbyrugby.co.nz](mailto:juniors@ponsonbyrugby.co.nz)

### JUNIOR SQUASH CENTRE

To promote junior squash we are

## **APRIL**

1<sup>st</sup> – TERM 1 Ends, Newsletter 5

19<sup>th</sup> – TERM 2 Starts

### **SCHOOL CHARGES & DONATIONS**

reminder that these are due for the year or term by term. Please note below what this includes:

- Technology and Specialist Resources - \$40.00

- School Donation

- 1<sup>st</sup> Child \$300 per annum

2<sup>nd</sup> & subsequent children \$260 per annum

Select your preferred payment option:

(1) Pay the donation per term: (Reminders will be put in newsletters)

1<sup>st</sup> child \$75 per term

2<sup>nd</sup> & subsequent children \$65 per term

(2) OR pay the donation in full by the end of February, pay a discounted rate of

**\$280** instead of \$300, and go into a draw for a dinner for two.

**THANK YOU** to all of you who have paid your school fees, donations and camp charges. We realise it is an expensive time of the year and appreciate your support.

year of really well.

### **BRAZIL FUTSAL ACADEMY**

**Futsal develops fast, skillful, exciting players!**

**Great preparation for the outdoor season.**

**Brazilian Skills & Futsal** (Brazilian indoor soccer)

classes by **Professional Brazilian Players**

Classes - Fridays – starting 12 Feb 2010

3:30 – 4:30 5 – 7 yrs & 8 – 13 years

**1<sup>st</sup> session is FREE** (Come & try)... 10 class card \$125

Futsal League - Fridays - starting 5 Mar 2010

4:30 – 5:30 8 – 13 yrs

\$59/player (8 weeks)

**Venue: Unitec Sports Centre Gym**

email us to

register...[craigdinho@brazilacademy.com](mailto:craigdinho@brazilacademy.com)  
or [craig 021-322-522](tel:021-322-522)

offering **free** court and equipment hire at the National Squash Centre (across the road from Gladstone Primary School) for all your school pupils playing before 4pm in

Term 1 on week days! This is subject to court availability. You may wish to include this offer in your school newsletter. Please see our website [www.natsquash.co.nz](http://www.natsquash.co.nz) for booking information or email us at [play@natsquash.co.nz](mailto:play@natsquash.co.nz).

### **GARAGE/MOVING SALE**

38 Monaghan Ave. on Saturday, February 27th. from 8am – 1pm.

Would anyone like to adopt our beloved cat Zoe. She is four years old and a dear.

Wonderful family car for sale. 1997 Toyota Ipsum. 113,000km. \$4,500 ono.

Call Penka on 815-7637

### **"CHAOS AT THE SCHOOL GATE"**

Gladstone is participating in the Akld City Council's programme. It involves placing parking officers on patrol outside schools to observe non-compliant behaviours and issue tickets to those illegally parked.

The Chaos at the School Gate programme has been very successful and is helping to reduce danger to children as well as improve traffic flow around schools.