



Glamorgan Goss July 2017

Nau mai, haere mai and welcome to Glamorgan School. As we begin the Maori New Year celebrations with the sighting of Matariki in the predawn skies, it is a good time to be with family and friends, to reflect on the past, to celebrate those who are not with us anymore and prepare for the year ahead. The Board of Trustees would like to celebrate with you the successes and goings on in the first half of the year at our wonderful school.

It has been a busy time for parent-help also – if we miss mentioning you below the Board sincerely thank those of you who have helped with the smooth running of both big and small events.

Outdoor Education

A key focus for our Year 4-6 students has been Education Outside of the Classroom. Year 6 enjoyed another successful camp at Tui Ridge Camp, Rotorua, while the Year 4's and 5's took part in activities around the city that ranged from bush walks to climbing Rangitoto, MERC and tree-climbing. Alongside this we have had the Waterwise programme running. We thank all the parents that took time out of their busy weeks to help with these activities. Without you these activities wouldn't be possible. Planning for next year's activities is already well ahead.

Pool

Thanks to those of you who have been responsible pool-users over summer. We have had an event free season and we appreciate your help in this.

Alongside this the pool has been central to the school Physical Education programme and with the help of Swim Bus our students were given the chance of having swimming lessons in their school environment. We hope those of you that took the opportunity to utilise this programme saw some benefit in both your child's confidence and ability around water.

Drop Off Zone

The changes made to how this is operating have made the use of this zone safer and more efficient for everybody. The Board on behalf of the staff would like to thank you for your cooperation and we hope to see it continuing to be a success.

School Donations

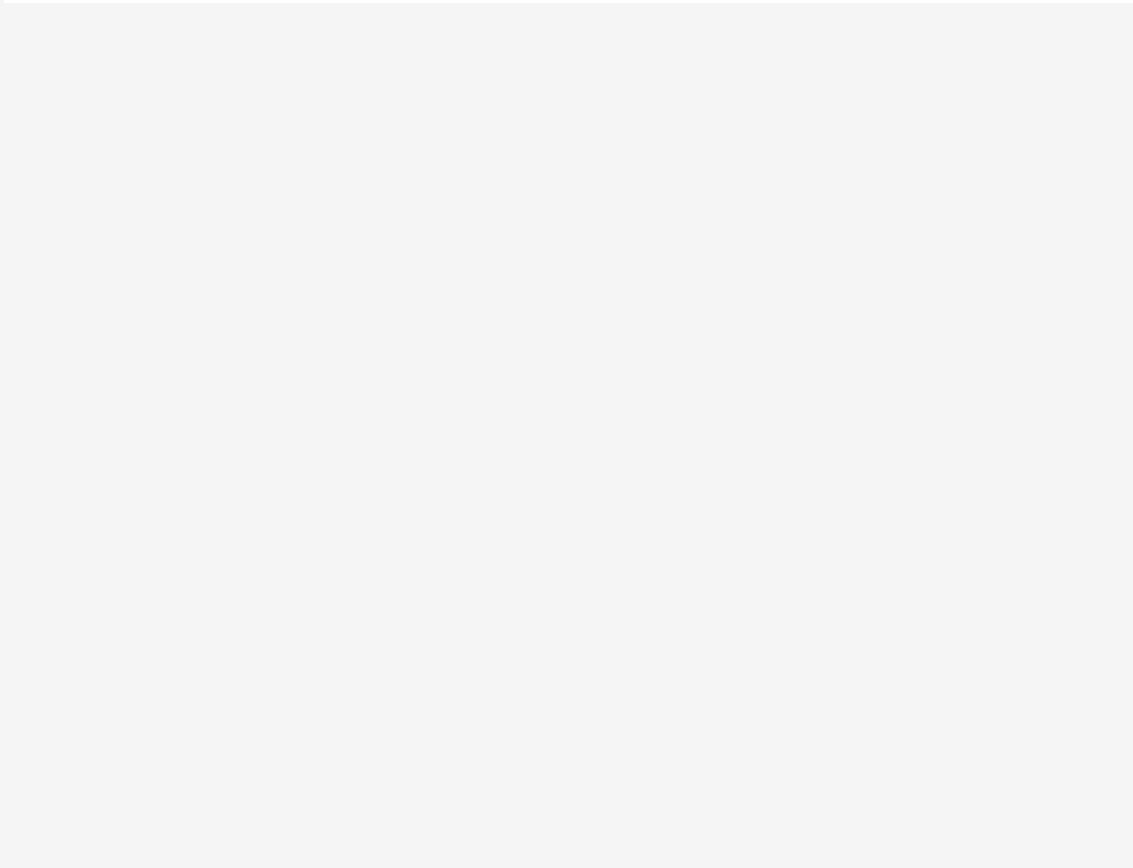
A big thank you to those families who have made their donation for 2017. With this help, the school is able to offer the wide range of enriching activities and resources that provide so many benefits to our children. You still have time to make your donation if you have not done so and the friendly staff in reception will help you with this.

Winter Sports

We wish our school winter sports teams all the best for their seasons. Good on all of our students that have joined a team, particularly if it is for the first time – we hope they have fun and learn about the importance of practice and teamwork. Remember that you and your children are representing our school. Wear your uniforms with pride and please behave in a way that reflects well on our school.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank all the parents who have put their hands up to coach and manage our teams. We know that you are all busy with your normal routines and jobs and we appreciate the time and energy that you are willing to put into these teams.

Te Whare Toi





At last we can celebrate the completion of this taonga with you! Our children are very fortunate to have this space for their learning in the Arts. Nicola Couch, Teacher in Charge, outlines its place in our school here:

“The philosophy of education in New Zealand has long been about educating and developing the whole person to their full potential by providing a balance of experiences in all areas of learning.

‘The Arts, Nga Toi’, one of the seven key learning areas in the New Zealand Curriculum, are powerful forms of expression that recognise, value and contribute to the unique bicultural and multicultural character of Aotearoa, New Zealand. (MOE)

Arts education explores, challenges, affirms, and celebrates unique artistic expressions of self, community, and culture. Learning in, through, and about the arts stimulates creative thinking and action, and an ability to view the world from new perspectives. It builds the capacity for students to become confident and independent in their ability to manage themselves, communicate effectively, relate well to others, and participate in, and contribute to, local, national and global communities.

We have an abundance of artistic and creative talent in this country and it is important that these capabilities continue to be nurtured. Our wonderful new performing arts classroom, Te Whare Toi, will enable us to enhance the opportunities we are able to provide for our students regarding the continued development of skills in music, dance and drama.

Since its completion last term, Te Whare Toi has been, and continues to be well utilised by all year levels and for multiple purposes that include:

- *Classroom based teaching and learning programmes;*
- *‘Choices and Challenges’ tuned percussion sessions;*

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- *Extra curricula group rehearsals such as the 'Dance Group', Kids 4 Kids choir and the APPA choir.*
- *Professional development in the arts for Glamorgan staff.*

We feel very fortunate to have such a wonderful space dedicated to the teaching and learning of the performing arts and we'd like to thank and acknowledge the team of people who are responsible for enabling this project to come to fruition."





Finally...

As always we thank our wonderful staff who make the job of the Board so much easier! As parents we are lucky to have keen, hard-working staff who strive for excellence in all aspects of their job. This makes a huge difference to the day-to-day lives of our children. Please take a moment to thank your child's teacher for their hard work.

Make the most of the upcoming break. Enjoy the outdoors if we get some of those beautiful winter days. Get the kids up and head down to Long Bay around 6am. Matariki (the Pleiades) appears in the North-East (to the left of where the sun would rise), above Gulf Harbour on the Peninsula. See you back ready for a new term on the 24th of July.

Ngā mihi nui o te tau hou Māori ki a koutou katoa.

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