

# NEWSLETTER 5 DECEMBER 2018



Greetings, Kia Ora, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Taloha ni, Ni sa bula, Kamonasō, Kia Orana, Ni Hao, Namestay, Ram-Ram, Salām, Sanibona, Olla.

Nau Mai Haere Mai Ki Te Kura O Marawaewae. Ngā Mihi O Te Tau Hou Ki A Koutou



Thank you, one and all, for another successful year at GVS with so many highlights and celebrations. I am blessed and privileged to be part of our wonderful school with our talented staff and our amazing tamariki. I hope you all have a happy festive break and holiday and look forward to seeing you back in 2019.

## STAFFING 2019

Following our Board of Trustees meeting on Monday night, where resignations were accepted and new appointments ratified (and to end speculation), we can at last announce that we are having a some staffing changes next year in our flock of 57 members.

We say huge thanks and farewell to:

- Whaea Elaine Cullen who is leaving to take early retirement after 14 years of service at GVS.
- Walter Annear, after 10 years of service at GVS, is undertaking, with his wife Tracey, a Christian outreach group 'Headspace' in Cambridge to work with young people having a gap year.
- Kelly Lonergan is leaving to teach New Entrants at Pillans Point School after 9 years at our school.
- Kim Brett who is moving to Portugal to be with her partner who has a rugby contract with a Lisbon club after 6 years at our school.
- Donna Price's husband has moved on promotion to Taupo. Donna, who has been at GVS with 3.5 years, has just won a teaching position at Waipihi School.
- Kim Carr who is leaving teaching after 1 year at GVS to move to Taranaki.
- Grace Saathof who, after a year's service at GVS, is going to work with her husband in their new construction business.
- Lynda Massey, who has been a Team leader and classroom teacher for 2 years, informed us yesterday of her promotion to the position of Assistant Principal at Paengaroa School, starting in 2019. We wish Lynda our congratulations on this achievement.
- Julie Symes, who has been a part time teacher here for many years, is leaving to project manage their new house build.
- Several Teacher Assistants - Gloria Balzer (moving to Hamilton), Ann Diggelman (retired), Kellie Collingwood (resignation), part-time Tegan Davies (starting her teaching career at Tauranga Intermediate) and Rawiri Faulkner (who is going to train to be a teacher).

We are blessed to have had these fine teachers and wonderful human beings working with our tamariki and staff over many years and wish them every success in the future. My extremely deep concern is that six of the talented staff above will not be continuing in teaching at this time. We certainly are in the midst of a staffing retention and recruitment crisis in NZ, hence the reason for industrial action.

We say a huge GVS welcome to:

- Stephanie McGovern as new Team Leader of Ranginui from Orini Combined School in the Waikato.
- Helen Quirke from Arowhenua Maori School in Christchurch.
- Jacinda Sorrenson who is coming to us from Selwyn School in Rotorua.
- Renee Verlander from Papamoa.
- Sonia Morris, an experienced teacher, will be teaching in Room 4 in Lynda's place was appointed this morning.
- Desiree Burborough is going to be part time teaching in a shared position with present GVS teacher Christina Kelemete (who will be acting team leader of Papatuanuku) until Chelsea Robertson returns from her maternity leave at the beginning of Term 3 2019.
- Stephen Caldwell (fixed term 2018), and Sharyn Jones (part time 2018) will be back as full time teachers.
- Our former Reading Recovery teacher Kate Armstrong is returning to release Michelle Hatfield to take Reading Recovery in the mornings. Rachael Annear is pursuing Bible studies next year but will stay as a part time teacher for 3 days a week.
- Areroa Karati is replacing Rawiri Faulkner in the Boys Class.

We also welcome the return of Sarah Arnesen, from maternity leave, to a full time position as Team Leader of Nga Whetu, which will be a combination of Nga Whetu and Ika Roa in 2019. There will be three school teams instead of four.

# SPORTS NEWS

## ACHIEVEMENTS:

Congratulations to these 3  
Year 5s who were placed in  
the WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY  
ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS  
Nate Ratana 100 m Sprints 3<sup>RD</sup>  
Denis Kota 60 m Sprints 3<sup>RD</sup>  
Alana Sio Discus 3<sup>rd</sup>



**The GVS Villagers basketball team came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall for the TCBA primary League Basketball 2018.**  
**A special thanks to all of the parents and staff who made the effort to come and support our Team.**

Rippa Rugby finals for 2018 are on at Waipuna Park this Thursday night..... First game is at 4pm last game 5:30pm. We have many teams playing either in the Trophy Game (for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>) or playing for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> spots. Our teams have done really well this year, we will post the results on Facebook on Friday. Once again thanks to all of the parents who make the effort to get their children to Waipuna Park to play and to the staff who take up their time to coach the teams.

**Year 6 Graduation is tonight at Greerton Marist Clubrooms. Ranginui students would have received all the information. It will be a great night.**

## Messages from Anne:

Following a parent request, on our last day 13 December, your child will receive a slip on which will be their class teacher and class room for 2019. We are not releasing class lists until 29 January when they will be posted on our noticeboard next to the staffroom.

Thanks to those who attended our Celebrations of Learning last Friday. While numbers were down, there were many happy and positive students and parents.

Thank you to those parents who come and see us if there are any suggestions, concerns, issues etc. We are very happy to discuss things and are also pleased to speak with parents about their child's progress at any time. Therefore, you can be sure of meeting with us if you make an appointment.

We cannot do anything about sorting out any situation if we don't know about it. Use of social media, gossip and speculation can cause a great deal of harm as we have seen this past week. We are extremely happy to set the record straight on anything that may be doing the rounds either on social media or by mouth. Thanks GVS Staff.

## What's happening? Important Dates:

**Wednesday 5 December**  
YEAR 6 GRADUATION &  
PRIZEGIVING

**Friday 7 December**  
SCHOOL FUN DAY

**Friday 7 December**  
TOPP TWINS AT  
CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE

**Tuesday 11 December**  
END OF YEAR FINAL  
CELEBRATION

Term 4  
SCHOOL FINISHES FOR  
2018

13/12/2018 at 12.00pm  
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contact staff except  
Anne after the hours of  
6.00pm and before the  
hours of 8.00am.

## 2019 SCHOOL DATES

TERM 1  
04/02/2019-12/04/2019  
TERM 2  
29/04/2019-05/07/2019  
TERM 3  
22/07/2019-27/09/2019  
TERM 4  
14/10/2019-18/12/2019

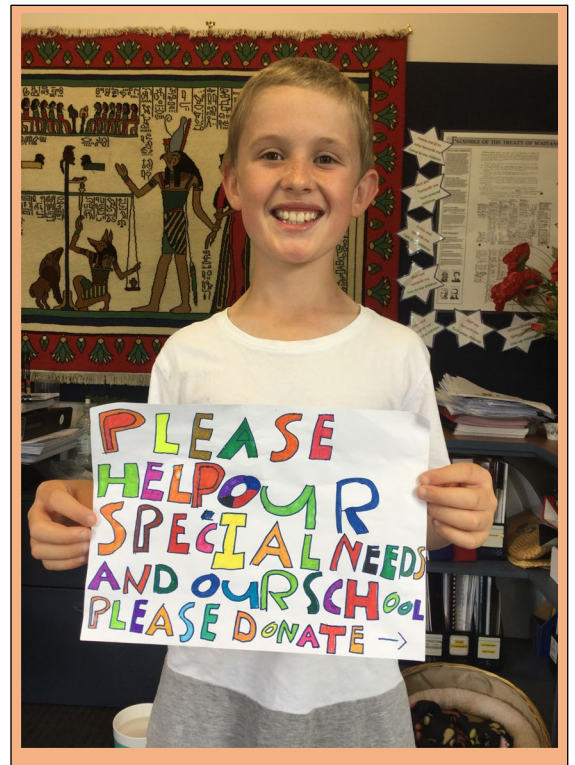






# CELEBRATIONS AT GVS

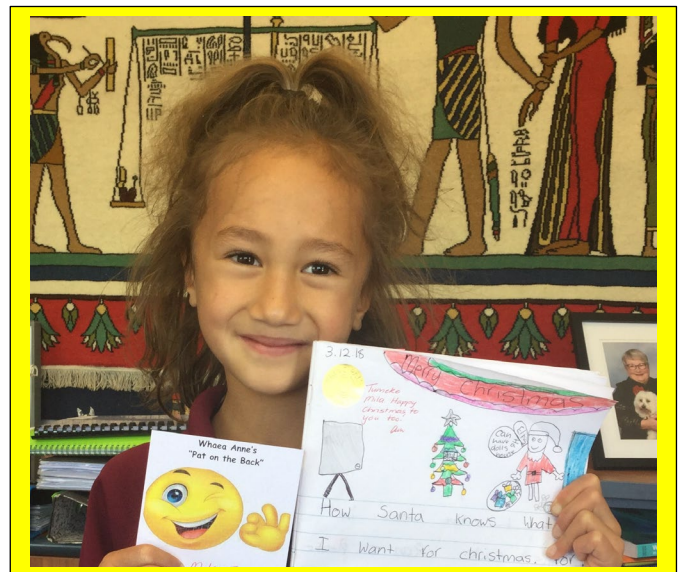
GVS put on an **EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL** performance at Paku Whakangahau on Friday 23 November. No doubt you all saw the movie on our GVS Facebook page. Very proud of our tamariki! Special thanks to Aunty Barr and our staff.



Kindness personified Xavier, asking people to donate for our Treasures.



Our last Leaders of the Week 2018.



Mila-Jayne does it again! R6



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