



July 3, 2020

Dear Parent & Caregivers

Term 2 finished today and with it the year is half over. Although it was mostly a half year that none of us anticipated or would want to repeat it has ended on a high here at school. It has been amazing the way the children (and staff) have settled back into school life and having the playground full of laughing happy students has been so great to see. However, the disruption to the first two terms has resulted in a review of the school calendar for the remainder of the year so this letter is to again bring you up to date with key events that are happening here over the remainder of the year.

It is also to encourage you to sign up for School APPs as this has replaced Flexibuzz as our main communication channel. School APP's does most things that Flexibuzz did and they are very open to adapting and adding new features so that schools get the functions they need to ensure option secure communication can occur. As of today, we have 689 signups which while good, is well short of the 1232 we had on Flexibuzz. On the reverse of this letter are the easy sign up instructions. Please use them to sign on as without the new APP you will be missing out on much of the information coming out from the school as well as a being able to use the easy features such as notifying us if your daughter or son is absent. Thank you.

Term 3

- Week 1 - Monday 20th July – Term starts. Intake day - Whakatau to welcome new students.
- Week 3 - Thursday 6th August- Maori and Pasifika family hui, 6pm in the Staffroom.
- Week 6 - Monday 24th August – Intake Day - Whakatau to welcome new students.

Term 4

- Week 1 - Monday 12th October – Term starts. Intake Day - Whakatau to welcome new students.
- Week 2 – Friday 23rd October Teacher Only Day (assessment analysis and start of report writing)
NOTE: Oscar will be open all day and a cost will apply.
- Week 4 – Friday 6th November - Halloween Disco
- Week 5 – Monday 9th November to Friday 13th November - Literacy Festival
- Week 6 – Monday 16th November Intake Day - Whakatau to welcome new students.
- Week 7 – Friday 27th November – End of year Progress and achievement documents sent home.
- Week 8 – Monday 30th November Teacher Only Day
NOTE: Oscar will be open all day and cost will apply.
- Week 10 – Wednesday 16th December - Year 3-6 Prizegiving and meet the teacher 2021
- Friday 18th December – Term 4 Ends – Gladstone's Got Talent



Communication with our Gladstone Whanau

Unfortunately, Flexibuzz our school app, has ceased business, and we have needed to find an alternative. **School Apps** is now our new app and will be our preferred method of communication with our community.

Please ensure you are signed up to your child's Classroom and Year level to ensure you are receiving all communication.

You will have received an email from School Apps to set up a password when you sign in. If you didn't receive an email you will be asked to request one via the app.

You will need to download **School Apps** on your phone.

Step 1: School App NZ in your app store

Step 2: Enter school name: Gladstone School Auckland

Step 3: Choose your alert groups -

- Child's class
- Year level

The Alerts button will show all recent posts from the groups you have selected

The News button will show all Whole School Information and News

Have a fun and relaxed mid-year break with your families and we will see you back here on Monday 20th July.

Thanks

Dave Shadbolt
Principal