

## TERM 1 EVENTS

### Term 1 Begins

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb

14<sup>th</sup> Feb – Board of Trustees meeting 3.15pm in staff room.

18<sup>th</sup> Feb – Hearing and vision testing for our Year 7s.

20<sup>th</sup> Feb – Meet the Teacher. School Closes at 12.30pm.

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March – Year 7 and 8 trip to Whirinaki trip for camp out and tramp.

8<sup>th</sup> March – Teacher Only Day working with the teachers from the Reporoa Community of Learning.

13<sup>th</sup> March – School Swimming Sports.

14<sup>th</sup> March – BOT Meeting in the school staff room. 3.30pm

21<sup>st</sup> March - Inter-School Swimming sports at Murupara pools.

23<sup>rd</sup> March - – Top School competition.

28<sup>th</sup> March – School Triathlon.

10<sup>th</sup> April – CBOP Swimming Champs.

12 April – Last day for the term. Final term assembly.

# Newsletter

Keeping up to date with the fantastic learning and opportunities that our country school provides!

## Welcome to 2019 at Galatea School,

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

A very special welcome to Piper O'Brien to Galatea School. Piper has settled into her new class and Generating Geniuses are enjoying getting to know their new class mate.

This year, our school has our tri-annual Board of Trustees Election. A board member/trustee governs our school for a three-year term. If you would like to know any more information about the upcoming election and position, please feel free to pop in and have a chat. NZ STA website also has a lot of great information about becoming a school trustee also.

**Meet the Teacher** Thank you for coming to meet your child's class teacher for 2019. Forming a positive bond between school and home has been shown to have many positive outcomes for the child. As always, I want to stress that our doors are always open. Please feel free to pop in to chat, clarify or have a look at your child's learning. There are other opportunities planned for 2019 that give you the time to connect with your child's learning but we welcome you at any time of the year.

### **Year 7 and 8 students camp out in the Whirinaki forest.**

Myself, Miss Piccard and some very awesome Dads ventured into the Whirinaki forest last week. As I told my students, I have been a little embarrassed of late when discovering that our overseas visitors were venturing into my own backyard, more than what I was. As it turns out, I am not alone. What a fantastic experience it was, staying overnight with the senior students of our school, team building and bonding over an intense Burma Trail, toasted marshmallows, swimming in the most beautiful spot and walking 11km. The Dads, myself and Miss Piccard all agreed that we have a bunch of neat senior students at our school.



## **Community of Learning – Teacher only Day last Friday**

In my last newsletter, I discussed how our school was joining the Reporoa Cluster COL which includes Reporoa Primary, Reporoa College, Rerewhakaiaatu School, Mihi School and Broadlands school. We enjoyed working alongside these schools last Friday where our school shared some of our practices which was well received

by others and of course we listened to that of the other schools too. Overall a successful day where many connections were made.

### **S.K.I.L.L.S – Super Kids Involved Learning Life Skills**

Those that have visited our school on a Friday afternoon, will have seen our students involved in our hands on life skills programme. I myself have the privilege of working with the boys alongside Mrs Huxford and Miss Piccard. We have our own handshake, we have learnt how to set a table, how to pitch a tent and how to work as a team to get a job done.

Meanwhile, the girls have been busy in the hall alongside Mrs Law, Ms Wakefield and Miss Page learning how to tie a Reef Knot, how to make a 111 emergency call and again how to work as a team! I wonder what the rest of the term has in store?

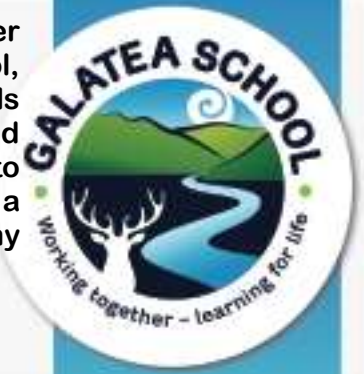
### **Swimming Sports**

Our School Swimming Sports took place this week on Wednesday. This is always a great day out for our year 4 to

8 students as they race the length of the Murupara Pools! Some aim to break personal records, some aim just to make it to the end and some aim to break school records. Whatever the aim may be, all students give it their absolute best! Thanks Mrs Huxford for organizing this event. Mrs Huxford will also attend the Inter-school event and Central Bay of Plenty Swimming Event with qualifying students. Thank you parents for also assisting on the day!

### **Top School Competition 2019**

Only 1 week to go before this fun and challenging competition. Our team of 10 have been working hard during lunch times training for the events. Meanwhile.....our team of Cheer leaders have been training also! I can't wait to watch our school at this event and hear the shouts of encouragement from our C-H-E-E-R L-E-A-D-E-R-S.



Thanks for taking the time to read about our wonderful school,

**Kelly Bicknell - Principal of Galatea School**

# GALATEA SQUASH CLUB MARCH

## Welcome to Galatea Squash update:

Invitation to all Ladies in the Galatea / Murupara area...if you would like to give squash a go, or if you have been down a couple of times and would like to know more about the game, we will be having a "Ladies" morning for four consecutive weeks. There will be a representative from Squash BOP to help run it. Rackets can be supplied. Please txt or ring Prune 0224154203 or Corina 0272807331 for more info.

First fun tourney for the year will be on 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March. Either let Prune 0224154203 or John 0274625318 know if you're keen.

## Autumn Interclub:

This year Autumn Interclub will only be 6 weeks long, starting early 8<sup>th</sup> April for Women and 9<sup>th</sup> April for Men, with a 6.30 pm start. If you would like to enter into a team let Prune or John know.

The Junior Head Series is starting soon. This is a great entry level tournament for all juniors who are able to serve and rally the ball. There is a poster in the entrance to the squash club with venues and dates. Let Prune know if your child is keen.

Look online at Squash BOP / Squash NZ for the full list of tournament dates and venues. They are no longer producing a pocket calendar and big poster for the clubs, all is being viewed online. Marcus from Squash BOP has produced a poster with the local tournaments and interclub dates, this is displayed at the entrance way of our club.

If you are interested in becoming our Convener for junior players, please let John or Prune know. Robbie will be coming out at the end of March to run us thru a Coach of the Coaches course and this could be of interest to you.

## SAVE THE DATE:

17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May – Galatea Graded Tournament

5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> July – Galatea Farmers Tournament



# CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

## Superkids Week 4



**Mega Minds** – Nevaeh Burich-Keefe, Natalie Steiner, Te Haa Waiora Merriman-Mitai, Greer Van den Broek and Caitlyn Magee

**Dream Team Class** – Onyx Capper and Jesse Hynes

**Generating Geniuses Class** – Piper O’Brien, Isabella and Madeliene Black

**Problem Solvers Class** – Steven Mitchell and Chloe Steiner

**Tatai Whetu Class** – Aaliyah Tui, Seaton Crump and Scarlett Roulston



## Principals Award Week 4



Congratulations to these students for displaying our Building Blocks!

**Mega Minds** – Tyson Tito

**Dream Team Class** – Hunter O’Brien

**Tatai Whetu Class** – Oliver Van den Broek

**Problem Solvers Class** – Cooper Bicknell

**Generating Geniuses** – Aiden Oliver



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