

## TERM 1 EVENTS

### Still to come this term.....

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

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

12 April – Last day for the  
term. Final term  
assembly to be held in  
the hall at 2pm.



### Important places to go for more information...

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# Newsletter

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

Welcome to our parents, whanau  
and community of Galatea School,

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April,

I hope you are ready to read a newsletter packed to the  
brim with celebration and learning.

**Swimming Sports** The swimming season draws to an  
end. For Galatea School, the swimming season includes  
12 weeks of swimming lessons guided by the Physical  
Education and Health Curriculum. Key learning  
focusses are: developing swimming techniques,  
developing safe practices in and around water and  
building confidence. Our junior swimming display,  
school swimming sports and inter-school swimming  
competitions have been completed with many, many  
Galatea School students doing extremely well and  
shining in this area. On the 10<sup>th</sup> April, a group of 15  
swimmers will be attending the very competitive Central  
Bay of Plenty competition which will really put them to  
the test. I am personally proud of every student giving it  
their all during these competitions and wish those that  
have been selected through this pathway, to represent  
not only our school but our local region, the very best at  
the regional competition level.

Special congratulations to Hunter O'Brien,  
Kris Robinson, McKenzie Tito-Anderson  
and Lucy Bicknell who all managed to break  
and set new school records for their efforts!

### Triathlon – Ready, Set, Go....

The sky was dark, and threatening rain  
clouds hang high! We are a community that  
needed this rain so the school embraced  
the weather and the triathlon went ahead.  
Every student got their togs on, parked their  
bike and prepared themselves for the  
challenges ahead! The smiles on faces  
(students, parents and supporters) said it  
all. This event was about trying something  
different and pushing yourself right to the  
end through three different disciplines and  
of course doing it in the rain! Thanks to  
everyone that assisted in getting this event  
off the ground. (That included 10 parent helpers, staff,  
Becs and Scott O'Brien and our 'professional triathletes  
that attended from Taupo).



## **Top School**

This was another event held in the rain! Again it did nothing to dampen the spirits. How could it? With a cheerleading squad comprising of year 3 to year 7s students, dressed in neon coloured clothes, donning the biggest smiles and performing well rehearsed cheerleading items right throughout the day. All the while, our team of 10 athletes challenged themselves with a range of physical tasks (lots like top-



town). Team work, speed and agility were the keys to success for us! After a tough day of competition, we were ecstatic with our placing of second in our section! And to top it off our cheerleaders also gained second place in their competition! Thanks to our fantastic contingency of parent supporters and to our amazing staff (Mrs Law, Miss Tucker, Miss Piccard and Ms Wakefield) who spent a lot of time training and preparing our

students for this day!

## **Constable Bryan:**

I have enjoyed meeting our new local Constable - Bryan. Already, he has made three visits to our school to say hi and touch base. It is great to have this support! Through our conversations, he was more than happy with our procedures that are in place for a range of emergency situations. He also enjoyed attending part of our school triathlon, meeting parents and students as he wandered around. His message to our community is REPORT - report anything big or SMALL as this helps build a big and clearer picture of our community.

## **Playground update:**

Both of our playgrounds are currently having some repairs done to them. For our junior playground, this is going to see a rebuild of all wooden structures. Other things that will be getting done includes a top up of bark on the surface, metal work strengthened and some items being removed. This will begin next week and our playgrounds will be out of action for a few weeks. They will be up and running next term all things going well. For now, students are more than happy with the PE shed being open every break as well as the Creation Station!

## **Water Update:**

As many of you have heard, last week we had a regular water sample come back with low levels of Ecoli present. We immediately kicked into action and were able to transfer our water system over to the community hall within an hour. We are extremely grateful to be able to do this. Since hearing this news, we have been proactive in getting further testing done by professionals and an in-depth look into aspects of our water articulation. We are starting to receive these results as I write and action plans are in place for our next steps. We were reassured that our levels, although showing contamination, were low and if we were a private house, we wouldn't be aware of the contamination. I look forward to putting things into place so this doesn't happen again.





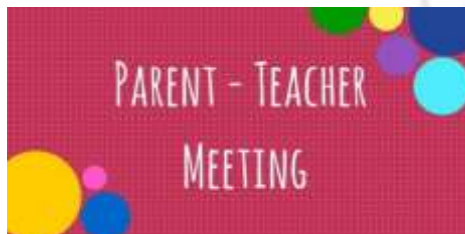


### **L&P Meetings next term:**

During week three of next term, we will be holding L&P meetings. While a glass of L&P will be offered to parents, these meetings are held to highlight learning and progress made by your child throughout term 1. We look forward to meeting with you and discussing your child's journey along their 'pathway'.

### **Other Reporting and opportunities to reflect on your child's learning and progress this year will include:**

- ✓ *Written Mid-Year Progress and Achievement report – last day of term 2.*
- ✓ *Student Led Learning Conference – Mid-term 3.*
- ✓ *L&P Meeting – Early term 4.*
- ✓ *End of year Progress and Achievement Report – last day of term 4.*



### **Celebrating diversity:**

The recent events in Christchurch were recognised and talked about in an age appropriate manner to our students. We focused on diversity, accepting and embracing difference. We held a mufti-day and held a minute's silence to allow reflection and opportunity to help. In holding our mufti day, we raised \$146.00 which has been given to the Christchurch Foundation.

A group of children (Hunter Smit, Chalize Smit, Jai Smit, Kyla Bicknell, Lucy Bicknell, Cooper Bicknell, Hunter O'Brien, Summer O'Brien and Piper O'Brien also

fundraised by selling pears on the roadside. They made a staggering \$230.50 which was sent in with our funds raised by the mufti day!



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

**Kelly Bicknell**

**Principal of Galatea School**

# GALATEA SQUASH CLUB MARCH UPDATE

## 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

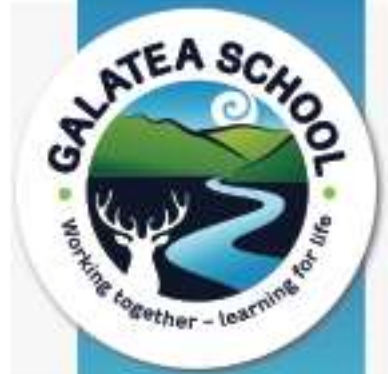
5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> July – Galatea Farmers Tournament



# CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

## Superkids Week 8

**Mega Minds** – Kyla Bicknell, Kyra Pedersen and Lachlan Haack  
**Dream Team Class** – Hamiora Burich-Keefe and Madison-Leigh Orchard  
**Generating Geniuses Class** – Jaysin Woodcock and Mila Sykes  
**Problem Solvers Class** – Halo Ryder and Regan Finn  
**Tatai Whetu Class** – Te Kohai Cameron, Gabby Chauval-Goss and Harvey Pedersen



## Principals Award Week 8

Congratulations to these students for displaying our Building Blocks!

**Mega Minds** – Henry Van den Broek  
**Dream Team Class** – Kendra De Groot/ Jade Crump  
**Tatai Whetu Class** – Kera Marsden  
**Problem Solvers Class** – Lilly de Groot  
**Generating Geniuses** – Madeliene Black



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### Past & Present Residence's

Annual Luncheon at the  
Galatea Memorial Club  
On April 28<sup>th</sup>  
Please bring a plate of finger food.

Enquiries: Isa 3664723

