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**Week 3, Term 3
Thursday 10 August 2017**

Kia ora Whanau. Ka nui te mihi ki a koutou - greetings to you all.

Many thanks to everyone who has made a booking for the **3 Way Conferences**. These take place this Friday – 11 August. A reminder that there are no classes on this day. Children will come to school for their 3WC only. They are able to wear mufti. Room 15 students will not need to attend a 3WC as Mrs Sullivan and Mrs Gardiner will be reporting to parents separately based on their child's first month at school. This will also apply to some Room 9 students.

In last week's newsletter I outlined a **Bring Your Own Chromebook (BYOC)** initiative, which we plan to offer to Year 4 students in 2018 and Year 4 – 6's from 2019. We understand that this is a significant development for the school. As a school we recognise that technology is an evolving part of our lives and our education system needs to grow and adapt to these changes. Our challenge is to equip our students for their future to enable them to participate, create and thrive in an evolving digital society. BYOC will sit alongside and will be part of the balanced curriculum that we offer at GPS. While we encourage and recommend Year 4's in 2018 to bring their own Chromebook, it is not compulsory.

Next Thursday we are hosting a BYOC information afternoon so interested parents can learn more about this development. You are invited to drop into the library any time from 12 – 4pm to meet with myself, Jo Drake and a representative from our IT support provider, Cyclone Computers.

Kia kaha, kia toa, kia manawanui – be strong, be bold, be steadfast

Ngā mihi nui,
Andrew Leverton
Principal / Tumuaki