

# GLEN EDEN SCHOOL

Newsletter #3

Tuesday 23 February 2010

Week 4

Dates for your Calendar		
Thursday	25 February	Meet the Teachers
Friday	26 February	Assembly Rm 7
Friday	5 March	Assembly Rm 13
Thursday	11 March	F.O.G.S meeting
Friday	12 March	Assembly R 5
Thursday	1 April	End of Term 1

**Welcome to our new pupil Candace.**

**Parent/Teacher meeting.** Oh dear, the weather defeated us again last Thursday night for our School Picnic, but the good news is that whatever the weather, staff will be ready to meet families this Thursday evening. Bring children along if you like as Miss Soljan, Mrs McLarin and I will be in the staffroom from 6pm to 8pm running a few cartoons and games. Parents of Pukeko students (New Entrants R1 & 3) can meet their teachers between 6 and 6.30pm in Room 3. The Kiwi syndicate (years 1 and 2, Rms 5, 6, 7 & 8) will meet parents from 6.30 till 7pm in Room 7. Takahe syndicate (years 3 and 4, Rms 9, 10, 11 & 12) will hold meetings from 7pm till 7.30pm in R 12. Tui team (Rms 13, 14, 15 & 16) will meet in Room 14 from 7.30 to 8pm. These will be group meetings, outlining expectations and programmes, rather than individual parent/teacher meetings. If you wish to speak to the teacher individually please make an appointment to do so.

**On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March,** many teachers will be attending a paid union meeting. The school will not be closed for instruction but normal programmes will not be running. We would appreciate it if as many children as possible could be collected that day at 12.30pm and 'work from home' in the afternoon.

Please read the following letter from the union (NZEI) which explains the reason for this meeting.

*Dear Parent/Caregiver*  
*The school has been advised by the NZEI Te Riu Roa that it is holding a Paid Union Meeting for teachers at 1pm, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Accordingly, the majority of the school's teaching staff will be unavailable after 12.30pm on that date.*  
*NZEI is the union that represents primary teachers, primary principals and support staff. Under the Employment Relations Act, paid union meetings are a legal entitlement to discuss union business, in this case, the proposed claims for the renewal of the Primary Teachers' Collective Agreement and other key issues impacting on teaching and learning. NZEI calls paid union meetings infrequently and only when it believes that there is urgent and important business to discuss with its members.*  
*We encourage you to either keep your children at home or make some other arrangements for the duration of the meeting. However, if you are sending your child to school at this time an alternative programme will be provided for her / him for the duration of the meeting. We apologise for any potential disruption to you and your child's routine on the day of the meeting.*  
*Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.*

**We are now selling Snakes** at \$ 1 per packet. Bargain, bargain. I bought 10 packets myself for my grand daughters 1<sup>st</sup> birthday! They can be bought from the Office after school each day.

**Our Student Leaders** were chosen yesterday. They are; Anya Takau, Lauren Apelu, Bernadette Basagre, Zoe Holland, Brandi Harrison, Levi Charlton-Lomu, Ezra Kapeteni, Raphaela Kietonga, Ariel Roesli & Lonnie Segers

**Due to a recent spate** of thefts at the school we ask that all visitors to the school between 9.15am and 2.30pm report to the office so that we can easily monitor who is on site. If you are bringing lunches, togs etc to school during the day, please do so through the office rather than going to classrooms. Please do not be offended if staff ask you who you are and what your business is.

**The Board of Trustees elections** are due. Mrs Rayner is our returning officer and can answer any questions you have about the election process. If you have questions about what being a Board member means please see me or one of the present Board members. Please make sure we have all your current address details.

Nomination forms go home	Monday 15 March 2010
Close of nominations	At noon, Friday 23 April 2010
Voting papers sent out	By Wednesday 28 April 2010
Close poll	Noon Friday 7 May 2010
Declare results	As soon as result is known
Board Takes Office	Friday 14 May 2010

**Education Review Office visit** We will welcome the Education Review Officers led by Jane Heslop on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. We would love for you, our school community, to join us at the short but meaningful welcome on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 9am.

Their external review complements the continuous internal review process carried out by the staff and the Board of Trustees. The aim of both review processes is to improve educational opportunities for your children.

**Please find a questionnaire** regarding the National Standards attached. If you are willing to fill it in, please return to school asap. Thank you.

### Term Dates 2010

Term 1	Wednesday 3 February	Thursday 1 April
Term 2	Monday 19 April	Friday 2 July
Term 3	Monday 19 July	Friday 24 September
Term 4	Monday 11 October	Thursday 16 December

Yours sincerely

Linda Mayow  
Principal