

Dates for your Calendar

Friday	23 July	Assembly = R5
Monday	26 July	BOT Meeting 6:30 in staffroom
Thursday	29 July	FOGS meeting = 2:15 all welcome
Friday	30 July	Assembly = R10
Wednesday	4 August	Individual Photos

Tena koutou katoa. Talofa. Greetings.

Welcome to teacher Victoria Scott and our new students Nathan, Maleehah, Mary Joyce, Vanessa, Natasha and Achira

This term our big question is: How does art help us to remember and record the past?
 If you can help with classroom programmes in any way, please talk to the classroom teacher.

Thank you to all our teachers who understand that teachers do not have many, many weeks of 'holiday' but have some weeks of non-contact time when they can organise better things for your kids. As an example, check out our mosaics, thanks to Laurel Barrington and her helpers.

As I mentioned last term, I went to the New Zealand Principal's 2010 Conference in Queenstown last month. What a beautiful part of our wonderful country. A major theme of the conference was how we see things effects how we react to things, how our attitudes towards things that happen to us can effect the outcome. If you ever get the chance to hear Dr Tom Mulholland speak, grab it.

You may have read that the Minister of Education, Anne Tolley, spoke to the delegates on the last day of the conference. Her speech was not well received by the Principals attending. The major issue of difference is the implementation of the National Standards. I have attached a copy of the Saturday 3rd July Otago Times editorial for you to read. Although I don't agree with all of the content I think that this is a measured viewpoint which may help you to understand the issues. I would appreciate your feedback.

Last Thursday and Friday, Donna Soljan, Heather Dellow and I attended the NZConnectEd conference at Waipuna Conference Centre. This conference emphasized smart ways to implement the New Zealand Curriculum. At Glen Eden Primary School we have come a long way with our understanding and implementation of the curriculum but feel that we have a lot more to do. As I said to the Board of Trustees at our last meeting, our GEPS curriculum document is in draft form and probably will be in draft form for ever. It is a living document. This year our professional development emphasis has been on our literacy

development programme and learning Te Reo Maori. Next year the staff need to re-look at the GEPS curriculum: how are the NZ curriculum principles, values and key competencies integrated into what we do, teach and learn.

I am all 'conferenced out' and am looking forward to a term of being in classrooms, talking to children and teachers and parents....enjoying being in our wonderful school.

Our next Board of Trustees meeting is next Monday, 26th July at 6.30pm in the staffroom. All welcome. Thank you for voting in such a fabulous group of people as your Board of Trustees. Our Board is well led by Chairperson Leah Brain, who spent time last week with myself and our property and finance advisers getting an overview of our situation. Our financial situation is healthy and we are about to begin our new five year property plan, which means an injection of \$400.000+ for new property projects.

Yours sincerely

Linda Mayow
 Principal

From the beginning of Term 3, we are introducing an exciting new programme to help new entrant children make a successful transition to school. All children who are starting school soon are welcome to attend with a caregiver. Come along and have some fun!

Five fun sessions introduce children and their families to our school.
 Held every Wednesday from 1.30-2.30pm in a New Entrant classroom.
 Each session has a fun theme and focuses on school-entry level reading, writing and maths skills.
 At the end of each session, children get a free pack to take home and explore!
 Call the office for more details.

From the Lunchroom

Come and try the new lunchroom menu. We have more variety and healthier options. Some new items include Toasted sandwiches, fruit and freshly made rolls and sandwiches.

