

Dates for your Diary	
Wednesday 30 November	Interscholar Athletics Day Last day for Calendar orders
Friday 2 December	Assembly R10
Wednesday 7 December	Helpers morning tea
Thursday 8 December	Year 6 leaving dance
Friday 9 December	Assembly R15
Wednesday 14 December	Christmas Raffle Draw
Thursday 15 December	Prize-giving
Thursday 15 December	<b>Last day school finishes at 12 pm</b>

### Glen Eden Primary School: Growing Inquisitive Minds

Tena koutou katoa. Talofa. Kia Orana. Malo e lelei. Bula. Fakaalofa Atu. Greetings

Welcome to Ethan.

Thanks to the wonderful people who gave up their Sunday morning to come along to school and create our vegetable gardens behind Kiwi team and to the fine group of 'weeders' who have done a superb job along the back fence. My goodness, what hard workers in the heat! I was exhausted watching them! Thank you, thank you.

We will be holding our annual Helpers morning tea on the morning of December 7<sup>th</sup>. Invitations are being sent out but if you have helped the school in any way this year and have somehow missed your invitation please feel free to come along.



#### Christmas Raffle

All donations gratefully received. Drop off your goodies for the hampers to the school office.

**Chocolate bars are now selling for \$1 each.**

*A message from our new Social Worker in Schools: My name is Annmarie Ritacca. I have recently started as the new social worker in schools at Glen Eden Primary, Henderson South Primary, and New Lynn Primary. I'd like to share a little about me. I arrived here two years ago from America. I grew up in Wisconsin with very cold snowy winters, loads of flat farmland, cows and cheese (it is the dairy state). There are also thick green forests and calm lakes for swimming. I was very excited to move here and experience the beauty, the beaches, and the culture of New Zealand. I've yet to be disappointed and am constantly amazed by the gorgeous places I've been lucky to visit. I don't miss the snow at all!*

*I've always had a passion for working with children and families. I've been doing this work for about 15 years with study breaks in-between. Children constantly amaze me with their resilience, joy, and hope for the future. They are why I love it.*

*As we come to the end of the year, I want to wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to a great start in the new year.*

*Please don't hesitate to contact me at the school office or my mobile: 027-563-1094. I'm here to offer social work support to assist you and your children. I'm employed by Family Works Northern and the service is free and confidential. I'm happy to answer any questions or concerns.*

Our Prize Giving this year will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am. All welcome. Children will go home after the prize giving at approximately midday. The lunchroom will be closed that day.

Linda Mayow  
Principal

**The Walking School Bus leaves school at 3:10 every afternoon from outside the staffroom. It crosses the children over Clayburn Rd, over the tracks and across West Coast Road.**