



# Glen Eden Primary Team Newsletter, Term 1, 2019



## Nau mai, haere mai! Welcome to Term 1!

### Curriculum Focus

This term's curriculum focus is "Kei hea au? No hea tātou? Where am I? Where are we from?"

Students will be investigating local areas in relation to our community and ourselves. How this looks will vary across classes and levels throughout the school. Students will also be exploring outdoor education and safety skills.

### Health & PE Focus

Swimming is the main PE focus and has already begun with teaching sessions for all classes. If you don't yet know which days your child's swims are, please see the classroom teacher.

### General Reminders

- It is extremely important for students to wear **sunhats** and to have **water bottles** on hand every day. Each class has a supply of sunscreen which students are encouraged to use and access to water during class time is also encouraged.
- All students are encouraged to swim with their class – our pool is a wonderful resource for students to develop water confidence, safety and swimming skills. They need to bring their **togs** and a named **towel** on the appropriate days.
- We celebrate great attendance by having a draw for pizza vouchers in each team as well as the end of term movie and popcorn celebration for students who have been at school for at least 95% of the term.

## Takahē Team

- **Takahē Team** is the Year 3 & 4 syndicate of the school and consists of five composite classes and six teachers.
- **Belongings** - In Year 3 and 4 we actively encourage tamariki to take care of their own belongings. Names in: hats, swimming togs, clothes, scooters and skateboards make it easier to return any misplaced items. Teachers have vivid markers you are welcome to borrow to name these items.
- **Homework**  
**Reading** - Books read with the teacher or buzz box books will be sent home for further practice. Some students have a reading eggs account which can be used both at home and at school. Logons and passwords will be glued into homework books.  
**Spelling** - Spelling words will be written into homework books on Monday and tested on Friday. The classroom spelling programme helps tamariki learn these words however additional practice at home is also beneficial.  
**Mathematics** - In mathematics the learning of basic facts will help tamariki to progress. Basic facts relevant to the topic will be glued into homework books for extra practice.

We realise families are busy so these tasks are designed so tamariki can do these on their own.

## Important Dates:

February

6<sup>th</sup> Waitangi Day

8<sup>th</sup> Pōwhiri welcome @9:15

12<sup>th</sup> Tui Team Whānau

BBQ & Swim @5:30

14<sup>th</sup> Kiwi Team Whānau

BBQ & Swim @5:30

21<sup>st</sup> Takahē Team Whānau

BBQ & Swim @5:30

25<sup>th</sup> How can you help our

kura parent meeting @9:15

28<sup>th</sup> Whānau meeting about  
GEPs strategic plan

April

5<sup>th</sup> Term 2 Out of zone  
enrolments close

11<sup>th</sup> Attendance reward  
movie

12<sup>th</sup> Last day of Term 1

## Introducing the Takahē Teachers 2019



### Miss Aimee Hansen Room 2

Kia ora, my name is Aimee Hansen and this is my second year teaching at Glen Eden Primary. I am looking forward to working with the tamariki in Room 2 and all the adventures we will have this year. I have lived in West Auckland for the majority of my life and love to get out and about in the community. My absolute favourite thing is to do is go for walks with my three dogs. I am very excited about the year ahead.

### Miss Lana Aitken Room 5 (Mon-Wed)

Hi my name is Lana Aitken. I am the teacher in Room Five. I have been teaching for ten years and I absolutely love it. I was born and raised in Tauranga. My favourite things to do are spending time with my gorgeous moko, hanging out with my whānau, reading, cleaning and going to the gym.

### Mrs Jess Moate Room 5 (Thurs Fri)

Hi my name is Jessica. This is my second year at GEPS, I will be working part time in Room 5 in collaboration with Lana and am excited to team up with her. I have two young sons but enjoy being back inside classroom making connections with students and developing my professional learning. Hanging out with my family and work takes up most of time but we try to get out and about exploring Auckland and New Zealand.

### Room 9 Mr Aaron Pulman

Hi I'm Aaron and I am new to GEPS and the teaching profession. I am really looking forward to working with the students in room 9 and the students and staff as a whole. I am a born and bred West Aucklander and enjoy a range of hobbies, notably, rugby, fishing and boxing. I live in Glen Eden with my wife, our 6 year old daughter and our dog Haggis.

### Room 11 Ms Heather Dellow

Kia ora my name is Heather Dellow. I was teaching at GEPS 5 years ago. I feel like I have returned home! I live in Titirangi with my two sons one is 25 the other 16, our dog Bella and our cat Ginge. I was born in Grey Lynn and have lived most of my life in West Auckland. At times I have moved away but always come back - West Auckland and my students hold my heart.

**Room 13 Mrs Ngaire Williams & Team leader** Kia ora my name is Ngaire Williams I have been at Glen Eden Primary for many years. I really enjoying working with our Glen Eden whānau and tamariki. I have lived in West Auckland all of my life. My husband and I live in Glen Eden with my 19 year old son. I enjoy reading, walking, camping at the beach and motorbike riding (as the passenger). I am excited about the year ahead.

### Room 13 Miss Charlotte Veacock

Kia ora my name is Charlotte Veacock and I am the student teacher in Room 13. I am in my last year of my Bachelor's Degree. I live in West Auckland with my partner and son. I cannot wait to complete my degree so that I can finally live a dream of teaching the youth of today. Outside of university and work I love going to the beach, movies, doing artwork and enjoying the outdoors.

The Takahē Teachers are very keen to get to know your child better.

Can you please take a few minutes to fill out the attached questionnaire and return it to school?

Ngā mihi

# Getting to Know Your Child!

As a parent/caregiver you will have many insights about your child that may be really helpful for their teacher and allow us to link your child's interests to the learning experiences. Please take a few moments to fill out the questions below and return it to your child's teacher.



Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

My child's interests are:

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My child's out-of-school activities include:

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My child learns best by:

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My child's attitude to school is:

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