



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.



Kiwi Information



Literacy Focus

Reading groups will be up and running shortly and students will begin to regularly bring books home to share.

Maths Focus

Students will begin the term conducting statistical investigations in which they will gather, sort, display and discuss data about a range of everyday occurrences and objects. For the rest of the term, students will be working in groups on place value, addition and subtraction with lots of counting and number work.

Kiwi Team Whānau BBQ

This is a great opportunity to meet the teachers, find out more about our Kiwi classes and have a BBQ sausage and a swim. Everybody is very welcome. More information to come.

School Trips

We are looking at a few options for trips out of school that will enhance our curriculum focus and will let you know as soon as these are finalised.

Important Dates:

February

6th Waitangi Day

8th Pōwhiri welcome @9:15

12th Tui Team Whānau

BBQ & Swim @5:30

14th Kiwi Team Whānau

BBQ & Swim @5:30

21st Takahē Team Whānau

BBQ & Swim @5:30

25th How can you help our kura parent meeting @9:15

28th Whānau meeting about GEPs strategic plan

April

5th Term 2 Out of Zone enrolments close

11th Attendance reward movie

12th Last day of Term 1

Meet the Kiwi Team!



Nicole Tye Room 1

Kia ora! I'm excited to be starting my teaching career here and am looking forward to the fun learning we're going to be doing this year.



Emily Marshall Room 6

Kia ora! I'm excited to start my second year at Glen Eden Primary and am looking forward to getting to know you and your children. We've already made a positive start to the year which I know will continue.



Fiona Wickens Room 12

Kia ora! I grew up in Wellington but moved to Auckland a few years ago. This is going to be my third year teaching at Glen Eden Primary but my first year in Room 12. I love teaching here and look forward to getting to know your children and working together to help them learn.



Moana Hatton Room 16

Kia ora! I taught at Glen Eden Primary for 2 terms last year and am looking forward to getting to know your tamariki and whānau. I've got 3 teenage daughters who all went to school here so I know what it's like to be the mother of a new entrant here. My door is always open to come in for a chat.



Julie Austin Room 16

Kia ora, my name is Julie Austin. I live in West Auckland with my husband, 2 teenage boys and our dog. I look forward to helping our students feel safe, supported and confident as they begin their learning journey at school. I work in Room 16 every Monday to Wednesday.



Kathryn Arbon Team Leader

Kia ora! I am the Deputy Principal as well as the Team Leader of the Kiwi Team. I have been at Glen Eden Primary for 9 years and live in Lynfield with my partner and our two adult children. I am often found in the office where our door is always open. Please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions - I'd be more than happy to help.