



# Glen Eden Primary School - Newsletter

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Nau mai haere mai ki Glen Eden kura Kalia and Katanah.

It was great to see the senior students participating in Athletics at The Trusts Stadium last week. Casey Bellingham did a fabulous job of organising this event and all of the students I spoke to, or saw there, reported having had a great time. We choose to go to the trusts to do our athletics so that all of our students get to experience running, jumping and throwing in a "real" setting. Our interschool team will return there to compete against other schools soon. Thanks to all of the staff and to our awesome parent volunteers for your mahi, encouragement and enthusiasm on the day.

This Friday is our junior athletics which will be held on the school field. Whānau are welcome to attend and cheer on our youngest runners, jumpers and throwers.

All school reports will be sent home this Friday. Thanks so much to all of the teachers who worked so hard to get these done. Thanks also to Dianne Rayner who also does a lot of work at report time.

Lately there have been media reports about parents, principals and schools that are damaging to individuals and to a community as a whole. Our BOT works very hard to ensure that our kura is as good as it can be. We know that there are some areas in our school that need further attention and have a list that we are working through. These things take time and lots of money. As an example, we have recently applied for funding to upgrade our hall toilets. The initial quote for this is well over \$100K which gives an indication of costings for such things. We are committed to ensuring all of our facilities are as good as they can be for our tamariki but do have limited funds so it is one thing at a time. While we do get some money from the MOE every 5 years for buildings, there are restrictions on how we spend it. Our last allocation went on roofing, re-wiring, fire and electrical and modernising classrooms. As always we are open to meeting face to face about any concerns that you have. The feedback we got from the student led conferences from whānau was overwhelmingly positive and we really appreciate getting this feedback.

Please note that we have changed the date of the Mayow fun day. It is now scheduled for the 6th of December. We need loads of parent volunteers and help for this day of waterslides, swimming, bouncy castles and the like. The day is named after our previous principal, Linda Mayow, who has a great sense of fun. Linda is still having fun in her retirement and we stay in touch often. She follows the progress of the kura on Facebook and also keeps up to date with the website and newsletters.

Last weeks Proud pupil prizewinner was Nikau who showed all of the qualities of an excellent Year 6 student last week at Athletics. He was singled out by Mrs McKenzie who was with the 11 year old boys for the day and who was super impressed by him.



Please read the back of this newsletter for a colleague's letter about the current strike action.

Ngā mihi mahana

Donna Soljan

### Dates for your Calendar 2018

Thursday 15 November	Out of Zone Term 1 2019 applications close
Friday 16 November	Junior Athletics 2:15 pm Assembly R11 Ballot for Term 1 2019 out of zone places
Thursday 22 November	Kiwi team trip to Zoo
Friday 23 November	Individual & Class Photos 2:15pm Assembly R1 & 2
Wednesday 28 November	6:30pm Maori & Pasifika consultation hui
Thursday 29 November	Interschool Athletics
Monday 3 December	11am Helper's morning tea 6:30 Board of Trustees Meeting in Staffroom
Wednesday 5 December	7:00pm Year 6 Dance
Thursday 6 December	Mayow Fun Day
Friday 7 December	Kiwi Swimming Sports No Assembly
Thursday 13 December	11am Prize Giving Assembly
Friday 14 December	Final day - School Finishes at 12pm
Wednesday 30 January	First day of school 2019