



# Glen Eden Primary School - Newsletter

## Number 15 - 28 May 2019 - Week 5



Afio mai i le matou aoga Atelaite

Talofa lava tagata uma.

Welcome to Samoan Language week. GEPS held a game of kilikiti yesterday on the field to kick off the week. There were Samoan stories in the library today and there will be songs and artwork at lunchtime on Thursday. In addition many classes will be learning more about Samoan language and culture - we are lucky to have so many experts in our kura. This Friday we will be holding a lava lava day. We encourage everyone to wear a lavalava to school and join us in celebrating Samoan culture.

Last night was the last meeting for our current Board of Trustees. I would like to sincerely thank this group for their mahi over the last three year term. We have been so very lucky to have had such a skilled group on our BOT. This group has worked together very well and have had a clear understanding of their governance role. I would like to especially thank Varnia Taua and Glennis Blakeborough who have completed two terms on the board at GEPS. An excellent commitment to our school for six years. Thanks also to Ngaire Williams who has already served 6 years as staff rep and has just put her hand up for another 3! The continuity of BOT members has made a real difference and I sincerely appreciate this. Thank you to our newest members, Jared Adams, Sarah Mayo and Summar Du Luen who all brought valuable and different skills to the table. I have appreciated all of your mahi, your extra time and effort for the good of our kura. A special mention to Varnia who has been our chairperson and who has led us brilliantly. Varnia was also the designer of all of our logos after the revisioning and so her legacy is visible every day. To our BOT - ngā mihi tino nui kia koutou! Fa'afetai tele lava.

**A reminder that school will not be open tomorrow, Wednesday 29th due to the nationwide teacher strike.**

Congratulations to all of our basketball teams who attended the inaugural interschool competition yesterday. Thanks to Miss Bellingham and to Jared for coaching the teams. GEPS teams did really well on the day with many wins on the board. Congratulations to our girls team who won the A grade championship. Sili Atu!

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### Dates for your Calendar 2019

Wednesday 29 May	NZEI Teachers' Strike
Friday 31 May	9:10am Ngā Kaitiaki Meeting 2:15pm Assembly R1
Monday 3 June	Queen's Birthday - School Closed
Thursday 6 June	Rugby league Zone Day
Friday 7 June	2:15pm Assembly R9
10 - 14 June	Matariki Week
Friday 14 June	2:15pm Assembly R11
Friday 21 June	Tui Mid Winter break the ice swim Celebration of learning Open Afternoon
Monday 24 June	6:30pm BOT meeting in staffroom
Friday 28 June	Term 3 Out of Zone Enrolments close Year 5 to Auckland Zoo
Sunday 30 June	10am - 2pm Kapa Haka to Arataki
Tuesday 2 July	R1 & R 12 to Arataki
Wednesday 3 July	R6 & R 16
Friday 5 July	End of Term 2