



Glen Eden Primary

Team Newsletter. Term 1. 2020



Nau mai, haere mai! Welcome to Term 1!

Curriculum Focus

This term's curriculum focus is "Papatūānuku" - Earth. What students focus on will vary across classes and levels throughout the school.

Health & PE Focus

Swimming is the PE focus of the term. If you don't yet know which days your child's swims are, please see the classroom teacher. We are also lucky to have Soccer4Life come and coach classes again this year. Every class gets to have about 3 sessions per term.

General Reminders

- It is extremely important for students to wear **sunhats** and to have **water bottles** on hand every day.
- 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** consists of five composite classes (one Year 2 & 3 class and four Year 3 & 4 classes)
- **Belongings** - We actively encourage tamariki to take responsibility 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 - The spelling programme runs from Monday to Friday, spelling words are 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 we have started the year with 2 weeks of Statistics. Tamariki are learning to investigate, group, graph and comment on sets of data. Learning the addition and subtraction basic facts will help tamariki to progress. Basic facts relevant to the topic will be glued into homework books for extra practice.

Important Dates:

February
14th Pōwhiri welcome 20:15
25th Whānau BBQ & Swim - Kivi 20:30, Tui 20:00
27th Whānau BBQ & Swim - Takahē 20:30
2nd Term 2 Out of zone enrolments close
7th Attendance reward movie
9th Last day of Term 1

Introducing the Takahē Teachers 2020



Room 4 Mr Aaron Pulman

Hi I'm Aaron and I am in my second year at GEPS and the teaching profession. I am really looking forward to working with the students in room 4 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 Shannon, our 7 year old daughter Kelsie and our dog Haggis.

Room 5 Miss Lana Aitken (Mon-Wed)

Hi my name is Lana Aitken. I am the teacher in Room Five. I have been teaching for 12 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.

Room 5 Mrs Kelly Fakalata (Thurs Fri)

Hi, my name is Kelly Fakalata. I am teaching in Room Five on Thursdays and Fridays and in Room 13 on Tuesdays. I have many years of teaching experience and am excited to be working with the GEPS tamariki and whanau again this year. My husband Kotisi and I have four children, Dyllan, Mace, Talia and Marnie.

Room 9 Miss Aimee Hansen

Kia ora, my name is Aimee Hansen and this is my third year teaching at Glen Eden Primary. I am looking forward to working with the tamariki in Room 9 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 to do is go for walks with my three dogs. I am very excited about the year ahead!

Room 11 Miss Charlotte Veacock

Kia ora my name is Charlotte Veacock and I am a first year teacher in Room 11. I live in West Auckland with my partner and son. Outside of work I love going to the beach, movies, doing artwork and enjoying the outdoors.

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 Owen and I live in Glen Eden with my son Andrew. I enjoy reading, walking, camping at the beach and motorbike riding (as the passenger). I am excited about the year ahead.

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:

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

My child learns best by:

My child's attitude to school is:
