



Glen Eden Primary School

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Nau mai haere mai Avesta and Inaaya

Tutahi - fa'afetai lava to all of the staff who ensured that our celebrations for Samoan Language Week went so well. There was siva, leis, lavalvas, art and learning about Samoa. Mr Davids is also planning on teaching kilikiti during lunchtimes and we look forward to a staff vs students game later this term. Kelly was a recipient of the Proud Principals Pizza award for her teaching expertise & enthusiasm during Samoan Language Week.

As many of you know we are holding a production this year. It was initially planned for Term 2 but we have now planned to have this in Term 3. We are putting on a production of The Lion King. Miss Hansen, Ms Arbon and Mrs Yates have already done a lot of work towards this and we are really excited to be holding our first production in a very long time.

Another thing which we have changed timing for is reports. These were due out during lockdown so will now be sent home at the end of the term. Hopefully over lockdown whānau had a chance to see how tamariki are going with their learning. As always please check in with the class teacher if you have any learning queries.

Over the past two weeks we have had staggered pick up times. From this week, with close to 100% of students back, we will revert to normal 3pm pick up times. This will be from tomorrow - Wednesday 3 June. Last week's Proud Principals Pizza award went to the the group of wonderful students who have been collecting the children from their classrooms for the early pickups in the afternoon. They did such a great job.

Just before we went into lockdown Mrs McKenzie purchased new scooters for our kura. They are ready to be used at lunchtimes and will be available this week. Please email alanam@geps.school.nz if you do not wish for your child to "hire" a scooter during break times.

Now that we are nearly back to normal we will revert to using the School Loop app more frequently. We are going to use this for permission slips and the like and this is also an easy way to get newsletters each week. Go to your app store and download the Skool Loop app.

Once downloaded, open and choose your school - 'Glen Eden Primary School'.

Once the school is selected you can go into 'Settings' and 'Subscribe to groups' - select the room/s which your child/ren are in as well as 'General'.

A reminder to send students to school with water bottles. Under Level 2 we cannot open drinking fountains so it is important that each child has their own water bottle. Over the last two weeks we have supplied extras for those without but we have now run out of this supply. Please contact me if you need help getting a water bottle and we will do our best.

Over lockdown we sought feedback from whānau on learning and on our communication. We are looking at all of this data, as a staff, this week. We have also surveyed teachers and students and aim to take the best parts of what we learned and use them to enhance what we already do. Kia ora to all those who answered the survey - your feedback is very useful to us. It was pleasing that over 75% of people rated the overall communication as a 5/5 with over 17% rating it as a 4/5.

Last week we held our first assemblies in whānau groups to ensure we were abiding by the 100 person limit. Whilst it was great to hear students sing again in a group and have an assembly I am looking forward to our first proper assembly - all of us together and parents joining us. Fingers crossed we can unlock the gates and return to our normal routines soon. Thank you again everyone for your support during this time.

Ngā mihi mahana

Donna Soljan



Kia ora,

During COVID-19 Alert Level 2, the Children's Community Dental Service has reopened some of its clinics for children with urgent dental care needs.

We will be in contact with you if your child requires an urgent appointment.

Alternatively, if your child is in pain, or you have immediate concerns about their teeth, please phone 0800 TALK TEETH to speak with one of our therapists.

We are not able to offer routine appointments just yet, but we will let you know as soon as this changes.

This means that your child's routine appointment may be delayed.

For more information, search for 'ARDS' on the Waitemātā DHB website.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this time.

The Children's Community Dental Service.