

Nau mai haere mai Aadhav and Wairua.

A huge thank you to all of our whānau who attended the Student Led conferences. It was great to see you on such a cold wintery night! It is not too late to make an appointment with your child's teacher if you missed the event. Please contact them to make a time. Thanks to everyone who filled in our survey last week at the SL conferences - it is really helpful to get your feedback which we will share with you over the coming weeks. We are also seeking feedback from students on some of the same questions we asked of whānau.

Next year we are planning to start a Māori bilingual class in Years 5 and 6 and possibly also for Year 4. Please contact us if you would like your child/ren in this pathway.

Next week we will be using a new app for GEPS. Please download the Skool Loop App and find Glen Eden Primary. The reason for this change is that it is a free service.

Next week students will be doing the Keeping Ourselves Safe health unit in classes. Whānau are welcome to hear more about this programme tomorrow afternoon at 2pm in the staffroom.

All students should have come home with an A-thon sheet on Friday with facts to learn. The students will be tested on these on Friday 23rd August. Money will be collected outside of the staffroom from Tuesday 27 August. For every \$10 raised students go into the draw to win prizes. This year we have LEGO, skateboards, scooters, a phone, a tablet and many other prizes. Please note there was an error on some Kiwi team sheets. Of course kākāriki is green, not blue as some sheets suggested. Thanks to the eagle eyes of Victoria who picked this up and told us.

This week we are having new lighting installed throughout the school. The lights are LED and more energy efficient. The quality of lighting in the school should be significantly improved and will, over time, save us money on our electricity bills.

On Thursday our Year 6 students are travelling to Kelston Boys High School for a future pathways expo. There will be loads of exhibitors at the expo and this is an exciting opportunity for our students to see what lies ahead. Students in Tui team have already been doing some mahi on this so that they are prepared for Thursday.

This week's Proud Pupil Prizewinner is Azalea. Azalea is a crossing warden and last week, on her duty day, it looked like rain was coming. The adult on duty was already at the crossing but, of her own accord, Azalea thought to bring an umbrella for the staff member and two raincoats for the duty students. Such a thoughtful gesture and display of manaakitanga. I was aware of it as I was the staff member on duty and was about to get drenched. Fa'afetai lava Azalea!

Ngā mihi mahana

Donna Soljan



Dates for your Calendar 2019

Wednesday 14 August	2:15pm Whānau hui about Keeping Ourselves Safe.
Friday 16 August	2:15pm Assembly R3
Wednesday 21 August	6:00pm - 7:30pm Maths & Meal whānau hui.
Friday 23 August	Inter-school Gymnastics 2:15 Assembly R7
Monday 26 August	School Closed - Staff only Day 6:30pm Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday 30 August	2:15pm Assembly R5
Tuesday 3 September	6:30pm Netsafe Parents Meeting
Friday 6 September	2:15pm Knowledge-a-thon Prize-giving
Friday 13 September	2:15pm Assembly R14
Tuesday 17 September	Takahe trip to Butterfly Creek
Thursday 19 September	Netball Zone Day
Friday 20 September	No Assembly 7pm Boogie and Bingo Night - Fundraiser
Tuesday 24 September	Inter-school Girls Cricket
Friday 27 September	End of Term 3
Monday 14 October	Term 4 begins