



# Glen Eden Primary School

## 17 March 2020 - Week 7 - Newsletter Number 7



Kia ora ngā whānau o GEPS

As part of our focus on Papatūānuku-Mother Earth, some classes walked to Savoy Rd last Wednesday to work with EcoMatters Trust. They did a range of environmental activities as well as learnt about looking after our local streams. Thank you to the wonderful whānau helpers who assisted with supervision. Without this support, valuable learning experiences like these wouldn't be able to happen.

Last Friday, Steve from Harrison Tew talked to staff and students about what to do if there was an emergency and we needed to go into lockdown. We then had a drill to practice the plan and our students and staff carried it out perfectly. Steve was super impressed, saying that we were the best school he had seen for a while! It's comforting to know that, should anything happen, we have an effective plan in place.

As the weather is getting cooler, this is the last week of swimming and our pool will be closed next week. We've had a great season and managed to get in a few more swims than we usually do. A huge thank you to Grant for all of his mahi in keeping our pool sparkling clean and in fantastic condition.

We take the safety of our students at the school gate very seriously. Our School Leaders worked last week with a Travelwise Coordinator from Auckland Transport. They were looking at ways to improve the drop off areas on Glenview Rd and how to make it safer for students. He informed us that Auckland Transport are going to have parking wardens here more often to help increase safety. Please remember to only use designated drop off areas and only park in legal parking spaces when you drop off and collect your tamariki, even if you need to walk a short distance.

Tomorrow is National Walk to School Day. To encourage students to walk to and from school, we are having a Whacky Feet Day. Children can decorate their shoes, socks or feet and are encouraged to walk to school, even for only part of the way.

We continue to get regular updates from the Ministry of Education about coronavirus. Based on their advice yesterday, we have decided to stop having assemblies for the foreseeable future. The Ministry of Health recommend you ring Healthline on 0800 358 5453 for advice if you are unsure about anything. This operates 24 hours a day and is free to use. The focus is still on prevention by:

- Washing hands with soap and water for 20 seconds before and after eating as well as after using the toilet
- Covering coughs and sneezes with clean tissues or with an elbow
- Putting used tissues in the bin
- Staying home if feeling unwell

If your children are concerned about coronavirus or have questions that are tricky to answer, there is a great online video by Dr Michelle Dickinson (Nanogirl) that explains how viruses work and what to do to prevent spreading them. I recommend you watch this with your tamariki. The link is <https://youtu.be/OPsY-jLqaXM>

Donna Soljan is at home and is recovering well. She misses our tamariki and kura and can't wait to get back!

Ngā manaakitanga

Kathryn Arbon

### Dates for your Calendar 2020

Friday 20 March	<b>No Assembly</b>
Tuesday 24 March	Kiwi Team trip to Waitākere Transfer Station R1 & R6
Thursday 26 March	Kiwi Team trip to Waitākere Transfer Station - R12 & R15 <b>Ripper Rugby Competition To Be Confirmed</b>
Monday 30 March	6:30pm Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday 31 March	<b>Girls Cricket Day To Be Confirmed</b>
Thursday 2 April	Out of Zone ballot
Friday 3 April	<b>Staff Only Day</b>
Thursday 9 April	<b>Last day of Term 1</b>
Tuesday 28 April	<b>First day back for Term 2</b>
Friday 1 May	<b>9:15am Pōwhiri to welcome new students and families</b>
Tuesday 12 May	<b>Interschool Basketball To Be Confirmed</b>

Our Proud Pizza Winners last week were William (absent) and Autumn for being such great role models in R6. Darius was also a winner for using his initiative.

