



Glen Eden Primary

Takahē Team Newsletter - Term 1 - 2023



Nau mai, haere mai! Welcome to Term 1 at Glen Eden Primary!

Curriculum Focus

Our whole school curriculum focus is on cultural story telling, incorporating the Aotearoa New Zealand's Histories curriculum as well as the opening of our beautiful Pasifika fale later in the term. Specific activities to support this learning will vary across classes and levels throughout the school.

Health & PE Focus

The main PE focus for this term is swimming. Our pool is a wonderful resource for students to develop water confidence and safety in, as well as their swimming skills. Each class has at least 3 swims per week and children are expected to participate in these. Tūi and Takahē students also have optional lunch time swims. Please see your child's teacher if you are unsure of when they swim.

General Reminders

- It is extremely important for students to wear **sunhats** and to have **water bottles** on hand every day.
- Classes have sunscreen which students are encouraged to use.

. Takahē Team

- **Takahē Team** consists of four composite classes Room 5 is a Year 2 & 3 class and Rooms 2, 11 and 15 are Year 3 & 4 classes.
- **Belongings** - We actively encourage tamariki to take responsibility of their own belongings. Names in hats, swimming togs, clothes and scooters 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. All students need a book bag to transport readers between home and school. They can reuse last years one or buy one from the office for \$5.
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 are starting the year with 3 weeks of Measurement. Tamariki are learning to use standard units to measure length, area, volume, capacity, weight, temperature and time. In week four we will move to place value and addition and subtraction. 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.

Introducing the Takahē Teachers 2023



Room 2 Mr Aaron Pulman You can contact me by email at aaronp@geps.school.nz



Hi, I'm Aaron and I am in my fifth year at GEPs and the teaching profession. I am really looking forward to working with the students in Room 2 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 10-year-old daughter Kelsie and our dog Haggis.

Swimming Days are Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. Library day is Thursday.

Room 5 Mr Sam Hogan You can contact me by email at samh@geps.school.nz



Kia ora, my name is Sam Hogan. I'm super excited to work with Ruma Rima this year. I'm sure we'll all be learning a lot together. I was born in Cairns, Australia but moved with my family to New Zealand when I was 8 and have lived here in West Auckland ever since! I have a lot of hobbies and interests, movies, games, music, and anything you might call nerdy! I live with my wife- another teacher here, Mrs Hogan- and our dog Jessie!

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Room 11 Mrs Ngaire Williams & Team leader You can contact me by email at ngairew@geps.school.nz



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 my life. My husband Owen and I live in Glen Eden. I enjoy reading, swimming, gardening, camping at the beach and motorbike riding (as the passenger). I looking forward to a fun and productive year of learning.

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Room 15 Whaea Hifo You can contact me by email at hifota@geps.school.nz



Kia ora whānau my name is Hifo Taione. I am a second year kaiako who is part of the Takahē team at Glen Eden Primary School. I was born in Auckland and raised in Brisbane, Australia. I moved to Glen Eden last year with my husband and we are expecting our first child this year. I am very lucky to have your tamariki in my class and look forward to our year of teaching and learning from one another. I am excited for the year ahead. Ngā mihi, Whaea Hifo.

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Ngā mihi