



Glen Eden Primary School

3 March 2020 - Week 5 - Newsletter Number 5



Nau mai haere mai Kayla, Sebastian, Roman and Aria

Thank you whānau for coming to our meetings last week. It was great to see so many people in attendance. A special kia ora to Lazarus' aunty who provided a huge container of fried bread for our Thursday BBQ. This was enjoyed by all! A reminder to all of our whānau that you are welcome to make an appointment at any time to discuss your child's learning.

It was great to see a good turnout to the Takahē swimming sports last week. It was the first job for our newly appointed Sports Activators and all of the teachers involved gave excellent feedback about our new Year 6 leaders. Thanks to everyone who put in extra work to make this a fun event for our tamariki.

Last week Room 15 had the opportunity to work with Kids Can to do some art work for an upcoming project. There were several adults who came and they made a point of commenting on the outstanding behaviour of all of the students and also on the quality of the teacher. All of Room 15 received a wee LEGO pack as a thank you and the school received some large LEGO packs which will be used as prizes for our A-thon later this year.

We are constantly receiving alerts and updates about Coronavirus. Advice from the Ministry of Health states that everybody should follow the following basic principles to reduce the risk of getting an acute respiratory infection or passing it on to others:

- regularly wash hands (for at least 20 seconds with warm water and soap and dry thoroughly).
- cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze.
- stay home if you are sick.
- avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.
- if you feel unwell you should avoid public gatherings and events.

Teachers are reinforcing these messages in class. Each class has a ready supply of tissues and hand sanitiser for use.

The netball season is about to kick off again. Year 5 & 6 netball training begins this Thursday 5th March at 3:10pm. Please keep sending in netball notices if your child is playing this season. Thanks to those that have already. If your tamariki are keen to play please see Mrs Thorby or Mrs Rayner.

We are still in need of volunteers for our Garden to Table programme. This is every Tuesday to Thursday from 11:20-12:50. We would love any help at all so that our students get a fabulous experience. Please contact Alana McKenzie alanam@geps.school.nz if you can help.

Next week I am heading off to have an operation. It is all routine but needs to happen. I will be off school recovering for the rest of the term and will be back, rebuilt and energetic in Term 2. Kathryn Arbon will be Acting Principal in my absence and Alana McKenzie will be Acting DP. I am confident that the school is in extremely capable hands. See you all again soon.

Ngā mihi mahana

Donna Soljan

Last week's Proud Pizza Prize winners were our 2020 Sports Activators. They were fabulous helpers at the Takehē swimming sports, which was their first official job.



Dates for your Calendar 2020

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| Wednesday 4 March | Boy's Interschool Cricket |
| Friday 6 March | 2:15pm Assembly R15 |
| Monday 9 March | Interschool Swimming |
| Friday 13 March | 2:15pm Assembly R7 |
| Friday 20 March | 2:15pm Assembly R9 |
| Tuesday 24 March | Kiwi Team trip to Waitākere Transfer Station |
| Thursday 26 March | Kiwi Team trip to Waitākere Transfer Station Ripper Rugby Competition |
| Friday 27 March | 2:15pm Assembly R16 |
| Monday 30 March | 6:30pm Board of Trustees Meeting |
| Tuesday 31 March | Interschool Cross Country |
| Thursday 2 April | Out of Zone ballot |
| Friday 3 April | Staff Only Day |
| Thursday 9 April | Last day of Term 1 |
| Tuesday 28 April | Term 2 begins |