



Glen Eden Primary

Team Newsletter, Term 1, 2020



Nau mai, haere mai! Welcome to Term II!

Curriculum Focus

This term's curriculum focus is "Papatūānuku"- Earth Mother. What students focus on will vary across classes and levels throughout the school.

Health & PE Focus

Swimming is the PE focus of the term. If you don't yet know which days your child's swims are, please see the classroom teacher. We are also lucky to have Soccer4Life come and coach classes again this year. Every class gets to have about 3 sessions per term.

General Reminders

- It is extremely important for students to wear **sunhats** and to have **water bottles** on hand every day.
- All students are encouraged to swim with their class - our pool is a wonderful resource for students to develop water confidence, safety and swimming skills. They need to bring their **togs** and a named **towel** on the appropriate days.
- We celebrate great attendance by having a draw for pizza vouchers in each team as well as the end of term movie and popcorn celebration for students who have been at school for at least 95% of the term.

Tui Team News

Introductions to the Team:

Room 3 - Casey Bellingham - Casey is in her 7th year of teaching, her 4th at GEPS. She has a passion for sport and is looking forward to being involved in all our sports teams. She plays club netball and is an active member of F45. Casey is excited for our learning journey ahead and celebrating all our success along the way.

Room 7 - Monica Topia - Whaea Monica is in her fourth year at GEPS, and we are very fortunate that she has opened our first bilingual class for Years 4-6. Monica also enjoys sports, especially Netball. She is fluent in Te Reo Māori and currently has one daughter who attends our school, and one who will be starting in June.

Room 8 - Francis Paopao-Brown - Francis is of Samoan and Pakeha descent and is keen on PE, the arts and writing. He has played rugby overseas and has travelled extensively around the world.

Room 10 - Mariah Chettiar - Mariah is of Māori and Samoan descent. She is an experienced piano player who has a passion for performing arts - particularly singing. She has been working with the GEPS choir for the last 3 years and will be leading the choir again this year.

Room 14 - Leonard Davids - Leonard brings many skills to Glen Eden Primary. He is a talented guitar player and is very interested in performing arts and physical education. Leonard is of Samoan descent.

Tui Team Leader - Alana McKenzie - This is Alana's 7th year at GEPS. She spent her first 10 years of her teaching career working with Intermediate aged children and came to GEPS in 2014 to take up a Year 5/6 teaching and team leader position and is currently in the AP role She enjoys watching Rugby and going to the Speedway.

Important Dates:

February

- 14th** Pōwhiri - all welcome @9:15am
- 18th** Rooms 7,10 and 14 Trip to Māngere Mountain
- 19th** Rooms 3 and 16 to Māngere Mountain
- 20th** Tui Team Swimming Sports 9:00-11:00am
- 24th** Swim team at Westwave
- 25th** Whānau BBQ & Swim - Kiwi @5:30, Tui @6:00pm
- Swim team at Westwave
- 27th** Whānau BBQ & Swim - Takahē @5:30pm

April

- 2nd** Term 2 Out of zone enrolments close
- 7th** Attendance reward movie
- 9th** Duffy Role Model assembly
- Last day of Term I





Curriculum focus: Inquiry

Within the focus of “Papatūānuku”- Earth Mother, Tui team students will be looking into how our whenua (land) is used and the land formations within the Auckland region. The intention and hope is that something will spark students’ interest or curiosity at their trip to Māngere Mountain next week that they will inquire into and find more about.



Homework in the Senior School:

Year 5 and 6 students will have regular homework that will help children consolidate on concepts covered at school. Students are not expected to spend more than 20 minutes per evening on these tasks. Homework will mainly be learning their basic facts and times tables, regular reading of text at their level, and learning set spelling words. Although homework is not compulsory and should not be onerous for the students or whānau members, we encourage our Year 5 and 6 students to try to complete their homework to the best of their ability. This helps not only the consolidation of skills learnt at school but also starts instilling work habits and time management skills that will be beneficial to them at Intermediate and High School. We appreciate Parents/Caregivers support with encouraging homework.

Garden to Table:

We are fortunate that our Year 5 and 6 students will once again be participating in the Garden to Table programme this year. The Garden to Table programme aims to change the way children approach and think about food. Students, in their classes, participate in the programme once a fortnight, learning how to **grow, harvest, prepare** and **share** fresh, seasonal food. Students take turns planting and maintaining the gardens and worm farms, harvesting the food from the garden, right through to preparing and cooking the food, ready to share with their peers at the end of the session. If you want to know more, pop onto the Garden to Table website to have a look www.gardentotable.org.nz. Our Garden to Table programme at Glen Eden Primary is run by 2 of our fabulous Teacher Aides Julie McCallum and Michelle McCue and with the support of wonderful volunteers and friends of our school. We are **always** looking for more whānau members to come along and help out whether it be in the kitchen - preparing and cooking food with the students, or in the garden - planting, watering, weeding or harvesting with the students! It is really important that all students wear covered shoes, have long hair tied back and a hat in the summer months for their Garden to Table sessions.



Term One sessions					
Week	Tuesday	Thursday	Week	Tuesday	Thursday
3	Room 16	Room 14	7	Room 10	Room 3
4	Room 10	Room 7	8	Room 14	Room 16
5	Room 3	Room 16	9	Room 10	Room 7
6	Room 14	Room 7	10	Room 3	Room 16

If you are keen to come and have a look or help, please leave a message at the office with your name and number for Julie or Michelle. Any help is gratefully appreciated! Our programme runs on a Tuesday and Thursday from 11.20-12.50pm.

Sports events coming up:

Tui Team Swimming Sports	Thursday 20 th February
Interschool Cricket tournament	Wednesday 4 th March
Interzone Swimming Sports	Monday 9 th March
Interzone Ripa Rugby tournament	Thursday 26 th March
Interzone Cross Country	Tuesday 3 rd March

That’s all from us for now. We look forward to working with you and your children this year.

Nga mihi nui,

Ms Casey Bellingham (Room 3 Teacher)
Mr Francis Paopao-Brown (Room 7 Teacher)
Mrs Mariah Chettiar (Room 10 Teacher)
Mr Leonard Davids (Room 14 Teacher)
Whaea Monica Topia (Room 16 Bilingual Pathway Teacher)
Mrs Alana McKenzie (Assistant Principal and Tui Team Leader)

