



# Glen Eden Primary School - Newsletter

## Number 9 - 2 April 2019 - Week 10



Kia ora nga whānau o GEPS

Some exciting developments will be happening soon at GEPS! The Ted Mason Foundation have kindly offered to replace our lower playground with a more up to date, attractive structure. We have been working with them and The Playground People to design our new playground. Some students have been involved in the design process and we are confident that this will be a playground that tamariki are going to love. We have completed the planning stage and will let you know when this fabulous new project is set to begin. Fa'afetai lava Ted Manson Foundation. We love being friends with you!

Last week, Tui Team went to KBHS to watch snippets from their Polyfest performances. Our students were again fabulous. After the show our students sang Ua Fa'afetai to all the groups which then led to a spontaneous haka from KBHS and even more waiata. Thanks to Mrs Chettiar for ensuring our students knew the kaupapa for the event. Thanks James for leading this for us.

The seniors had a chance to sing this thank you song again on Friday when Jack Tame came for our DUFFY role model assembly. It was heartwarming to see so many students reading and enjoying their beautiful new DUFFY books. We are lucky to be a part of this amazing programme.

We are lucky to also have a lovely library at our kura which has many great books in it that students can borrow. Mrs Thorby and Mrs Bergs are doing an excellent job of making our library a fabulous place to be. They are working with students to make sure that our book collection is relevant and interesting. Mīharo!

Tui team camp is fast approaching. We are very keen for every student in Year 5 & 6 to attend camp as we see it as being a really important activity. Please make contact with Mrs McKenzie or me if you have any questions about the upcoming camp. We still have LOTS of chocolates to sell if you would like to pay for your child's camp by doing this.

As many of you know we are part of the Kerehana Kahui Ako which includes Glendene Primary, Kelston Primary, St Leonards Road Primary, Kelston Intermediate, Kelston Girls College and Kelston Boys High School. For some time now we have been working on a Visioning Project to design a new schooling model for our area from 0-24 years of age. As part of this, staff from all kura have visited several different schools in Aotearoa and will continue to do so. This is to help shape our thinking as we move forward. This week, as part of the Visioning Project, a group of around 20 staff from all schools is travelling to Ōpōtiki to see their current model for education. Representing GEPS will be Kathryn Arbon, Lana Aitken and I. We are looking forward to being in a Māori setting and staying at Omaremutu Marae. Alana McKenzie will be Acting Principal.

A gentle reminder to please check lost property on a Friday afternoon. There are so many clothing items. Last Friday alone I counted 28 sweatshirts! There are togs, towels, shoes and loads of other nice items. If any items are named they will be returned to students. Along with the lost property laid out on a Friday afternoon we have our Friday Free table of items donated to the school. Thanks to everyone who is using this table.

A final reminder that all out of zone enrolments for Term 2 need to be in by this Friday - April 5.

Ngā mihi mahana

Donna Soljan

Watercolour brush pen set - @\$30 - Before school holidays get our unique product to keep your kids doing some art activity with less mess and endless fun. Set includes 20 watercolour brush pens and 1 water brush pen and gives you the opportunity to unleash your inner creative artist and create real work of art.  
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### Dates for your Calendar 2019

Wednesday 3 April	R14 Bush Camp day trip
Thursday 4 April	R10 Bush Camp day trip
Friday 5 April	R8 Bush Camp day trip Out of Zone Enrolments for Term 2 close - Ballot held 2:15pm Assembly R14
Tuesday 9 April	R3 Bush Camp day trip
Wednesday 10 April	R7 Bush Camp day trip
Thursday 11 April	6:30 Camp parent helpers meeting in staffroom
Friday 12 April	Last day of Term 1
Monday 29 April	First day of Term 2
Wednesday 1 May - Friday 3 May	Tui Camp
Friday 3 May	No Assembly
Friday 10 May	9:15am Pōwhiri 2:15pm Assembly R8

Last week's proud pupil pizza prize winner was Azalea who showed real empathy for a fellow student and went out of her way to ensure that the student was OK. An excellent example of manaakitanga.

