



Glen Eden Primary School

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Kia ora GEPS whānau and welcome to Week 11 of Term 2

From this week we welcome you to join other parents, whānau and caregivers in the Garden to Table room (beside Room 4) each afternoon to enjoy the company of others and grab a well deserved cuppa. Thanks to Ashle who kindly donated books and toys for the room. Also thanks to Aimee, Michelle, Danielle, Victoria and Alka who have agreed to help prepare and clean up the room. I know they would welcome you coming and also welcome any help you may be able to give. We have aunts, uncles, grandparents, caregivers, extended whānau, Mums and Dads raising our GEPS tamariki. It is a really important job and it can be tough going. We are hoping this space allows everyone the chance to connect and share trials and tribulations. We are encouraging people to bring a keep cup at this stage while we try things out.

A reminder that we are also trialling the idea of Whānau Fridays where we are welcoming parents into rooms before school to see what tamariki have been up to in classes.. We have rostered staff to be on the main gate each morning and afternoon to greet and farewell our whānau and tamariki. A reminder that every Friday afternoon we have our Free Friday table which has lots of donated items on it for whānau to help themselves to. Full assemblies are happening again each Friday afternoon at 2:15. Thanks to Mr Pullman and Room 4 for being the first class to present and lead the assembly since the beginning of March.

Sadly due to COVID19 this years APPA choir festival has been cancelled. Mrs Cheetiar will still run the choir and they will play a role in the Lion King production next term. Mrs Yates is back helping Miss Hansen and Ms Arbon with costuming and staging so we are looking forward to our first production in many years.

Thanks to Pepi, a parent at our kura, we have had loads of bread donated. We really appreciate the effort she goes to each week to get this to us and I know that a lot of families are enjoying the extras.

There is a flyer attached to this newsletter that details a new lunch provider for our school. Grand Central Kitchen will be offering lunches on a Wednesday. Pita Pit will still operate on a Friday. Both can be accessed by clicking on this link:
<https://www.luncheononline.co.nz/>.

A wee reminder that we have one more full week of school left and then two weeks of holidays. Reports will be coming home next week. Our out of zone ballot for next term will be held this Thursday. Please encourage anyone who is out of zone to get enrolments in before then.

It was fantastic to see loads of sports being played over the weekend and our own netball teams had their first game last night. Thanks so much to our amazing GEPS coaches who continue to give so much of their own time to coach and develop our tamariki. There are still one or two spaces on some teams for those who may still be keen. Please contact Mrs Rayner at the office if your child is interested.

Fa'afetai lava to Grant who got the pool up and running for the "Break the Ice" swim today. He has done an amazing job bringing the pool back from it's lockdown state. As we observe every year many of our tamariki don't seem to notice the cold as they happily splash about.

Ngā mihi mahana

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Dates for your Diary	
Wednesday 24 June	Rooms 3 & 7 - Trip to Children's Science Playroom
Thursday 25 June	Out of Zone Enrolment closes Out of Zone Ballot takes place
Friday 26 June	Rooms 10 & 14 - Trip to Children's Science Playroom 2:15pm Assembly - Room 5
Monday 29 June	Rooms 15 & 6 - Trip to Children's Science Playroom
Tuesday 30 June	Board of Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm in the Staffroom
Wednesday 1 July	Rooms 1 & 12 - Trip to Children's Science Playroom
Friday 3 July	2:15pm Assembly Last day of Term 2
Monday 20 July	Term 3 Begins