



# Glen Eden Primary School - Newsletter

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Nau mai haere mai Aashi & Eden

As many of you will be aware there is nationwide teachers strike on Wednesday 29 May. We greatly appreciate the community support that we have already received following the decision by teachers and principals to strike.

The decision to take further strike action was not taken lightly by any of us. For the first time, both primary and secondary teachers are striking together because the crisis in education hits us all very hard and we need the Government to understand how serious it is.

Schools are grappling with the fallout of a 40% nosedive in the number of people training to be teachers between 2010 and 2016, even while the population grew by 400,000. While the situation improved a little last year and the Government has announced an urgent \$95m package to recruit teachers, this is not sufficient to address the crisis. Schools struggle daily to find enough teachers to meet their relief teacher needs and this will worsen as winter approaches. There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs. The fact is that teaching is no longer considered an attractive profession due to long-term under-funding of the education sector. A significant pay jolt is part of the solution, alongside significant improvements to our heavy workloads. Otherwise our schools will end up with larger class sizes and more teachers leaving.

On Wednesday 29 May we hope you will join us at our local public event, likely to be from midday. We would love to see you and your children standing with us – together we are a community and we can make a difference. We will advise you of further details when they are confirmed.

On Wednesday 29 May SKIDS will be open and you can book online for this service.

Attached to this newsletter is our Health consultation. Please fill in the form and return to the box in the school office.

Thanks so much to those whānau who help us out in so many ways - sports coaching, breakfast club, parent reading, trip help, Garden To Table and general support. We are now on the lookout for any whānau who may be able to help us on a Wednesday morning in the library. We need help with covering new books so that we can get them onto the shelves faster and our tamariki can enjoy them. Please see Mrs Bergs or Mrs Thorby on a Wednesday morning if you are able to help out.

We still have lots of fundraising chocolate bars left from our camp fundraiser. For the next few Fridays these will be for sale at school for students to purchase before school and at interval from outside the staffroom. They are \$2 each. Thanks to everyone who purchased chocolates last Friday.

Last weeks Proud Pupil Prizewinners are Georgia and Austin. They are both school leaders and we already ask a lot of this group. However, these two happily did extra homework without any fuss and are just great all rounders. Fa'afetai lava you two - thanks for what you do to help our school.

Ngā mihi mahana  
Donna Soljan



### Dates for your Calendar 2019

Wednesday 22 May	Kiwi Team - Eco Matters Trip
Friday 24 May	2:15pm Assembly R10
Monday 27 May	Samoan Language Week 6:30pm BOT Meeting in staffroom
<b>Wednesday 29 May</b>	<b>NZEI Teachers' Strike</b>
Friday 31 May	2:15pm Assembly R1
<b>Monday 3 June</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday - School Closed</b>

### Walking or Wheeling on Wednesdays!

#### WOWOW

This week the school leaders are re-launching WOWOW by having a Wacky Wednesday outfit day.

As we are a Travelwise school, we promote sustainable and environmentally friendly ways to come to and from school. Every Wednesday from now until the end of the year, all students who walk or scoot to school on a Wednesday can collect a ticket from one of the school leaders at the gate entry points from 8.15-8.45am, and go into the draw for a prize in assembly. If you live too far to walk or scoot the whole way, even being dropped off and walking part of the way (150m+) counts! Let's avoid the stress and congestion at the school gate!

