



Glen Eden Primary School



4 February 2020 - Week 1 - Newsletter Number 1

Nau mai haere mai Kelly, Sritan, Gino, Noah, Elham, Asadullah, Sanah, Vidhi, Aria, Kaiya, River, Dylan, Jono, Chase, Leo, Sarah, Oliver, Sanya and Emine.

It is great to have our tamariki and whānau back at GEPS. It was an incredibly smooth first day. Staff have already been back for a few weeks but it is just not the same without students. We are all so excited about the year ahead. Our pōwhiri to welcome new tamariki and whānau will be next Friday at 9:15. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thank you to everyone who has already purchased stationery - very much appreciated. The shop will be open for one more day from 8am and then items can be purchased through the school office. A reminder that we have adopted the government's "no fees" scheme in 2020 so there are no fees and there will be no charge for any trips this year.

This year we welcome the fabulous Liz Cassidy to our GEPS team. Liz will be taking up the role of Learning Support Coordinator and will also be working at Glendene School. Liz is already well known to us as she has worked at St Leonards Road School for the past ten years. We also welcome Kelly Fakalata back to a full time teaching role. Both of these women bring many strengths and we are really happy to have them on our 2020 staff.

Over the holidays our fencing project has begun and this will be completed over the next few weeks and includes a new, secure fence around our pool. A huge thank you to Grant who has spent the holidays cleaning, painting, repairing and readying our kura. He has done an excellent job and we are very lucky to have him in our school.

One thing that Grant has done is get the pool swim ready - such a bonus to have a pool in this hot weather! All classes swim three times a week and Year 3-6 students also have access to the pool at lunchtimes on certain days. A reminder that we strongly encourage students to wear hats when outside during Term 1. We have sunblock in every room and remind students to apply this often.

Over the holidays staff have been doing professional development. Many staff have completed a first aid course and we have all taken part in Digital Technology and Te Reo Māori PD. We will continue with Te Reo and Digital Technology throughout the year. Teachers have also been hard at work setting up classrooms and preparing programmes for their 2020 classes.

Over the holidays staff do have some down time too. Congratulations to Nicole Tye who travelled back to the States for family time and also got married!

As always our door is open and we welcome you in to have a chat if any needs arise or if you have any questions about any aspect of our kura.

Again - welcome back! Let's have a great 2020 together.

Ngā mihi mahana

Donna Soljan

Dates for your Calendar 2020

Thursday 6 February	Waitangi Day - School Closed
Friday 7 February	2:15pm Assembly
Friday 14 February	9:15am Pōwhiri 2:15pm Assembly
Tuesday 18 February	Rooms 3, 10 & 14 to Mangere Mountain
Wednesday 19 February	Room 7 & 16 to Mangere Mountain
Thursday 20 February	9 - 11am Tui Swimming Sports
Friday 21 February	2:15pm Assembly R13
Monday 24 February	6:30pm Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday 25 February	5:30pm Kiwi Whānau BBQ & Swim 6:00pm Tui Whānau BBQ & Swim
Thursday 27 February	5:30pm Takahē Whānau BBQ & Swim
Friday 28 February	2:15pm Assembly R3
Wednesday 4 March	Boys Inter-school Cricket
Friday 6 March	2:15pm Assembly R15
Monday 9 March	Interschool Swimming
Friday 13 March	2:15pm Assembly R7