



# Glen Eden Primary Team Newsletter - Term I - 2023



## Nau mai, haere mai Welcome to Term I

### Topic Focus

Our whole school curriculum focus is on cultural storytelling, incorporating the Aotearoa New Zealand's Histories curriculum as well as the opening of our beautiful Pasifika fale later in the term. Specific activities to support this learning will vary across classes and levels throughout the school.

### Health PE Focus

The main PE focus for this term is swimming. Our pool is a wonderful resource for students to develop water confidence and safety, as well as their swimming skills. Each class has at least 3 swims per week and children are expected to participate in these. Please see your child's teacher if you are unsure of when they swim.

### General Reminder

It is extremely important for students to wear sunhats and to have water bottles on hand every day. Classes have sunscreen which students are encouraged to use.



## Kiwi Team Information



### Math

Students will begin the term doing statistical investigations where they gather and discuss data about everyday occurrences and objects. The rest of the term, they will be working in groups on place value, addition and subtraction with lots of counting and number work.

### Literacy

This year Kiwi teachers are excited to be involved in the Better Start Literacy Approach (BSLA). This is an evidence based literacy approach that has been created by the University of Canterbury. Teachers will be upskilling and developing some new approaches in their teaching of reading and writing. One change you will notice is that a different book may not always be sent home every night, however there will be follow up activities that you will be able to support your child with at home, so please ensure bookbags return everyday. We will also be holding a separate introductory workshop early on in the term to explain in more detail how this new approach will work. Students will also visit the School library once a week and will be allowed to choose a book to take home and enjoy for the week.

### Reading Eggs and MathSeed

These two online apps are funded by the School for students to have access to both at school and at home. Your child's classroom teacher will provide you access to these.

### Communication with whānau and Classdojo

Classdojo is a great communication tool to keep students, whānau and school connected. The Kiwi Teachers are setting up their Classdojo class and will provide you with your logon information soon. Remember you can also contact classroom teachers by their email.

Ngā mihi  
Kiwi Teachers