



Glen Eden Primary School

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

This week lots of our tamariki and kaiako have been involved in virtual class meetings and I know, from feedback, how much you have all loved seeing each other. These online meetings will continue over Level 3 as will the online learning options.

As with anything new we know there will be some glitches, forgotten passwords and the like. In the first instance please contact your child's teacher. All of our email addresses are on the website under the staff tab.

For specific logins please contact:

Matific - please email alanam@geps.school.nz for logins or for help with the programme

Stepsweb - please email lizc@geps.school.nz for logins or for help with the programme

Reading Eggs - some students have log ins for this. Please contact your class teacher if you are unsure.

If your child is in Takahē or Tui and you would like access to Reading Eggs/Reading Eggspress please email ngairew@geps.school.nz. This programme is a cost to the school so we need to register and pay for this before a student can access the programme.

If your child is in Kiwi team and you would like them to also access StepsWeb please email lizc@geps.school.nz and she will send you log in details.

Kiwi team should all now have access to Sunshine classics and should have details about this.

Devices

Last week we made the decision to send out our own devices and sent a request for packaging as directed from the MOE. We asked for this at the beginning of last week and had still not received it by yesterday. So we decided to work with what we had at school and parcelled up all of our chromebooks for distribution. At this stage we have focused on getting devices to our Year 5 & 6 students who are very reliant on devices for accessing and submitting work. We have now sent out all of the chromebooks that we own. Thank you to Alana McKenzie and Kathryn Arbon - the three of us can now add a new skill to our CVs!

Apologies for the repeated questions about whether you need a device - lots of whānau have changed their responses once online learning began so thank you for bearing with us.

We know that many of you received a chromebook yesterday and more will be couriered today to homes. All devices were fully cleaned before being packaged. As with the devices that the MOE sends out these will remain the property of GEPS at the end of lockdown. Please look after these devices as we will be needing them back once school resumes properly.

Hard copy learning packs

We know that some whānau have begun receiving this which is great. Hopefully they will be to all our tamariki soon.

Level 3

Thanks to so many of you for responding to us so quickly and letting us know your plans for learning at Level 3. At this stage we have less than five students returning to school. There are very stringent plans in place for learning at school during Level 3. We are taking every precaution to ensure the ongoing safety of staff and students. The majority of our staff will not be onsite and will continue to teach from home. In saying this our staff were eager to get back at Level 3 and volunteered to come in. I would like to acknowledge the fact that they were willing to compromise their own whānau bubbles for the benefit of our kura and truly appreciate this.

Like many of you we are missing being at school and especially missing our tamariki. We are all hopeful that we will see you again soon in a school setting.

Please continue to ask any questions via email to either Kathryn or myself should you need to - Kathryn Arbon - kathryna@geps.school.nz or myself on donnas@geps.school.nz.

Finally - please do not stress too much about the learning.
Be kind to yourselves and do what you can.
We are all here to help if you need us. As always....

Kia kaha - Be strong
Kia haumarū - Be safe
Kia mākohā - Be kind

