



Glen Eden Primary School

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Kia ora GEPS whānau and welcome to Week 5 of Term 2

GREAT NEWS! School starts on Monday 18th May. We cannot wait to see you all!

Teachers will be in on Thursday and Friday getting classes set up and back in order ready for our tamariki to come on Monday morning.

We know that every person's lockdown experience has been unique and teachers will be very conscious of designing programmes in the first week that work on whanaungatanga and rebuilding a team culture. They will be working to get everyone back together as some students have been able to engage each day in lessons while others have been unable to have contact. We know that some students may be anxious about coming back to school while others will happily bound in and return to old habits. Please know that we will be doing all we can to welcome your children and get them back into as normal a learning environment as we can.

The new rules around Level 2 at schools are bullet pointed below. More information about schools is available on this link -

<http://www.education.govt.nz/covid-19/alert-level-2-faqs-for-schools-and-early-learning-centres/>

- Parents are asked to keep any sick children at home. If a sick child comes to school, schools will send them home.
- Where possible, children, young people and staff should be far enough away from each other, so that they are not breathing on, or touching each other. This must be accompanied with good hygiene practices and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces. There does not need to be a specific measurement but where practicable 1 metre can be used as a guide, particularly between adults.
- Hand sanitiser at entry to class rooms and in shared spaces. Soap, water and the ability to dry hands must be provided in bathrooms.
- Where practicable ensure that children and young people regularly wash and dry hands, cough and sneeze into their elbow, and try to avoid touching their face.
- Physical education classes and break time activities can include access to sports equipment including playgrounds but hygiene practice should be observed after playing with equipment.
- Disinfect and clean all surfaces daily.
- Contact tracing registers must be in place.

We will still be recommending and making an effort to encourage physical distancing at school and will have all of the above measures in place come Monday. It is really important that anyone who is sick remains at home at this time.

Due to the requirements for us to have contact tracing registers we are asking that parents do not come on site unless there is a genuine need. If you are a new parent or have a child who is especially anxious we ask that you enter school through the front office and will need to sign in as a visitor. You will also need to sign out through the office when you leave so that we have a record of time spent in the school.

All other students will enter through one of the four gates which will have staff members on duty. We urge you to be mindful of physical distancing and we will all need to be patient as it may take some time. Due to the need to monitor them the gates will be unlocked at 8:15am each day next week. The gates are located in the following places: main office drive, by basketball courts, off Panzic place walkway and beside the Aiga Salevalasi.

Pick up will be staggered. Kiwi students can be picked up from 2:30pm, Takahē students from 2:45pm, and Tui students from 3pm. Your child's teacher will contact you to confirm when you want your child to be picked up early and from which exit. There will be a staff member at each gate and we will have senior students accompanying the Kiwi students to the appropriate exit.

The crossing will be monitored as usual for the morning and afternoon.

SKIDS will be operating from Monday 18th and will have their own processes for letting students into the school grounds. Like us they are cleaning and preparing their room for students to return.

In order to get school ready we are going to come on Friday morning to pick up devices from homes that are in the general vicinity. We will contact you before we arrive. This means that on Friday afternoon we can clean and charge all devices ready for classes Monday.

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.

We cannot wait to see you next week. All of the staff at GEPS have really missed you. For the last time....



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