



Glen Eden Primary Takahē Newsletter, Term 2, 2020



Nau mai, haere mai! Welcome to Term 2!

It has been wonderful getting back into learning at school and seeing how happy and settled our students are. Lockdown gave us the opportunity to trial new ways to teach and learn. We are in the process of looking at the feedback from the Lockdown surveys and thinking about ways we may be able to continue to incorporate some of this new learning and ways to connect with whānau.

Lockdown also gave us the opportunity to change our curriculum focus schedule for the year. The exciting news is that we have been able to reschedule The Lion King production for the end of Term 3. More details will come next term. Most classes will now be finishing off work on Papatūānuku from last term before beginning a focus on Kitchen Chemistry for the rest of the term. This aspect of science includes lots of fun hands-on experiments with common kitchen and household components. What students do will vary across classes and levels throughout the school.

Mathematics

In Mathematics the term focus is on multiplication and division. When tamariki first start to learn about multiplication the focus is on skip counting in 2's, 5's & 10's, they then moving to repeated addition. This enables students to develop their understanding of what multiplication means. As they progress, we introduce the 2, 5 & 10 times tables, combining and separating these to work out more complex problems.

Our strand focus is on measurement. This includes introducing standard measures for length, weight, volume, and time.

Health & PE Focus

We continue to focus on the health and wellbeing of our tamariki, re-establishing their relationships and settling them back into routines. Some classes are focusing on dance for this term while others are playing a range of invasion team games.

Homework

Homework for each class consists of weekly spelling words, readers, or journals to practice and sometimes basic facts to learn. Please remind your tamariki to bring their bookbag and homework book to school with them each day.

Library

Each class has a library day once a week. Tamariki are able bring their borrowed books home. The library days are as follows:

Room 11 Monday, Room's 5 & 9 Tuesday, Room 13 Wednesday, Room 4 Friday

Important Dates:

May

25th Samoa Language Week

June

1st Queen's Birthday holiday

2nd Board of Trustees meeting

25th Out of zone ballot date

July

2nd Last day for reports to go home

3rd Last day of Term 2