



Nau mai, haere mai Welcome to Term 2

We hope you all had a wonderful term break, and we welcome all our new whānau to our Kura (school) and our Kiwi team whānau. We are all very excited about the term ahead.

Topic Focus

Our whole school curriculum focus this term is: *Ngāi tipu Ngāi Kīrehe -flora and fauna of Aotearoa*. This will be a Science based topic where children get to pose questions, explore, and investigate the natural world around them. We have a trip to Arataki organised later in the term that will support our learning in the classroom, details will be sent out closer to the time.

Maths

Across the term students will be introduced to, and learn, the language of position and direction, including understanding $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ turns. They will also be exploring patterns and how to continue a pattern. Throughout the year students will continue to learn about and discuss days of the week, time and, with our new weather stations, understand more about the weather and temperature. The main focus of maths is around number knowledge and strategies for addition subtraction and progressing to multiplication and division.

Literacy

As most of you will be aware, Kiwi teachers use the Better Start Literacy Approach (BSLA) to inform and guide their literacy teaching. This is an evidence based literacy approach that has been created by the University of Canterbury. We will hold a whānau hui later in the term to explain in greater detail what this looks like in the classroom and importantly how you can support your child at home. If in the interim you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the teacher in charge of BSLA Salome Bergs (salomeb@geps.school.nz)

Music and PE

Students will continue to have weekly Music and PE lessons. In PE, with Mr Shouaib, the main focus will be on fundamental skills, in particular ball skills. In music, with Mrs Chettiar, students will be moving towards music performance and the role music plays in our environment.

Reading Eggs and MathSeeds

Just a reminder, 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 your child's logon information.

Communication with whānau

Communication with whānau will be through our school newsletter that is emailed and also found on our website. We also share information through the Skooloop app and Facebook and SeeSaw.

General Reminders

- * Here at Glen Eden Primary we provide healthy free school lunches. If you want to provide your own lunch for your child could you please let the office know so that lunches don't go to waste.
- * Please ensure your child brings their bookbag to school every day. This ensures that notices, library books and little readers are protected when taken between school and home.