



# Glen Eden Primary School

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Nau mai haere mai Alisha, Nevaeh, Avery, Mason & Imogen.

It has been fabulous welcoming our GEPS whānau back to school. We have loved seeing students learning, connecting and playing. It is wonderful to hear talk and laughter - the sounds that make a school! Our tamariki got straight back into the swing of school and seem to have picked up where they left off.

The students have been really good about physical distancing and are getting used to the routine of sanitising hands regularly.

Fa'afetai lava to all of our fabulous families who looked after our devices so well. We were super impressed with the condition in which they were returned to kura - thank you.

Last week we emailed a survey about school during Levels 3 & 4. If you did not receive this it may mean that we do not have your email on file. It could also mean that we have more than one email on file and this would only have gone to the person listed as the first caregiver. If you would like to do this survey please click on the link below:

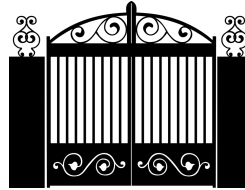
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As a result of digital contact during Levels 3 & 4 we have decided that this will be the last day that we do a paper newsletter. All subsequent newsletters can be viewed via the app, the website, facebook link or by email. Please remember to update details at the office by emailing [office@geps.school.nz](mailto:office@geps.school.nz) or by phoning Dianne.

While we are in Level 2 we are required to contact trace everyone who comes onto the school grounds. For this reason we ask that all parents who need to be onsite enter and exit through the school office and use our sign in/out tablet.

A reminder that school will be open from 8:15. There are four gates for students:

- Office gate
- Panzic Place
- Aiga gate
- Basketball Courts



Gates will be monitored by a staff member and locked outside of drop off and pick up times.

To reduce congestion early pickups are OPTIONAL for Kiwi students (2:30) and Takahē students (2:45). Any student with siblings in Kiwi or Takahē may also leave early with them. Please let your child's teacher know if you wish for your child to leave at this optional time and at which gate you will be waiting. Kiwi team students will be picked up from class and accompanied to their respective gates by Year 6 monitors. Alternatively email me on [donnas@geps.school.nz](mailto:donnas@geps.school.nz) and I will update our school wide document.

Thank you everyone who was a part of our first Level 2 pick up. It was great to see parents keeping good distancing and we appreciate you being so patient as we worked through our first afternoon.

We had already contacted Auckland Transport and the NZ police to ensure that we had assistance with traffic at the school gate. Last week we also put flyers onto all of the cars who were parked outside school to ask them to help us with the parking situation outside our kura. We were pleased to see that these measures seem to have paid off yesterday and hope it lasts.

SKIDS are operating and have their own processes for letting students into the school grounds.

We made it to Level 2 ..... Fingers crossed we can have our awesome whānau walk normally through our school gates again soon. School is much better with tamariki but it will improve further when their whānau can join them.

Ngā mihi mahana

Donna Soljan

# So good to be back!