



# Glen Eden Primary School Newsletter

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Week 09 | Term 1

## Kia Ora GEPS Whānau

Tuatahi here is a link to a TVNZ story on school lunches, part of which was filmed at GEPS. [TVNZ lunch story](#) Thankfully we are still part of Lunch with Crunch, however next year we will be in with all other schools with the Compass lunches. I have been lucky enough to visit schools in Sweden, the USA and England and see first hand the excellent quality of lunches (and often breakfasts) served to their tamariki. I would love for our students to also be fed nutritious and healthy kai. While it may seem to some that the lunches are a new thing, I have been teaching for over 30 years and feeding students has happened at every school I have been at - regardless of decile. The difference is that, before government lunches, these were prepared by school staff and purchased from school and/or staff money.

You may have seen our recent facebook post about our gaga pit. This has quickly become a favourite game at GEPS and we look forward to seeing lots of tamariki play on this. Here is the link to our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/geps.school.nz>

Every week at assembly we announce the winning whānau. Points are awarded for taiao (environments), attendance and kairangi (striving for excellence). The focus for kairangi changes regularly. For the last two weeks of this term kairangi points will be given for students who get to school on time. At the end of this term the winning whānau will be choosing a school reward. At the end of the year the overall winning whānau will earn a trip to Bounce.

It is awesome that we have two specialists at GEPS in Science and PE. Each week every class gets 45 minutes doing these activities. In Science, students have learnt about bugs, plants and loads of other things. There are currently tadpoles in the room and lots of equipment for students to use. We are part of the House of Science so we get new topics every few weeks. In PE, students get the chance to hone their skills as well as learning about working as a team. Thanks Mr Shouaib and Miss Boden for providing these lessons for our students.

We are also lucky to have a wharekai (kitchen & dining area) where our students take part in the Garden to Table programme. Thanks to Mrs Hogan, Eve and Mrs McCallum for organising the programme and teaching students about gardening and preparing food. Hopefully your tamariki have talked to you about all of the activities they get to take part in at school.

A reminder that the school leaders have decided that tomorrow will be "Weird and Wacky Wednesday" All staff and tamariki are encouraged to come dressed as crazy as they can. We look forward to having a bit of fun.

Finally Eid Mubarak to our families who celebrate this.

Week 9 Lunches are as follows:

Tuesday – Mac N Cheese with garlic bread  
Wednesday – Butter chicken, rice, roti & pineapple  
Thursday – Lasagne with a side of veg  
Friday – Chicken burger with a slice of brownie & a feijoa

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Kairangi



Whanaungatanga



Manaakitanga



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# Calendar of Events for Term 1 2025

Week 1: 03-07 February	Week 2: 10-14 February	Week 3: 17-21 February	Week 4: 24-28 February
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mon 03 Feb</b> – First day of school</li> <li><b>Thu 06 Feb</b> – Waitangi Day Holiday</li> <li><b>Fri 07 Feb</b> – Powhiri at 9.15am - Whanau welcome</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Thu 13 Feb</b> – Yr5/6 Camp meeting for parents in hall from 6pm</li> <li><b>Fri 14 Feb</b> – Assembly R7 at 2.15pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Fri 21 Feb</b> – Swimming Sports – Tui @ 9am &amp; Takahe @ 11.10am</li> <li>Assembly R1 at 2.15pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mon 24 Feb</b> – Tui classes to Twinstreams</li> <li><b>Tue 25 Feb</b> – BOT Meeting 6pm</li> <li><b>Wed 26 Feb</b> – Open afternoon from 2-3pm</li> <li><b>Thu 27 Feb</b> – Whanau swim 3.30-4pm (T-Z)</li> <li><b>Fri 28 Feb</b> – Assembly R14 at 2.15pm</li> </ul>
Week 5: 03-07 March	Week 6: 10-14 March	Week 7: 17-21 March	Week 8: 24-28 March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mon 03 Mar</b> – Interschool swimming</li> <li>Whanau swim 3.30-4pm (A-M)</li> <li><b>Fri 07 Mar</b> – R2 &amp; 10 going to Twinstreams</li> <li>Assembly R11 at 2.15pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mon 10 Mar</b> – Tui team at Camp Adair</li> <li>Takahe to Stream R1, 5 &amp; 9</li> <li><b>Tue 11 Mar</b> – Tui team at Camp Adair</li> <li>Takahe to Stream R11 &amp; 15</li> <li><b>Wed 12 Mar</b> – Tui team at Camp Adair</li> <li><b>Fri 14 Mar</b> – Kiwi team visiting GE Library</li> <li>Assembly R10 at 2.15pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mon 17 Mar</b> – Takahe @ Waikumete maunga</li> <li><b>Thu 20 Mar</b> – Local Waitakere Board meeting 6-8pm. All welcome</li> <li><b>Fri 21 Mar</b> – Staff only day so no school.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mon 24 Mar</b> – Takahe @ Waikumete maunga</li> <li><b>Tue 25 Mar</b> – BOT Meeting 6pm</li> <li><b>Wed 26 Mar</b> – Kiwi team visiting Twin Streams</li> <li><b>Thu 27 Mar</b> – OoZ Enrolment ballot at 2pm</li> <li><b>Fri 28 Mar</b> – Interschool Cross Country</li> <li>Assembly R3 &amp; R4 at 2.15pm</li> </ul>
Week 9: 31 March – 04 April	Week 10: 07-11 April	Special Notes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mon 31 Mar</b> – Kiwi Team @ Due Drop Events Centre @ 10am</li> <li><b>Wed 02 Apr</b> – Kakariki Wild Card - Wacky Wednesday</li> <li><b>Fri 04 Apr</b> – Assembly R2 at 2.15pm</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last day of Term 1 is Friday 11 April</li> <li>First day of Term 2 is Monday 28 April</li> </ul>	





# Rise then Shine is operating at Glen Eden from Term 1, 2025!

Join us at sKids from **7:00am - 8:30am** for **Rise then Shine** as part of our Adventure Programme! Children can choose from seven Adventure Categories which offer a holistic approach to play based learning and development.

Breakfast provided!



  
**sKids**





*Did you know...*

**New OSCAR thresholds from April 1st!**

## Get up to 50 Hours of Free Holiday Care at sKids\*

You may be eligible to receive 50 free hours of Holiday Care through the OSCAR Subsidy. Terms and Conditions apply.

### How It Works

1. Check your OSCAR eligibility.
2. Complete and confirm your Holiday Programme booking
3. Apply for the OSCAR Subsidy: Families must complete the application process and be approved by WINZ to receive the subsidy.
4. Get up to 50 hours of free care: enjoy quality care for your child this School Holiday.

If you're already receiving the OSCAR subsidy, you can email us to find out how many hours of care you can receive for free.

\*Free 50 hours apply to eligible families receiving the highest OSCAR Subsidy threshold.



Scan this QR Code to find out more and book sKids Holiday Programme!

  
**sKids**



# Public Health Nurse

Kia Ora Whanau

A school public health nurse is available to discuss any concerns about your child's health, growth and development. This includes health assessments, health promotion, immunisation and home visiting. They are also able to help with skin and ear infections, asthma and eczema, bedwetting and soiling, hearing and vision concerns, linking to health and social services and advice about any other health concerns.

They can be contacted via [childandfamilywest.wth@waitematadhb.govt.nz](mailto:childandfamilywest.wth@waitematadhb.govt.nz).

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# Nature Day Festival



2025

Bring Your Picnic Rug and Immerse Yourself in a Day of Exciting Outdoor Games, Vibrant Cultural Activities, Bouncy Castle Adventures, and Delicious Persian Market Cuisine!

"A Perfect Event for Children and Their Whānau."

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Free entry with registration.  
Scan the QR Code for more info

Date: Saturday, April 5th  
Time: 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: West Lynn Garden and Butterfly House  
73 Parker Avenue, New Lynn, Auckland 0600





COMMUNITY EVENT

**GARDEN**

**OPEN DAY**



SAT  
**05**  
APRIL  
2025

*10am till 2pm*

**WORKSHOPS**

**PLANT SALE**



**TRIANGLE PARK**  
COMMUNITY TEACHING GARDEN

🍏🍏🍏 **385 DON BUCK RD** 🍏🍏🍏



# Little Scientists

*April  
school  
holidays*

Space, dinos & fossils,  
explosions, electricity &  
circuits, hydraulics &  
pneumatics, fire,  
sound, light, dry ice,  
binary & coding,  
bubbles & balloons,  
goo, colours, our 5  
senses, volcanoes,  
chemistry, Easter  
science and so much  
more!

- Hands on experiments!
- Spectrum specialist at each location!
- \*Great adult:child ratios!
- Beautiful fully fenced grounds!

[www.littlescientists.co.nz](http://www.littlescientists.co.nz)







# ***JUNIOR WINTER HOCKEY 2025***

**REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!**

**HOW TO REGISTER:**

**HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE, CLICK 'REGISTER'  
AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS**

**NEW TO HOCKEY?**

**WELCOME! HEAD TO 'NEW TO WAITAKERE  
HOCKEY' AND FILL OUT THE REQUIRED FORMS.**

***FOR YEARS 1 - 8  
WE WELCOME INDIVIDUALS OF ALL SKILL LEVELS.***

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CHECK OUT  
[WWW.WAITAKEREHOCKEY.CO.NZ](http://WWW.WAITAKEREHOCKEY.CO.NZ)**

Dear parents and caregivers

The Auckland Regional Dental Service (ARDS) is a Te Whatu Ora-operated service, which provides FREE dental care to children across greater Auckland. In order to prevent any eligible children missing out on receiving free dental care, ARDS is cross-checking their own records with school rolls.

For our children's better oral health and wellbeing, our school roll will be shared with the service as required. To find out more information about ARDS, please visit [ards.co.nz](http://ards.co.nz) or call 0800 TALK TEETH (0800 825 583).



**Visionwest's  
Foodtogether Fruit  
& Vegie Pop-Up**

**Every Friday, 12pm – 2pm**

Visionwest's Food Together Fruit and Vegie Pop-up store is open to anyone. Purchase around \$30 worth of fruit and vegies for \$15.

You must order in advance.

**To pre-order go to:**  
[www.foodtogether.co.nz/products/vision-west-pop-up](http://www.foodtogether.co.nz/products/vision-west-pop-up)

*Come along to 97 Glendale Road  
between noon and 2pm on your  
chosen Friday to collect your  
fruit and vegies.*





## OUR COMMUNITY CONTACTS

 <p><b>Glen Eden Community House</b></p> <p><i>We offer:</i>          Before &amp; After School Care          School Holiday Programmes          Van pickup and drop off to GEPS          MSD Approved for OSCAR Subsidies</p> <p><i>Affordable, caring, committed and experienced staff          Small numbers allows for a friendly environment</i></p> <p><b>13 Pisces Road, Glen Eden</b>          Phone: 09 818 2194 / 021 133 0358          osc@glenedencommunityhouse.co.nz          www.glenedencommunityhouse.co.nz</p>	 <p><b>Carmel Sepuloni</b>          MP for Kelston</p> <p>09 818 4131          kelston.eo@parliament.govt.nz          200C West Coast Road, Glen Eden, 0602</p> <p>/CarmelSepuloniLabour          @CSepuloni</p> <p></p> <p><small>Authorised by Carmel Sepuloni MP, Parliament Buildings, Wellington</small></p>
<p><b>Pisces Road Playgroup</b></p> <p><b>When:</b> Monday, Wednesday &amp; Friday          9.15 to 11.30am during school terms</p> <p><b>Where:</b> Glen Eden Community House          13 Pisces Road, Glen Eden</p> <p><b>Costs:</b> \$2 per family per session. Concession Cards Available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are a local group who meet so our children can interact and the parents/caregivers can socialise</li> <li>We have a paid supervisor who plans our activities and leads each session</li> </ul> <p>Phone: 09 818 2194          Email: piscesplaygroup@glenedencommunityhouse.co.nz</p> 	<p><b>FREE</b>          INTRODUCTORY          LESSON / ASSESSMENT          3rd FAMILY          MEMBER FREE          TERM DISCOUNTS APPLY</p> <p><b>All Ages 3 Months to 80 plus          BEGINNER AND ADVANCED          CLASSES          AVAILABLE 7 DAYS</b></p> <p>Monday to Friday 3.30pm to 6.00pm          Saturday and Sunday 9.00am to 1.30pm          Classes for all ages from 3 months also available 7 days</p> <p><b>Waterhole Swimming Centre</b>          Parris Park, West Coast Rd, Glen Eden          Phone 09 818 2312          www.waterholeswimcentre.kiwi</p> <p> SPECIALS OFTEN AVAILABLE</p>
<p> <b>RSA GLEN EDEN RSA</b></p> <p>www.glenedenrsa.co.nz • Ph: 818 4219 or see our facebook page</p> <p>Thursday Night Club Night - Jokers Wild, Monster Meat Raffles, Quiz Night &amp; more          Friday Nights - Karaoke • Sky Sports on our big screen TVs • Meat Pack Raffles          Saturday Nights - Bands/Shows Sunday Sessions - Music 4pm to 7pm • Restaurant opens 5.30pm</p> <p> <b>The Foothills Restaurant</b>          All Welcome          Great Food Great Prices</p> <p>Lounge Hire available for Functions • Yearly membership only \$40</p>	 <p><b>JEREMY &amp; Linda MARPLE</b>          021 817 327</p> <p><b>AWARD WINNING TEAM</b>          Recognised for exceptional service!</p> <p>Your West Auckland Real Estate Specialists</p> <p><b>HARVEYS</b> REAL ESTATE EST. 1918</p>
 <p><i>Living life your way.</i></p> <p><b>VILLAS • APARTMENTS          ON-SITE HOSPITAL</b></p> <p> <b>GREENVIEW PARK</b>          RETIREMENT VILLAGE          &amp; TERENCE KENNEDY HOUSE</p> <p><b>www.greenviewpark.co.nz</b></p>	<p> <b>freshchoice glen eden</b></p> <p><b>Proud to support          Glen Eden Primary School</b></p> <p>142 West Coast Road, Glen Eden          Phone 813 9030          Open 7am - 10pm, 7 days.</p> <p></p> <p><b>YOUR PROJECT IS IN          EXPERT HANDS</b></p> <p>satisfaction guaranteed          we have full liability insurance          get in touch for your quote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General Handyman Services • Property Maintenance</li> <li>Painting and Decorating • Carpentry and Joinery</li> <li>Gardening and Landscaping</li> </ul> <p> <b>JULIANO EGYPTO</b>          HIRE A HUBBY          TITIRANGI &amp; NEW LYNN          021 280 7494          juliano.hireahubby@gmail.com</p> <p>Get your service now and pay later  terms and conditions apply</p> <p><i>No Job is too small, contact me to discuss how I can assist you.</i></p>

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