



Glen Eden Primary School Newsletter

Issue 39
Week 10 | Term 4

Kia Ora GEPS Whānau

Last week was a very busy one with the Year 6 dance followed by the Mayow Fun Day. The Year 6 dance was a wonderful way to celebrate our students who are leaving primary school. Thanks to all of the Tūi team teachers and all of the staff who helped make this a special evening.

The Mayow Fun Day was again a huge success with loads of fun had by all. Thanks to Bevan who ran around all day making sure that things flowed well. A lot goes into the organisation of such a day and it was really cool to see all of the tamariki and staff having a good time.

As stated in the last newsletter we are excited to announce that the school pool will be open over summer. Please see the flyer attached for times of when the swimming pool will be open.

Congratulations to Kakariki whānau who won this year's whānau competition and got to enjoy a trip to BOUNCE yesterday. The last chance to dress in whānau colours for 2025 will be next Monday.

We are still waiting for the colour run prizes to arrive. Congratulations to Octavia who was the highest fundraiser in 2025. Thanks to everyone who raised money.

On Wednesday, students will meet their 2026 classmates and teachers. All information about this will be emailed home to whānau before the end of the year. This will also have details about the start of the year and stationery etc.

Last Friday we had to call an ambulance to school for an event. This was not related to any Mayow Fun Day activities. We were fortunate that one of our parents, who is a nurse, was on hand to help at this time. Fa'afetai tele lava Katerina - much appreciated. A massive thank you to everyone who understood that if we close the office area it is for something serious and we will be giving our full attention to the whānau and student involved. We will always also err on the side of caution and will call for help when needed. The student involved is now totally fine and back at school. Again thank you to everyone who understood and accommodated this happening on Friday.

Prizegiving is this Friday 12 December at 11am. You will have been notified earlier if your child is receiving a prize and/or a certificate this year.

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Kairangi



Whanaungatanga



Manaakitanga



Ako

Happenings

T4 WK10/11 2025

DATES	HAPPENINGS
Tuesday 09 December Lunch – Chilli & corn chips with fresh fruit	BOT Meeting @ 6pm
Wednesday 10 December Lunch – Meatball Pasta with garlic bread	
Thursday 11 December Lunch – Lasagne & mixed veg	
Friday 12 December Lunch – Pizza with moogurt, carrot sticks & pineapple	Privegiving @ 11am
Monday 15 December Lunch – Chicken Burger, pineapple & brownie	
Tuesday 16 December	Last day of school for 2025 School finishes @ 12pm
NOTES: Term 4 finishes Term 1 2026 starts	Tuesday 16 December 2025 Tuesday 03 February 2026



SUMMER BREAK SWIMMING



From Monday 5 January - Saturday 24 January
2026

12:00pm-5:00pm
Monday - Saturday
Lifeguards Operating

GLEN EDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



Skids School Holiday Programme operating out of Glen Eden School from 17 – 19 December only





sKids Glen Eden
3 Glenview Road, Glen Eden
Wednesday 17 December to Friday 19 December 2025


0800 274 172
Site Ph: 027 267 8609



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FULL DAYS: 7AM TO 5.30PM
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WED 17 DEC

SANTA'S WORKSHOP
MAKE & TAKE: KIWIANA GINGERBREAD BACH
Enjoy a merry day of festive creativity, laughter and holiday magic with us as we step into Santa's Workshop! We will be decorating our own individual wooden Kiwiana themed Gingerbread style bach's to take home. Plus, create your own DIY Christmas Ornaments.

THU 18 DEC

WORLDWIDE FESTIVITIES
Create colourful origami Santa stockings to hang on your trees or fireplaces, design and decorate paper lanterns. Journey around the globe with us as we explore how different cultures celebrate the festive season.

FRI 19 DEC

KIWI CHRISTMAS
Celebrate the last day of 2025 HHQ with our Kiwi Christmas. Enjoy exciting North Pole Party games, create beautiful Pōhutukawa Christmas cards and wrap up the year with festive fun, creativity and festive cheer!



Wishing you all a safe and happy festive season!

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Skids School Holiday Programme operating out of Fruitvale School from 05 January to 02 February 2026



sKids Fruitvale
40 Fruitvale Road, New Lynn
Monday 5 January to Thursday 5 February 2026

0800 274 172
Site Ph: 027 211 4999

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<p>MON 5 JAN</p>  <p>CAMP KICK OFF Let the summer camp fun begin! Celebrate the first day of 2026 with our exciting camp Olympics, packed with games and teamwork. Then get creative and craft your own watercolour paper birds to kick off an unforgettable summer at sKids.</p>	<p>TUE 6 JAN</p>  <p>SPORTS SHOWDOWN MAKE & TAKE: DIY DECORATIVE WATER BOTTLES Summer Camp is getting sporty today! Our first Make & Take activity of 2026 is designer drink bottles - design your own decorative water bottles to keep hydrated all summer long! Plus get ready for games, sports and exciting challenges that will keep you moving, laughing and having a blast!</p>	<p>WED 7 JAN</p>  <p>WILDERNESS EXPLORERS Explore, navigate, and carve your own path using teamwork, problem-solving, and creativity. Craft your very own paper plate compasses, design detailed treasure maps, and tackle fun challenges and games that test your wit's and skills. Adventure awaits around every corner.</p>	<p>THU 8 JAN</p>  <p>TASTE OF SUMMER Taste, create and celebrate food, fun and friendship under the sun! Step into a delicious outdoor foodie themed day with delicious a'monies from solar power, craft fun pretzel necklaces and enjoy hands on activities that bring the flavours of camp to life!</p>	<p>FRI 9 JAN</p>  <p>CAMPFIRE CELEBRATION Wrap up an incredible week with soft dough creations to treasure as a keepsake from camp. Show off your skills and creativity in the big sKids Talent Show, take part in exciting games and challenges, and celebrate all the fun, friendships, and adventures you've shared.</p>
<p>MON 12 JAN</p>  <p>OVER THE RAINBOW Get ready for a week bursting with colour. Today we explore over the rainbow as we create yummy rainbow jelly cups for a tasty treat and then bring the outdoors to life with puffy footpath painting.</p>	<p>TUE 13 JAN</p>  <p>SENSORY SPECTACULAR PREMIUM: ACTIV KIDS Active Kids coaches are joining us for a fun filled mix of games, teamwork and energetic outdoor play with their summer sports session. Then, enjoy the cool fun of painting with ice, make and taste yummy treats and get hands on with sensory dough.</p>	<p>WED 14 JAN</p>  <p>COLOUR SPLASH PLEASE BRING OLD CLOTHES FOR THE COLOUR RUN! It's a bright, messy and fun-filled day of colour today. Take part in a vibrant colour run (don't forget to wear old clothes you don't mind getting colourful possibly permanently). Dive into creative process art activities and more!</p>	<p>THU 15 JAN</p>  <p>COLOUR CREW MAKE & TAKE: DECORATE YOUR OWN KITE Join our colour crew for a rainbow filled adventure! Team up for exciting challenges, creative games and colourful fun. Enjoy a special make and take activity as we decorate our own fabric kites to take home and soar into the skies!</p>	<p>FRI 16 JAN</p>  <p>COLOUR CARNIVAL We're wrapping up colour week with an extra splash of fun! Join us to dive into a whole lot of arts & crafts, games and team challenges. Exploring creativity and working together in exciting activities. From colourful creations to playful competitions it's a day full of imagination, vibrant energy and laughter.</p>

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MON 19 JAN



COASTAL DISCOVERIES MAKE & TAKE: TREASURE CHESTS & SEA CREATURE BAG CHARMS

Kicking off Water Week with us as you construct your own wooden treasure chests to fill with secret treasures and decorate your own ocean-themed bag tags or key chains to take home. It's a day filled with imagination, wobble vibes and hands-on fun with your friends!

TUE 20 JAN



SPLASHY SCIENCE

Get ready to make a splash with our STEM focused Splashy Science! Featuring unpoppable bubbles, powder shield experiments and plenty of wild water-powered experiments. Tamariki will explore how science and fun flow together through hands-on challenges, teamwork and creative discoveries.

WED 21 JAN



WATER DETECTIVES

Dive into the world of solving mysteries as we design our own Secret Agent ID Badges, crack top secret codes and tackle mind-bending summer-themed STEM missions. Sharpen your detective skills through thrilling spy games, puzzles and challenges. Agent are you ready for action?

THU 22 JAN



SPLASH & DASH EXCURSION: SKIDS SUMMER PARTY

Get ready for an epic day of water play, laughter and summer fun with our friends from other sKids sites! Exciting splash games to cool challenges, it's all about being active, keeping cool and making awesome summer memories. Please remember to bring your bags and towels!

FRI 23 JAN



AQUATIC WILDLIFE SAFARI

Explore the magic of the sea, rivers and ponds with an aquatic-themed wildlife adventure today. Enjoy craft-themed crafts, ocean-inspired painting and splashy games. Dive deeper with STEM experiments and show your creativity in the kitchen.

MON 26 JAN



Service Closed for Auckland Anniversary Day

TUE 27 JAN



BUSH CRAFT BASICS

Learn essential survival skills like building shelters using a range of materials, trying strong knots and making bush cordage from natural materials. It's a hands-on day of creativity, problem-solving and outdoor fun!

WED 28 JAN



PICNIC PARTY EXCURSION: AUCKLAND ZOO

Enjoy the wildlife up close in the spectacular lush grounds of Auckland Zoo! Pack your sunny towels and get ready for a fun-filled picnic party with the animals! Back at sKids there is more fun to be had with our arts and crafts, games and team challenge activities.

THU 29 JAN



OUTDOOR EXPLORERS MAKE & TAKE: DRY BIRD HOUSES

Construct your very own birdhouse to take home! Make Morse code bracelets, craft mini bows & armbands, and share your armband skills. It's a fun nature day full of outdoor adventures, exploring, and laughs with friends!

FRI 30 JAN



SURVIVOR DAY

Test your survival skills today for the last day of Outdoor Adventures Week! Take on our Water Obstacle experiment, play summer-themed games, and work together to problem-solve and adapt just like real explorers. It's a day of discovery, teamwork and outdoor fun!

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MON 2 FEB



MIND SPARKS

Get ready to stretch your mind and spark your creativity! Dive into optical illusions, discover clever challenges that will make you think in new ways. It's a day packed with curiosity, laughter, and brain-boosting fun!

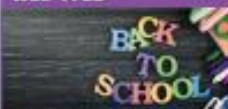
TUE 3 FEB



READY SET SCHOOL!

We are gearing up for an exciting new school year while still making the most of the summer half! Together we will create collaborative art, enjoy ice games and strengthen our friendships as we get ready to start the year feeling confident, connected and full of sunshine.

WED 4 FEB



BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY

Get ready to launch into Term 1 with a burst of fun and creativity at our exciting Back to School Party! We're celebrating with a day full of colour, laughter and hands-on activities including paperplane Pops.

THU 5 FEB



KIWI SPIRIT

Today we celebrate the last day of Holiday HQ with our Kiwi Spirit Day! Tamariki will get hands-on with FIT Hockey Pokey and craft their own Maori Tuhakoko (kites). Enjoy loads of haka, creativity, culture and classic Kiwi pride!



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**You're
Invited**



Glen Eden Community House

Prospect Park, 13 Pisces Road, Glen Eden
www.GlenEdenCommunityHouse.co.nz

Saturday | 20 December 2025 | 9am - 12pm

Nau mai, haere mai!

Join us @ Glen Eden Community Market

Haere mai (come along) for a morning packed with kōrero (conversation), whakawhanaungatanga (building relationships), and creativity! Whether you're tamariki, rangatahi or pakeke (adults), there's something for everyone:

9:00 AM	Set Up of Activities	Car Boot Market Hand Crafted Goods Second-Hand Treasures Delicious Foods Hot Drinks Sugary Treats Great Vibes Awesome People
10:00 AM	Fire Truck Visit (10am) Dependant on no emergencies Sausage Sizzle Water Balloon Fight DIY Christmas Coasters DIY Christmas Crackers Hato Hone St Johns—Learn CPR Toddler Play Room Colouring in	
11:00 AM	Popcorn the Clown Magic Show	
12:00 PM	Event Ends	

Bring your whānau (family), hoa (friends), and tāngata noho tata (neighbours) – let's celebrate kotahitanga (unity), manaakitanga (respect), and vibrant hāpori (community) vibes. We look forward to seeing you there – ka kite koe i reira! (see you there!)

Flip over for Map and Parking

RAUMATI SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

IN NEW LYNN COMMUNITY HUB



Mon 6 Jan	2:30 - 4:30PM	Movie Afternoon : Madagascar	Drop in
Tue 7 Jan	2:30 - 4:30PM	Movie Afternoon : Madagascar 2	Drop-in
Wed 8 Jan	2:30 - 4:00PM	Physics Pathfinders Workshop	Registration required
Mon 12 Jan	10 - 11:30AM	Summer Seaside Paper Plate Craft	Drop-in
Wed 14 Jan	10:30AM - 12:30PM	Creative Woodwork Workshop w/ ReCreators	Registration required
Thu 15 Jan	10AM - 12PM	Digital Discovery Day w/ CyberNix	Drop-in
Mon 19 Jan	10:30 - 11:30AM	Grow Your Own Microgreens Workshop	Registration required
Tue 20 Jan	10 - 11:30AM	Make A Clay Robot w/ Te Toi Uku	Drop-in
Thu 22 Jan	11AM - 12:30PM	Litter Hunt & DIY T-Shirt Bag w/ WasteWise	Registration required
Sat 24 Jan	10AM - 12:30PM	Summer Fun In The Park	Drop-in
Thu 29 Jan	2 - 4 PM	Lotions & Potions Workshop <u>for Teens</u> w/ ReCreators	Registration required

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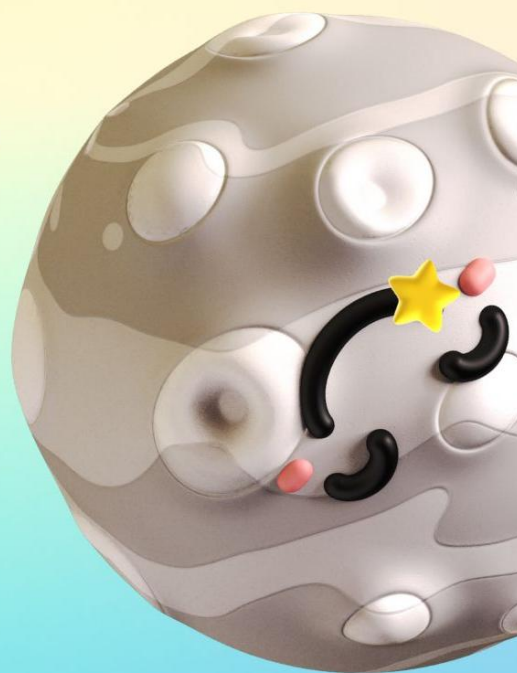
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They can be contacted via childandfamilywest.wth@waitematadhb.govt.nz.

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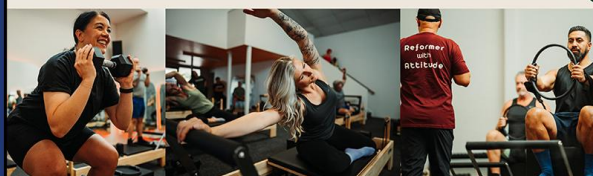
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