



# Glen Eden Primary School Newsletter

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Week 8 | Term 1

## Kia Ora GEPS Whānau

As summer sports winds up we are getting prepared for our GEPS netball season. Monica Topia is again coordinating our teams for 2026. Here is the link to the page to register your tamariki <https://www.sporty.co.nz/glenedenprim> Monica will confirm teams and coaches on April 1. Please email her on [monicat@geps.school.nz](mailto:monicat@geps.school.nz) if you have any questions or if you are keen to coach/manage.

Next term we also begin our Kapa Haka and Pasifika groups. We have fabulous tutors lined up ready to go. However we are always keen for more help. If you are able to tutor, especially for Pasifika, please get in touch with me via email [donnas@geps.school.nz](mailto:donnas@geps.school.nz) or pop in and have a chat. We are very grateful to Luisa Lam, Monica Topia and Tawnee Omlang who are again going to take our groups.

We have been issued a directive from the MOE that we are no longer allowed to put spare lunches out at the end of the day for whānau to take. From today we will have to abide by this directive. It saddens us deeply that this is happening in times when there is so much need.

Tūi team had trips last week connected with our study of kaitiakitanga. Thank you to all of the whānau who helped on these trips.

You may have heard your tamariki talk about Hungerball. This large inflatable arena is available for us to use until the end of this term. All students can join in at lunchtime and many will get the opportunity to play this game in their PE lessons with Mr Shouaib. It is a lot of fun!

Apologies to Anna who was also a massive help on the cricket day but did not get a mention in last week's newsletter. Your contribution was appreciated!

A reminder to get all enrolments in as soon as possible. There are very few out of zone spaces available.

Another reminder that our last day for Term 1 is Thursday April 2.

We would love to see you all from 2:15 this Friday afternoon. All classrooms will be open and we invite you to come and see the work that your tamariki have done this term.

*Donna Soljan*

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Kairangi



Whanaungatanga



Manaakitanga



Ako

# Happenings

## T1 WK8/9 2026

DATES	HAPPENINGS
Tuesday 24 March Lunch – Beef wrap with veggies. (Vegetarian & Halal alternatives)	
Wednesday 25 March Lunch – Chicken biryani on rice with veggies. (Vegetarian & Halal alternatives)	
Thursday 26 March Lunch – Pulled pork BBQ burger with slaw. (Vegetarian & Halal alternatives)	Interschool Cross Country
Friday 27 March Lunch – Spaghetti bolognese with spinach. (Vegetarian & Halal alternatives)	2.15pm – Whanau open afternoon
Monday 30 March Lunch – Crumbed fish on rice with veggies. (Vegetarian & Halal alternatives)	Assembly R13 @ 2.15pm
Tuesday 31 March Lunch – Katsu chicken with beans & miso mayo. (Vegetarian & Halal alternatives)	BOT Hui @ 6pm
Wednesday 01 April Lunch – Beef nachos with grated cheese. (Vegetarian & Halal alternatives)	
Thursday 02 April Lunch – Sweet & sour chicken with veggies on rice. (Vegetarian & Halal alternatives)	Last day of Term 1 School finishes @ 3pm
Friday 03 April Good Friday Holiday & start of school holidays	Good Friday Holiday
NOTES: Term 1 finishes Term 2 2026 starts	Thursday 02 April 2026 Monday 20 April 2026



# Drop In Literacy Hub

Whānau are invited to a casual drop in at GEPS library every Monday (starting the 2<sup>nd</sup> March) from 3.15- 4.00pm.

• Want to know more about how to support your child at home with their reading or writing?

• Do you have a question about how we teach reading and writing?

Come in for a chat or contact Salome Bergin  
[salomeb@geps.school.nz](mailto:salomeb@geps.school.nz)



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<b>MON 6 APR</b>	<b>TUE 7 APR</b>	<b>WED 8 APR</b>	<b>THU 9 APR</b>	<b>FRI 10 APR</b>
<p><b>Service Closed: Easter Monday</b></p>	 <p><b>IT'S TREE-MENDOUS</b> Kick off Holiday HQ with a Tree mendous day of fun! Enjoy outdoor games and gather natural treasures for activities like building miniature tree houses and crafting cute autumn leaf animals. A hands on, nature powered adventure full of imagination and woodland wonder!</p>	 <p><b>BUGS &amp; BEASTIES</b> <b>MAKE &amp; TAKE: DIY CRAWL &amp; CONQUER GAME</b> Design and decorate your own bug themed Ludo game with cute creepy crawly pieces to take home. Explore magical growing caterpillar experiments and whip up tasty Bug Bites for a hands on day buzzing with creativity and curiosity!</p>	 <p><b>GARDEN WONDERLAND</b> <b>EXCURSION: MOVIES - THE SUPER MARIO GALAXY</b> Join us at the movies for an epic journey into the Super Mario Galaxy! Back at sKIDS dive into our Garden Wonderland themed activities as we create beautiful leaf and flower clay impressions &amp; weave natural treasures into colourful nature inspired art.</p>	 <p><b>TRAIL-BLAZERS DAY</b> Gear up for with trail-blazers day and dive into survival mode! Tamariki will team up to build shelters, take on fun challenges and experiment with real water filtration techniques. Adventure awaits - are you ready?</p>
<b>MON 13 APR</b>	<b>TUE 14 APR</b>	<b>WED 15 APR</b>	<b>THU 16 APR</b>	<b>FRI 17 APR</b>
 <p><b>AMAZING RACE</b> Race into Week 2 with our action packed Amazing Race Day! Teams will dash through exciting challenges, tackle creative problem solving missions, and take on fun, fast paced activities that test their teamwork and grit. Get ready for a high energy adventure from start to finish!</p>	 <p><b>ART IN THE WILD</b> <b>EXCURSION: INFLATABLE WORLD</b> <b>*SOCKS ARE COMPULSORY FOR THIS ACTIVITY</b> It's nonstop fun today! We're off to Inflatable World, then diving into Art in the Wild with outdoor Process Art, splashing colours across nature before racing and laughing through our lively Coloured Corners game, it's an energetic day of creativity and imagination!</p>	 <p><b>GROW &amp; GATHER</b> <b>MAKE &amp; TAKE: BUILD YOUR OWN MINI GREENHOUSE</b> Grow &amp; Gather fun! Tamariki will build a mini greenhouse and plant tomato, basil and sunflower seeds to take home and nurture. Paint with fresh veggies, get creative garden to table, and whip up tasty veggie wraps for a colourful nature filled day!</p>	 <p><b>SEAS, SAND &amp; SUN</b> Where the beachy fun never stops! Choose to craft your own lobster or crab and create colourful paper plate portholes. Dive into action packed seaside theme games. It's a fun day of ocean themed adventure!</p>	 <p><b>BARNYARD BASH!</b> It's the grand finale of Holiday HQ with our Barnyard Bash! Whip up tasty Rice Krispie Haystacks, play our fun farm themed games, and celebrate a big day of farm themed adventures to finish off the holidays with a yee-haw!</p>

If applying for OSCAR subsidy, eligibility criteria will apply. Visit [www.skids.co.nz/oscar-subsidy](http://www.skids.co.nz/oscar-subsidy) for eligibility and entitlement. Please ensure all food complies with allergy guidelines. Contact your programme for detailed information. Programmes, surcharges, and activities may change, check our website for updates. Special Experiences incur extra costs for all attending children, regardless of participation.

# 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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## TE ATATU SWIMSATION SWIMMING LESSONS

We have thoroughly enjoyed working with your child as part of this year's Water Safety Programme. Seeing students grow in confidence, develop practical safety awareness, and build essential aquatic skills has been a real highlight for our team. Learning doesn't need to stop here. To continue the progress and keep building strong, capable swimmers, we are excited to offer your child 50% off their first month in our private Swimsation programme operating at Te Atatu.

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