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## Newsletter

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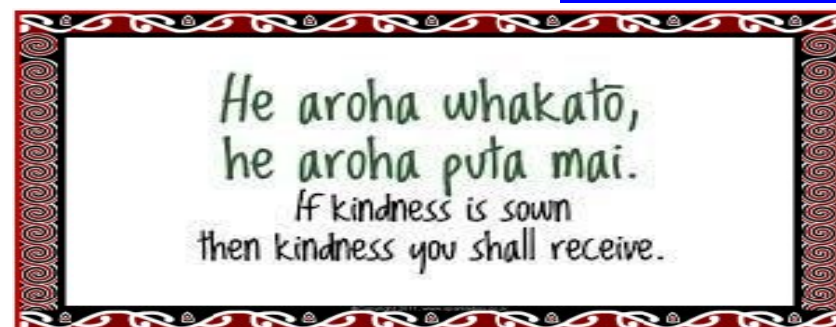
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10 February 2020

Dear Parents / Caregivers / Friends of the School

School Policies and Procedures go to:  
<http://glenoroua.schooldocs.co.nz/>  
Username: glenoroua  
Password: policies



It was great to see our community out and about at the Waitangi Day Gala on Saturday. Thanks to our Friends of the School for co-ordinating our stall and raffles, and to all those who contributed baking, groceries, firewood and time to make this a successful fundraiser. As always, our tamariki thoroughly enjoyed competing in the Top Schools event, and a number of our children were able to support a couple of our local cluster schools by making up the numbers in their teams.

Our thanks go to the Rongotea & Districts Lions Club for the opportunity for fundraising and maintaining the tradition of Top School - many of our parents would have competed in this as children themselves!

Next week Room 1, 12 parents, Whaea Terri and I head down to Resolution Bay in the Marlborough Sounds for camp. We appreciate the support our local community have given us in our fundraising efforts over the last 6 months, and promise to have a fabulous time! For some this is their first time to the South Island, first time on a ferry, first time on camp. For others this is their last camp at Glen Oroua School. Either way the opportunities for learning that come from being in a different NZ environment, and from living in community for a week are enormous. I look forward to seeing a stronger sense of connection between them all when they return, and watching the class reap the benefit of this as the year progresses.

There were a few 'thank yous' we weren't able to get to with the busy-ness of last week's newsletter. These people who have continued on with jobs throughout the summer to ensure our school kept operating properly.

Thank you to:

- James Capper for keeping the lawns looking sharp
- Jason Dermer for maintaining our pool to an excellent standard
- Kevin Strookappe for keeping an eye on the pool and making a few tweaks here and there to make sure it was right
- Lyndon Crow for ongoing tech support
- Dan Archer for a few 'fix-it' jobs over the summer
- Andrew Pedley, Heath Frank & Blake Gloyn for removing parts of the hedge so the playground can be moved for the new build.
- Matt Cassells for popping shelves up in a couple of sheds
- Andy Davis & Diane Taylor for answering a multitude of questions from me over the summer.



### New Board of Trustees Roles

Following our Board of Trustees election late last year, our board have taken on new roles to support and govern our school:

Andrew Pedley - Chairperson  
Cassandra Archer - Health & Safety  
Dion Fleming - Finance  
Kieran Finnigan - Property  
Renee Kuiti - Grants

Andy Davis has been co-opted onto the Board for Term 1 to support the transition of the financial portfolio.

We thank Marcel Holtslag for the significant experience and time he has given to our school as a board member and outgoing Chair.

Attached to this newsletter are:

- information book
  - forms to check and update for each of your children.
- Please particularly pay attention to checking your contact details are correct, and any medical updates are included for your children. If these could be returned to school by the end of February, that would be greatly appreciated.

Could you please also ensure that you return the Launchpad form that was sent home last week as soon as possible.

As Francie and Room 1 are away on Camp next week there will be no newsletter.

### Beach Education

We are all set for our surf safety day on Friday at Himatangi, and have enough transport and adult swimmers. Thanks for your support with this. Please make sure you are here by 9am so we can head off promptly. Check out the notice on Seesaw if you need further information.

### Message from Friends of the School

Thanks to all our amazing families and their generous donations!

We raised \$1533.20 towards our year's fundraising goals!

Raffle winners:

Grocery raffles: 1st Raewyn Perrson  
2nd Michelle Bishop

Special treat raffle: Jess Chambers

Firewood raffle: Tania Holland

### Term Events

- Wednesday - 3 February - First Day of Term 1
- Friday - 12 February - Surf Safety Day
- Monday - 15 February - Friday 19 February - Room 1 Camp to Resolution Bay
- Wednesday - 17 February - Lost Letter Performance - Room 2 & 3
- Thursday - 25 February - BoT Meeting
- Friday - 26 February - Assembly - 2.15pm
- Tuesday - 2 March - GO BBQ/Official Pool Opening / Class Intros
- Friday - 5 March - GO Swimming Sports
- Monday - 8 March - Year 7 & 8 Vaccinations
- Friday - 12 March - Assembly - 2.15pm
- Tuesday - 16 & Wednesday 17 March - Meet the Teacher/Goal Sharing Conferences 2pm - 6pm
- Friday - 19 March - Te Kawau Swimming - Rongotea
- Friday - 26 March - Te Kawau Triathlon - Sanson
- Thursday - 1 April - Teacher Only Day
- Friday - 2 April - Good Friday Holiday
- Monday - 5 April - Easter Monday Holiday
- Tuesday - 6 April - Easter Tuesday Holiday
- Friday - 9 April - Te Kawau Tabloids - Oroua Downs
- Friday - 16 April - Assembly - 2.15pm
- Friday - 16 April - Last Day of Term 1