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Tēnā koutou Glen Oroua whānau,

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mabel Plimmer McTavish and her mother Cassandra McTavish and father George Plimmer our latest new entrant to Glen Oroua School. Also to Arlo Wickham, Tanner's younger brother.

We are in the thick of Cross Country season, and it was wonderful for our children to be able to showcase their efforts in front of such a large and supportive group of spectators (and family!) last week. Again, I would like to reiterate how proud we are of those many students who crossed the finish line pooped, effort and attitude are everything in all aspects of school. Our team that raced at the Manawatu Interschool Cross Country last week showed this same tenacity. We congratulate Eva Holtslag on her 3rd placing in the Year 5&6 Girls race, and the rest of the team who accepted the challenge and competed amongst the Manawatu's top runners. Our Te Kawanui cross country will take place on Friday 25 June, and newsletters will come home about this before the end of the week.



Our Year 1-3s head to Sanson on Friday for the Cluster Gymnastics event. They have had an excellent lead in to this with training sessions with Manawatu Gym Sports across the first five weeks of this term. We really appreciate the transport provided by our families to Sanson for all of these, which have required pretty steady assistance over the first half of this term. We certainly appreciate being able to offer a broader curriculum to our tamariki with your help.

This week we will be using the Wellbeing@School survey with our Year 4-8 students (the age range the survey is designed for) to gain the children's opinions about how they feel about school. They will be asked questions around how/if they experience caring, respectful and welcoming interactions at school. We are looking to use this information to identify areas around well-being that we can improve on at school to help our students feel safe and have a strong sense of belonging here, and to help create a vision that encompasses these important ideas. Following on from this our staff will complete a teachers' survey, and early next term I will assemble a group of people from our community to look into what these results mean for our school. I look forward to seeing what this means for us, and to continually working towards a school environment that is tops for our kids.

Coffee & Chat - I would like to extend an invitation to any of our school parents to join me for a cuppa in the staff room at 9am on Wednesday 23 June. I would like to talk with you about the capabilities you would want your children to have when they leave Glen Oroua School at the end of Year 8. What competencies or characteristics would you hope that all our students (or just your child) had in their kete when they move on from our school? This is sometimes called a Learner or Graduate Profile; and once decided upon teaching staff can work backwards to decide upon how these can be taught at different levels to reach these goals for our senior students. If you would like to share your opinion but can't make it next Wednesday at 9am, but please be in touch, or email principal@glenoroua.school.nz.

Thank You to the Friends of the School for their recent donation of \$9,500 to our school.

This will be delightfully spent on purchasing whiteboard tables for group work, musical instruments, digi-tech resources, sports gear, books, and to cover the cost of our Beach Ed day.

We are really grateful for the support of our Friends of the School which enables us to keep our great rural school really well resourced!

Term Events

- Thursday - 17 June - Technology - Year 7 & 8
- Friday - 18 June - TK Gymnastics - Sanson
- Thursday - 24 June - Technology - Year 7 & 8
- Thursday - 24 June - Bot Meeting
- Friday - 25 June - TK Cross Country - Bainesse
- Thursday - 1 July - Technology - Year 7 & 8
- Friday - 2 July - Assembly - 2.15pm
- Thursday - 8 July - Technology - Year 7 & 8
- Thursday - 8 July - The Lost Letter - Room 2 & 3
- Friday - 9 July - Last Day of Term 2

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