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<http://glenoroua.schools.co.nz/>
Username: glenoroua
Password: policies

Nau Mai, Hoki Mai and Welcome Back to learning at school,

We are really delighted to have your children back at school. There is so much in being able to interact kanohi ki to kanohi/face to face, reading body language, sharing a space and being able to enjoy the nuances of communication that we missed while interacting over Google Meets. I would love to get your feedback about your family's experience of distance learning with us this time around, and have attached a form that I would appreciate you filling in and returning to school. We were able to modify what we did last time based on your feedback, and will be able to do so again for any future lockdowns that we may (but hopefully won't) experience.

We are also thrilled to welcome Mrs Amy Bangma into our school community as the new and permanent teacher of Room 4. Mrs Bangma and the students have been waiting so patiently for this Monday to come, and it ended up working out pretty well with the return to school after lockdown. We are already seeing Mrs Bangma and Room 4 students building great relationships, and look forward to seeing her influence on our great school.

We also welcome New Entrant Felix Yiannoutsos-Finnigan, Mila's brother who also had to wait as he turned 5 during lockdown.

Calf & Lamb Day

This great event is planned for Tuesday 26 October. We recognise the effort that goes into rearing lambs and calves for this event and will plan for ways to hold it at either Level 2 or Level 1. Entries are now due for these. As per the handbook, we require student name, animal type and name, plus \$2 per student to be brought to school by Monday 20 September. If your child plans on growing a garden at home in Term 4 for the garden competition, please let us know that as well. There is no extra charge for growing a garden.

ALSO, if all trophies and cups for Calf & Lamb Day could be returned that would be appreciated.

Lamb Drinking Competition - for some time I have been a little worried about the drinking competition we have for our lambs. Changes in amounts lambs are fed, feeding too quickly, or over-feeding can quickly turn a well lamb into the opposite. One of the intended learnings for Ag Days is that we learn how to care for lambs and calves, and so I am not really keen that we continue this tradition at Glen Oroua School. I am keen however, for us to line up a little more with what is done at Championship Day, and have a Championship Lamb trophy awarded to the top lamb across all the age levels. Rachel & Cam McKelvie have kindly offered to donate a trophy for this purpose. Please be in touch if you feel strongly either way regarding removing the lamb drinking competition from our Calf & Lamb Day timetable.



Sponsored Mid-Winter Dip

Interested students from Rooms 4 & 1 have brought home a permission slip about participating in the Mid-Winter Dip which will be a fundraiser for the Cancer Society. They will get a sponsorship form when they return the permission slip and then we will let the community know who is braving the cold water, so they can support this cause.

Events

A reminder that there is NO teacher only day on Friday. The cluster Speech Competition has been postponed until Wednesday 20 October (Week 1 of Term 4), we will hold our school speech finals in the last week of term. Our festival of performing arts is unable to go ahead. Students and classes that have prepared acts will be given the opportunity to perform them, in Term 4 to either their school mates or the wider community (depending on alert levels). On the last day of term we will hold a Wheels Day and our Mid-Winter Dip (at this stage these are just within school events).

Bits & Pieces

- There will not be any scholastic book orders arriving while Auckland is still in Alert Level 4.
- Thank you:

To Mel Ratcliffe & FisherPrint for the donation of coloured card and cardboard. We appreciate it!

To the Paper for Trees group - Who have just rewarded us with native plants because we recycle paper and cardboard. Great to add to our Native Area!

FREE Parent Online Summit - 3 days, 3 themes, 24 world-class speakers: 8th -10th October. If you want tips, tools and ideas to parent your child to be resilient, confident and independent - this FREE summit is for you! Register for your FREE tickets here: www.spectrumparentsummit.com

Friends of the School AGM
Thursday 23 September 2021
School Staff Room - 7pm
All welcome

Term Events

- Monday 27 September - Friday 1 October - Glen Oroua Speech Comp
- Thursday - 16 September - Technology - Year 7 & 8 - School Board Meeting
- Thursday - 23 September - Technology - Year 7 & 8
- Thursday - 30 September - Technology - Year 7 & 8
- Friday - 1 October - Wheels Day and Mid-Winter Dip - Last Day of Term 3

Glen Oroua Hall Committee

A meeting to establish a Glen Oroua-Taikorea Community Committee. will be held in the Glen Oroua Hall

Wednesday 22nd
September
7.00pm

Discussion and consultation with MDC Community Development Adviser Janine Hawthorne, Mayor Helen and Cr. Grant Hadfield. Come along to share your ideas.

PET LAMB Vaccination Week 21-24 September

Totally Vets Feilding is offering a vaccination and docking service for your pet lambs.

This service includes rings on tails/testicles, local, and a shot of lamb vaccine for \$10 per lamb.

Booking are required
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