



# Glen Oroua School

*Kaitiaki for our Community*

15 February, 2023

Kia ora e te whānau,

Thank you to those who were able to join us for last night's welcome BBQ. It was great to be able to share a kai and have some time just building community.

Our next event is our mini-Swimming Sports which is on Friday, 3 March. The outline for this afternoon of swimming is below:

- 12.30pm **Lunch** - whānau welcome to join children for a picnic  
1.30pm **Impact of House Colour judging**  
**Junior Demonstration** of swimming development  
**Non-Competitive Lengths**  
**Underwater Race** - 8 years and over  
**House Chant Competition & Sign Judging**  
**House Relay**  
**Student v Parent Relay** - If you bring your togs, you'll be in the race. We'll match the number of keen parents with student swimmers.

It would be great to see all students dressed in their house colours for this event. As a reminder: Kakapō — Green, Kea—Red, Kiwi—Yellow, Tūi —Blue. If you are unsure what house your child is in, check with Diane in the office, or your classroom teacher.

**New Staff** — We welcome Leah Harris who has joined us as our cleaner and is doing a wonderful job, and Philippa Love who is supporting learners from Kākanō transition to school. Philippa will be with us until the end of the term.

**Black & White Day** - Today we joined lots of schools from around the Manawatu and dressed in Black and White to raise funds and show our support of our neighbours in Hawkes Bay, following the impact of Cyclone Gabrielle. We were delighted to raise over \$140 which the Manawatu Principal's Association will make sure gets to where it needs to be.



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**Meet the Teacher Conferences**—are next Tuesday and Wednesday from 2.15-6pm. School closes at 2pm each day, with the bus running shortly afterwards. Book your conference time online by going to [www.parentinterviews.co.nz](http://www.parentinterviews.co.nz) and using the code GU5VTARS. Booking close at 9.30am on Tuesday 7 March. We'd love to see you to talk with you and your child about how they have settled into school this year, and set goals going forward.

**Absences Due to Illness/Medical Reasons** - Just a reminder to let us know if your child/ren are away for any reason, and including if they are sick. Feel free to update us by email if they continue to be away after the first day — [glenoroua@glenoroua.school.nz](mailto:glenoroua@glenoroua.school.nz). Thanks!

We have had a few children with school sores/impetigo this year. If they have school sores children need to stay away from school until the sores have dried up or 24 hours after antibiotic treatment has started as they are pretty catchy.

## Going Forward....

### In the next fortnight:

Friday 3 March  
- GO mini Swimming Sports

Tuesday 7-Wednesday 8 March  
- Meet the Teacher Conferences  
- School finishes at 2pm on both days

Friday 10 March  
- Te Kawanu Cluster Swimming (selected team)

15-17 March  
- Mahuri Camp to Foxton

Friday 17 March  
- Te Kawanu Tabloids at Oroua Downs (Year 0-3)

## Rakau's Camp - Makahika Outdoor Pursuits Centre

Zipline - Hannah Ryan

"Can I go first?" Luke asks with extreme excitement in his voice. "Yeah sure, get onto my platform." My head goes crazy with jealousy while Luke steps up onto the *Platform of Power*. "Okay give me your zoom zoom device," *Mac Attack* says, which she then connects to the zipline.

Luke steps down the slippery slimy staircase towards the bottom so casually that he looks like he does this everyday. I see him take the last step and expect him to fall down into the trees causing an injury, but he flies forwards, at the speed of a peregrine falcon.

Ben puts his hand up and 'Macaroni' chooses him instead of me, which causes my heart to break. I have known her for like one hour and that makes us besties! Besties always pick each other.

Ben hops onto the platform and hands her the zoom zoom device and Mac opens the gate. Ben doesn't look scared as he walks down the stairs to what could be the end of his life, but it isn't. I immediately ask 'Macaroni Nuggets' if I can go next. "Oh no, I have made eye contact with you now I can't say no. Hop on," I climb up the two steps towards the platform and hand in my zoom zoom device. She connects me and my adrenaline kicks in as she opens the gate. My heart is pounding as I stride down to the eighth staircase and I look down. Excitement floods through my brain as I descend into the most amazing feeling in the world.



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