



Glen Oroua School

Kaitiaki for our Community

15 March, 2023

Ngā mihi e te whānau,

At the end of the week Campbell Love and Xavier Will are joining our kura as new entrants. They join their older siblings William & Fraser (Campbell) and Libby (Xavier) and it feels like they have been a part of our kura before they even enrolled - which is how we love it to be!



We are delighted to have Jeanne-Marie Hehir (Jah) joining Rākau/Room 1 as a part of her teacher training through the University of Canterbury. Jah is local (of course with that surname - her great grandmother Remai taught at Glen Oroua early in her teaching career), and is spending Mondays with us until the end of the term, another block of the same in Term 2, and a full time teaching block later in the year. Welcome Jah!!

This week, on Thursday, NZEI members (which include most of our teachers) are going on strike. While I don't want to get into the 'nitty gritty' of the contract negotiations for both our teachers and principals, the reason we are striking and looking to improve conditions for our sector is a lot because the conditions that we work in are the conditions your children learn in.

We think that our tamariki deserve a quality education. And we want to give that to them. Unfortunately, the funding for our schools is not enough for us to give us the time we would like to support all our kids to thrive.

I understand the Fieldays are on over in Feilding at the end of this week. I'm sure our tamariki would love to join those of you heading that way on Thursday!

Growth
Respect
Involved
Tenacity



We are also really pleased to announce our **House Leaders** for 2023.

Kakapō - Casey & Iaisha
Kea - Eva & Sean
Kiwi - Lilly & Penny
Tūi - Adrian & Hine

These duos have begun in their roles really well, running awesome house meetings prior to our swimming sports and organising and leading games for their houses to play. It was awesome to see them step up really easily into these roles, and we are looking forward to making house time a fortnightly feature in our calendar.

Covid 19 Current Requirements - Even though Covid seems a little less of an issue than it was 6 months or a year ago, there are still a few things students and family members will need to do if you have a case at home...

- ✓ those with Covid need to isolate for 7 days (from the first day you had symptoms/tested positive)
- ✓ family members need to test each day for 5 days following a positive case in the family
- ✓ family members need to wear masks when inside at school for the 7 days their family member isolating.



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GO Triathlon - Monday 20th March

All students will be involved in our school triathlon (duathlon for Tupu and Kākano students because of the pool temp) on Monday. This is a fun event with a focus on giving it a go, and our older students learning to manage transitions prior to the Te Kawau triathlon in 2 weeks time. The one we held last year was very much enjoyed by our tamariki. Please send your children to school with their bikes, helmets, and togs on Monday. You are welcome to come along and watch - we'll be starting at about 2pm.

School Pool - Our pool will **close** for this summer season on Monday following the triathlon. Many thanks to the Harris, McDonald and Will families for their care of the school pool over the summer. This is a daily commitment, so it was super smart for them to share the load. I am sure so many of our community that use the pool appreciate the mahi you have done.

Te Kawau Tabloids - Friday 17 March

Thank you to all the parents providing transport for the Tabloids on Friday. Can you please be at school by 9.40am.

Our students getting right into their house spirit for our school mini swimming sports...



Going Forward....

In the next fortnight:

15-17 March
- Māhuri Camp to Foxton

Thursday 16 March
- Teacher strike, GO School closed

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

Monday 20 March
- Glen Oroua Triathlon (whole school, 2pm)

Thursday 23 March
- School Board Meeting

Friday 24 March
- Hui-a-kura 2.15pm

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