



GLEN OROUA SCHOOL

Kaitiaki for our Community

3 May, 2023

Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome back to school for Term 2. It began with a hiss and a roar with our Friends of the School trail ride fundraiser on Sunday. And what a great day it was - record numbers of riders, perfect weather, but what I loved the most was the feel amongst all our whānau who were pitching in to make the day a success. People were positive, got the job done and helped each other out. A fabulous model to all our children about how people come together for a common purpose. Thanks for the

awesome mahi, our Friends of the School - you didn't just run a great fundraiser, but a great community day too!



We are also amid the re-cladding of Māhuri/the Library, and Whaea Shayna and her class are looking forward to being back in their room tomorrow. The insulation that has been installed should make it much cosier in there over the winter terms. Later in the term the windows and doors will be replaced, and cabinetry installed inside, which will see the end of the first phase of this development. The next phase will include an extension to Māhuri/the Library, to bring us in line with the square meterage of building spaces we are entitled to because of our size.

A few thank yous...

- To Craig Bishop and the Irelands for refreshing the soil in our gardens
- Also to Craig for donating and installing a swing for our junior students
- To Fern Energy, and all those who nominate Glen Oroua School to benefit from their Fern Fuel for Schools programme. We recently received three chromebooks from this programme. It's really great that our replacement chromebooks come at no cost to the school. Thanks to the following families and businesses for their involvement in this:

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- To Eastern & Central Community Trust and Pub Charity, grants from whom have funded our replacement pool cover. Thanks also to the Rongotea Tavern, which is where the Pub Charity funding comes from in our areas. Andy Davis' work in seeking grants is fantastic.
- To the Harris, McDonald and Will families who looked after the pool over the summer. I am sure our many users of the pool really appreciate the daily efforts that you made to keep our pool in tip top shape!



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Red Kiwi Orienteering are holding the 2023 Manawatū Schools Orienteering Champs on Friday, May 12th at the Esplanade from 9.15am. For more information, please see Francie. Those wishing to participate will need to organise their own transport to and from this event.

Flu Vaccinations - Just making sure families are aware that tamariki aged six months to 12 years are eligible for free flu vaccinations. Contact your GP about this.

Supporting Wellbeing - There is a new Te Whatu Ora website provides an easier pathway to find free support for mild and moderate mental health and addiction issues - www.wellbeingsupport.health.nz

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Can you help?

Please return your **pool key** to the school office (or mailbox) as soon as possible.

We have about a dozen **school shirts** that haven't been returned following events last term. As these events involved swimming, and shirts were removed those assigned to people aren't necessarily those they took home. We would appreciate it if everyone please keep an eye out for school shirts at home, and return any that are found as soon as possible.

We are compiling a list of **local people and resources** that would help us expose our students to a variety of different perspective around the history of New Zealand, and in particular our local area. If you have some expertise or knowledge of things past that you would be willing to share with students, please be in touch.

The Davis/Capper family's ride on mower has called it quits, and with this they have decided it is time to pass the mantle of **mowing the school lawns** on to someone else. It's awesome that they have been prepared to cut the grass at school for the past few years, and we would really appreciate if someone else would be able to take up this role for the next couple of years, or perhaps a group of families might like to do it on a roster. Please be in touch if you are keen to help out with this.

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Coming Up...

- Friday 5 May Hui-a-kura: 2.15pm
- Thursday 11 May School Board Meeting
- Friday 12 May Tupu - Gymsports in Sanson
- Weds 17 May Year 3s + Māhuri to Te Manawa
- Friday 19 May TK Rippa Rugby
- Kākano - Gymsports in Sanson
- Weds 24 May National Young Leaders' Day
- Friday 26 May Tupu - Gymsports in Sanson
- Hui-a-kura 2.15pm