



GLEN OROUA SCHOOL

Kaitiaki for our Community

31 May, 2023

Tālofa lava Glen Oroua whānau,

One of the 5 principles of Enviroschools is 'empowering students' we have a couple of ongoing examples of this at our school where our students recognise something they would like or need to do and make it happen. Christian and Henderson have been trapping possums in our Native Area on and off over the last year to protect our saplings and fruit trees, monitoring their traps even on the weekend. They caught this one in the weekend just gone.



Growth
Respect
Involved
Tenacity



Other students, upon seeing the delivery of playground bark for beneath the trampoline, offered to dig it out and replace it. They have told me we don't need to get a digger in, and so before and after school and in every break this group of students, which changes just a bit each day, digs out the broken down bark and moves it to our gardens. They have supplied tools and barrows from home, organised themselves, made ramps to get up and down off the boardwalk with their laden barrows and worked really hard. Even young Xavier, one of our 5 year olds has been a regular. Ben and Dan have negotiated with teachers about what needs to happen and where things need to move to and from. The best bit, I think, is that they are enjoying it.

On Monday 19 June we will hold our **School Cross Country** on the Will family farm at 534 Kellow Road. Races will begin from 1pm, and we invite whānau of our students to join us for the afternoon. Further information will follow for school families,

As a reminder, and for those that are newer, we have a student with a **severe peanut allergy**, and so ask that students don't bring peanuts or peanut products in their lunchboxes. Other nuts are ok. This also needs to be considered when we have potluck, or bring a plate type events. Thanks for your help with keeping all our tamariki safe at our kura.

Policy Review...

This term we are reviewing all of our EOTC - Education Outside The Classroom - policies, which is particularly pertinent following the caving tragedy up North recently. Please use the details below to visit and log into our SchoolDocs website and follow the instructions after clicking the Current Review tab to check out and review our EOTC policies. EOTC is broader than just camps - it includes all our trips and activities outside of the classroom and school that form part of our broader curriculum here at Glen Oroua School - museum visits, cluster events, using the Hall for production practices all fall under this banner.



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Cluster Rippa Rugby...

Rippa is a game sort of like rugby but instead of tackling you rip off these tags. On Friday we played at the Te Kawau Rippa tournament.

Chris was our coach and I think he did pretty well. He swapped us over at the right times like when we were hurt. I would love to have him as a coach next year.

We were good at spreading out fast and setting a defensive line quickly and efficiently. An area of improvement would be positioning deeper and getting the ball out to the wings.

In conclusion, we had the best Rippa tournament so far.

By Henderson, Arleah, Ben and Leo



National Young Leaders' Day...

Wednesday morning. A crisp breeze blew through the city of Palmerston North, where a crowd of Young Leaders flooded through the great doors of the Regent Theatre. Here, they would listen to the stories of speakers from all around the country; tales of overcoming fear and learning valuable lessons.

'The most important things you can control are your attitude, your efforts, and your actions.' Those were wise words of Brad Smeele, wakeboarding champion. He had been living life to the fullest, being the first ever person to do a proper triple flip and land it. But in July 2014, he fell hard trying to perform a backflip stunt, and became a quadriplegic. It was impossible to move anything from his neck down. But he went on to say, 'don't be afraid to fail along the way. Life is leading us where we're supposed to go.'

The next speaker up was Brooke Neal, a former hockey player for the Black Sticks. She played in the Olympics and saved two penalty corners with only seconds left in the bronze medal game. Brooke told us to keep dreaming, and to ask ourselves: 'What action can I take today to build towards that dream? Who do I need to support me in my dreams and goals?'

Georgia Lines was the last speaker of the day. She was a professional singer from Tauranga, and she had met some big people, such as the agent that worked for Coldplay. She informed us that when things get rough, and you want to quit, you have to remind yourself what you're doing this for-- or who you're doing this for-- and keep going. Push through, and with hard work, you can succeed.

Wednesday afternoon. The light clouds had cleared away, as did the crowds that once flooded the Regent Theatre. Now, we would drive home, taking in the important messages that these important people gave us.

Thank you to our Board of Trustees who gave us this opportunity.

By Penny

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Coming Up...

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| Thurs 1 June | Year 7/8s to Tech |
| Friday 2 June | Kākano - Gymsports in Sanson |
| Monday 5 June | King's Birthday Holiday |
| Thurs 8 June | Year 7/8s to Tech |
| Friday 9 June | Cluster Gymnastics in Sanson for Tupu & Kākano + Y7/8s |
| Thurs 15 June | Year 7/8s to Tech |
| Friday 16 June | Hui-a-kura |
| Monday 19 June | Glen Oroa Cross Country |
| Thurs 22 June | Year 7/8s to Tech |
| Friday 23 June | Te Kawau Cross Country |

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