

21 February, 2024

Kia ora Glen Oroua whānau,

You will see on the back page of this newsletter an invitation to the Community Picnic being held here at school this Sunday from 11am-2pm. The Glen Oroua-Taikorea Community Committee is really keen to do what they can to maintain and extend the closeness of our community, and so it would be great if your family come along, plus there is the added bonus of free food! See over for the details...

Ko Wai Au? Who am I?

This is the schoolwide 'big idea' for the first part of the year, and within this topic students will be looking at their individual culture, that of the school, and our place in New Zealand and the world. Already in classes I have seen students sharing treasures or taonga that have been handed down through generations, art that expresses how our tamariki see themselves, and learning around some of the different methods that people used to migrate to New Zealand.

GO Mini Swimming Sports...

Following the Small School Świmming Sports coming up on Friday, where the traditional races across the four strokes are held for our Year 4-8 students, we will have our 'mini' swimming sports on Monday 26 February. At this event our younger students are able to demonstrate the progress they have made in their swimming as well as our house related activities. You are warmly invited to come along and share the afternoon with us. It will run as follows:

12.30pm Lunch - whānau welcome to join children for a picnic
1.30pm Judging: House Chant Competition & Signs Junior display of swimming development Length swimming demonstration Most Improved Swimmer Trophies awarded Underwater Race - 8 + year olds House Relay - 4 x 1 length Student v Parent Relay - We'll match the number of keen parents with our swimmers. If you want to participate, you're in the race!

It would be wonderful for our tamariki to embrace their house spirit by wearing house colours on the day, but no face paint, please (for the pool).

Policies for Review...

This term the school board is reviewing our Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Board Responsibility, and Documentation & Self Review policies. To take part in the review, go to <u>www.glenoroua.schooldocs.co.nz</u>, use the login details below and click on the Current Review tab. Note that if you'd like to provide feedback on a topic that's not listed, you can still do so if it has a review button.



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manaaki tangata,

haere whakamua.

care for the land, care for the people, go forward

GRIT Values Focus...

This year we are taking a closer look at our values to help to grow and promote them in our kura.

We began by focusing on respect, and using people's names when we speak to them. Then we moved onto involvement and using whole body listening. Next week we are bouncing back to

respect, and will be discussing, modelling, and rewarding the proper and careful use of our property. Feel free to continue this learning at home!

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You're invited!

The Glen Oroua-Taikorea Community Committee and Neighbourhood Support Manawatū (NSM) will hold a Community Summer Event

on

Sunday 25 February 2024 11.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

at Glen Oroua School

This will be a picnic style get-together with BBQ catering provided by Neighbourhood Support Manawatu.

NSM also supports Emergency Management especially when emergency situations arise.

Hato Hone St John will be with us to provide

training on how to use the AEDs (automated

external defibrillator) that is installed at Glen Oroua School

Members of Manawatū Emergency Management Team, Fire and Emergency and Police may be available to join us too, sharing helpful information for keeping ourselves safe.

Come along and have a chat with your neighbours!

- some you already know and those you haven't met yet.

Neighbourhood Support will bring	You should BYO
 Gazebo / tent BBQ Sausages, meat patties Salads, Breads Water 	 Beverages Picnic plate, picnic glass and cutlery Any food particular to any dietary needs you have

For more details, please call Lorraine on 027 323 7387, or email gm@nsm.org.nz



Coming Up...

Thursday 22 Feb Year 7&8 to Tech Friday 23 Feb Small Schools' Swimming Monday 26 Feb GO Mini Swimming Sports Thursday 29 Feb Year 7&8 to Tech 28 Feb - 1 Mar Māhuri Camp - Rangi Woods Thursday 7 Mar Year 7&8 to Tech Friday 8 March **TK Cluster Swimming** Monday 11 March Learning Conferences Thursday 14 Mar Year 7&8 to Tech Thursday 14 Mar Learning Conferences