



GLEN OROUA SCHOOL

Kaitiaki for our Community

19 February, 2025

Tēnā koutou Glen Oroua families

Chicken Coop...

Check out the progress on our run for our school chooks (which are currently incubating in our Māhuri class) gratefully funded by the Pat Kelly Enviro Action Fund, and supported by Kieran and Nigel. Our students have played a big part in the design and creation of this space, and are now looking to create nesting boxes, and also care codes for how we look after our chickens in a school environment.



Cleaning Position...

We are pleased to have quickly filled this position, and happily welcome Teri Carmody to our staff at Glen Oroua School. We would also like to thank Leah Harris who has been in the cleaning role for the last 2 years, and Kearney Matenga & Tom Mullin who have been our relief cleaners in this time. Their flexibility has been greatly appreciated.

- G**rowth
- R**espect
- I**nvovement
- T**enacity

Reminders...

- Please return **Most Improved Swimmer** trophies that were awarded to one student in each class last year to school as soon as possible
- It would be great to have **Rākau's camp donations** in before camp begins, in 12 days time! Please see the office if you would like to set up a payment plan for this.

Voluntary Mahi...

Last week, this great group of students noticed that there had been some trimming completed at the bottom of the hedge on our field. Without being asked, or having to advertise that they'd done it, these young folk cleared all of the branches into a pile. What great kaitiaki you are of our school environment, and what great community members you are growing into. Tu meke!



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Hero Platform...

We are delighted to launch our new communication and reporting system, Hero. An online sharing platform with a complementary parent app.

Hero allows schools to customise an online environment that enables teachers, students, and parents to **view and share content anytime, anywhere on any device**. The software is secure, easy to use and brings together all school-related information in one place. Over the course of the year this will replace Seesaw, our internal student management system, parent interview bookings and have the functionality listed below.

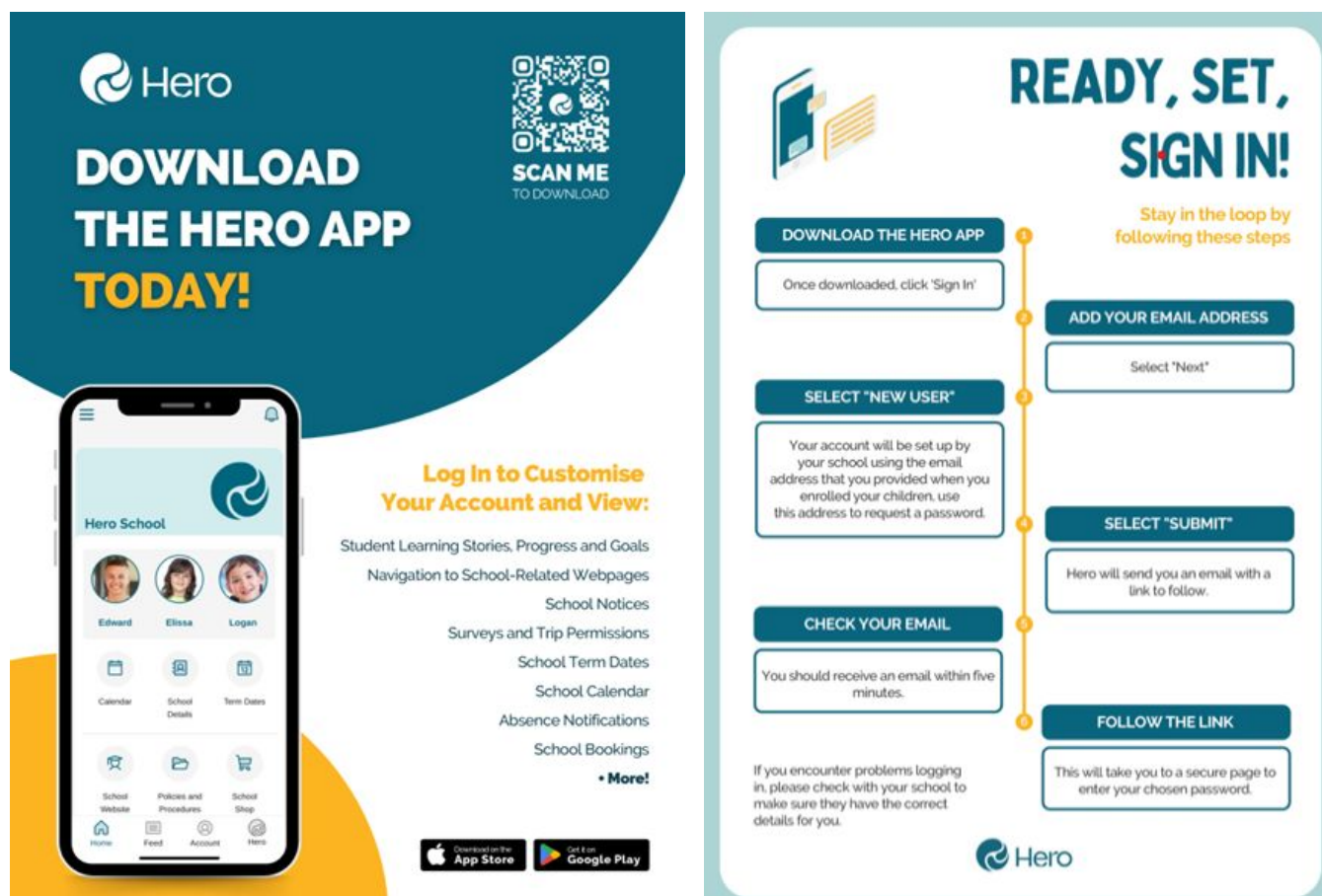
With Hero, you can:

- Read and comment on posts relating to your child's learning
- View information on your child's progress and goals,
- Read and comment on school notices sent to the class or groups your child is part of
- Respond to school notices such as surveys and trip permission requests
- View school term dates
- View a school calendar of events
- Notify the school if your child is absent or late
- Book your school interviews
- Navigate to other school-related web pages
- Customise your account by adding a profile image
- Select how you wish to receive notifications

Learning posts combined with curriculum information and goal-setting will form an online report designed to build year-on-year so that over time you will have access to written posts, images, videos, work samples, and helpful resources all in one place. We will begin using learning posts from Term 3, and the reporting features by the end of 2025.

Over the coming year, staff and students will be posting rich content to our Hero software. We are looking forward to sharing this with you, including you in your child's learning journey.

We are keen to have all our families using Hero for communications by the start of Term 2, or earlier if possible. Don't worry - we will keep using Seesaw as well until we know everyone has transitioned over. Do check it out as soon as possible though - see the information below to get started.



The image contains two promotional graphics for the Hero app. The left graphic is a dark blue banner with the Hero logo and the text 'DOWNLOAD THE HERO APP TODAY!' in white and yellow. It features a QR code labeled 'SCAN ME TO DOWNLOAD' and a smartphone displaying the app's interface. The right graphic is a light blue vertical flowchart titled 'READY, SET, SIGN IN!' with the subtitle 'Stay in the loop by following these steps'. It lists six steps: 1. DOWNLOAD THE HERO APP (Once downloaded, click 'Sign In'), 2. ADD YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS (Select 'Next'), 3. SELECT 'NEW USER' (Your account will be set up by your school using the email address that you provided when you enrolled your children. use this address to request a password.), 4. SELECT 'SUBMIT' (Hero will send you an email with a link to follow.), 5. CHECK YOUR EMAIL (You should receive an email within five minutes.), and 6. FOLLOW THE LINK (This will take you to a secure page to enter your chosen password.). At the bottom of the flowchart, it says 'If you encounter problems logging in, please check with your school to make sure they have the correct details for you.' and includes the Hero logo and download instructions for the App Store and Google Play.

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DOWNLOAD THE HERO APP TODAY!

SCAN ME TO DOWNLOAD

Log in to Customise Your Account and View:

- Student Learning Stories, Progress and Goals
- Navigation to School-Related Webpages
- School Notices
- Surveys and Trip Permissions
- School Term Dates
- School Calendar
- Absence Notifications
- School Bookings

• More!

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Beach Education...

We had a wonderful day out at Foxton Beach hosted by the Foxton Surf Lifesaving Club on Tuesday. It's really important to us, being as coastal as we are, that our tamariki are aware of the hazards, and supports available, when using the beach. We also want them to be confident to enjoy our natural spaces, and they certainly did, playing in the sand and in the water supported by a large number of our parents.



Art Workshop...

Rākau were fortunate to work with Gem Yiannoutsos this week creating artworks with stencils and spray paint. We are looking to work with Gem for the creation of our exterior wall murals this year.

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Age 7+

GUITAR
Age 8+

FOUNDATIONS
Ages 5-6

EPIC LESSONS:
These are our popular 25-30 minute group lessons with 2-4 students, run during the school day, in school grounds. Students are given their own tuition book which tracks their progress. They also earn a new coloured wristband after passing each test.

MUSIC FOUNDATIONS:
This is our group lessons for years 1 & 2 only. In this programme, they get to try a range of different instruments while still learning the basics of music including: rhythm, harmony, melody, playing together in a group, and how to read music.

EPIC! MUSIC ACADEMY

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Coming Up...

- Thursday 20 Feb Year 7&8 to Tech @ LAC School Board Meeting
- Friday 21 Feb Small Schools Swimming @ Rongotea
- Friday 28 Feb GO Mini Swimming Sports
- 3-7 March Rākau Camp to Reso Bay
- Thursday 13 Mar Year 7&8 to Tech @ LAC
- Friday 14 Mar Te Kawau Swimming Sports
- Tuesday 18 Mar Learning Conferences
- Thursday 20 Mar School finishes at 2pm
- Year 7&8 to Tech @ LAC