



GLEN OROUA SCHOOL

Kaitiaki for our Community

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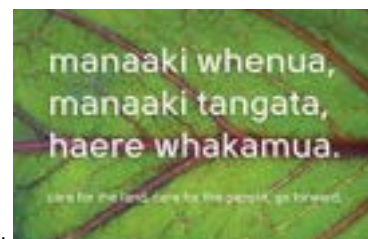
Ngā mihi Glen Oroua families

Hatching Chickens...

The past couple of weeks Māhuri has been looking after ten chicks for laying eggs for the new chicken coop.

The eggs have gone through an incubator, hatched and are now under a heat blanket. An incubator is a device for simulating a mother sitting on her eggs by heating and rotating the eggs. After three days they go into a small pen with a heat blanket, that is like a small roof that keeps heating up so the chicks are able to go under it to get warm if need be. When we got them we learnt that they don't see each other as siblings. So not too soon they will start the pecking order. That is when they start pecking each other to see who is the strongest or the weakest. We still don't know which is a hen or rooster yet. We need three hens to lay eggs. We have named them fitting names like Milkshake, Banana, Pasta, Chilli and Spongie etc. They are about a week old. We can't wait to have some eggs so let's hope they have a safe journey to the coop.

By Cora CH



Lunar Eclipse Viewing...

There is going to be a total lunar eclipse on Friday March 14 th commencing at 7.45pm. Local resident and astronomer Ian Cooper will be on hand with telescopes for those adults and children interested, to view the eclipse.

Ian has suggested that we gather at the school at about 7.30pm and view the eclipse from the school playing field, weather permitting. Ian has also suggested that if any families who have binoculars or a telescope, to bring them as well. It is suggested that warm clothing, a hat and maybe a torch would be useful. Some members of the Glen Oroua-Taikorea Community Committee will be present as well. If the sky is cloudy preventing any views of the moon, a notice will be published on the school Facebook page.

Camp Resolution Bay...

This week our Year 7&8 Rākau class are on camp in a beautiful spot called Resolution Bay in the Marlborough Sounds. They are hiking, kayaking, growing knowledge around the local landscape ie the rocky shore, antimony mining, visiting a predator free island all the while learning to live in community for the week with their peers and some of our amazing adults.



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Mural Design...

We are really excited to share with you the mural design created by Gemma Yiannoutsos of GemBol Art. Weather permitting it will be completed by the end of March.



Echoes of the Tīeke

Inspired by the history of the Rangiotu Block, once an impenetrable swamp teeming with native flora and fauna, I have drawn from these plants—mātai, kahikatea, toetoe, harakeke, and mānuka—to create print-like designs that serve as time stamps between the past and present. Small fragments of colour drift on the wind, symbolising the pieces we carry with us or leave behind.

The Tīeke - A direct descendant of the majestic huia, the tīeke was once abundant across the North Island. Known for its deep connection to weather patterns, its calls were interpreted as signs of shifting winds and impending conditions. In an agricultural community, this relationship between the land and the elements remains powerful. Today, the tīeke stands as one of Aotearoa's great conservation success stories—rescued from the brink of extinction, its population continues to grow within protected sanctuaries.

We honour and acknowledge the past, and as future generations continue to flourish, we look ahead as the kaitiaki of this beautiful land.

Manāki whenua, manāki tangata, haere whakamua.

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

Launchpad...

This year Launchpad (previously Bible in Schools) will be held on Mondays for the first half of lunchtime for those who have already opted in, or choose to opt in in the future. A desire to maximise teaching and learning time for students, along with increasing supervision challenges for those who aren't involved, and some unsurety around this taking up curriculum time in a secular school, has led to this change. We recognise the value that many of our whānau place on Launchpad and imagine you will see this, too, as a sensible work-around. The students were happy to welcome both Mrs Flemings and Mrs Merritt back into their classes on Monday, and we appreciate their, and Mrs Carroll's, flexibility with this alteration to the timetable.

GO Mini Swimming Sports...

We were fortunate to have a beautiful day to celebrate students' swimming progress, have some healthy house and individual competitions in the water, and show our house spirit.

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded the Most Improved Swimmer award for their class:

- Henderson W - Rākau
- Carmela P - Māhuri
- Isabella C - Tupu
- Freddy H - Kākano



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Coming Up...

- 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 Lunar Eclipse Viewing
- Thursday 20 Mar Learning Conferences
- Friday 21 Mar School finishes at 2pm
- Wednesday 26 Mar Year 7&8 to Tech @ LAC
- Thursday 27 Mar GO Tryathlon
- Friday 28 Mar Learning Conferences
- Te Kawau Triathlon (Sanson) School finishes @ 2pm
- Year 7&8 to Tech @ LAC School board meeting