



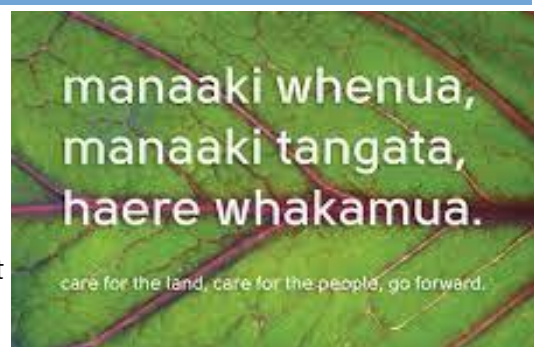
GLEN OROUA SCHOOL

Kaitiaki for our Community

7 February, 2024

Nau mai, hoki mai! Welcome back to our Glen Oroua whānau for 2024!

With the fundraising efforts and Top School competition of yesterday, and tomorrow night's Welcome BBQ, there's no doubt that we're back into it. Thanks to all those that contributed to the bake sale, raffles and security - the funds our Friends of the School raise help us be able to get many of the extras that enable our school to be well-resourced.



We are really happy to welcome Lachie's younger brother, Matthew McDonald, to Kākano and our school at the start of the year. He'll be joined by a few more new entrants as the year progresses.

We are also pleased to announce our *House Leaders* for this year:

Kakapō - Jono & Hend; Kea - Gemma & Ben; Kiwi - Luke & Leo, Tūi - Dan.

They will be supported by the leadership teams made up of all the Year 7 & 8 students in their houses.



Stationery for 2024...

Our apologies that you were only able to order the pack for stationery this year and not make adjustments to your order (ie for equipment you already had). We had been assured this would be able to happen, and so will consider this when organising stationery ordering for 2025.

Attendance...

We had the highest rate of attendance since pre-Covid times in Term 4 - with the average being 94.3%. This really helps out with continuity of learning, and relationships, so let's keep that up!!



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New Carpet...

You may have noticed the new carpet in the 4 classrooms and the Tech Room that was installed over the holidays. We're really delighted with it - it has a much thicker underlay and the carpet squares (which we have spares of) are easily replaceable if any irreversible accidents occur - which will happen! These were funded by the Ngā Iti Kahurangi programme - improving classrooms in small and remote schools - and will free up some funding which was to be used for the carpet to add to the extension to our Māhuri classroom, which is slowly progressing.



New Initiatives...

You will be pleased to know that spending an hour a day teaching and learning in each of reading, writing and maths has been the norm in our school for a really long time, and will continue to be so. We really value how these foundational subjects enable your children to access the rest of the curriculum more easily, and the part they play in our everyday lives.

Also our rules around cellphones/devices being brought to school will remain the same - for one, that they are discouraged, and secondly that if they do need to be brought to school that they are left safely with the teacher, office or principal and collected at the end of the school day. Our tamariki are lucky in that all of our staff are able to contact you, their parents, really easily if the need arises.

Welcome BBQ...

Tomorrow (Thursday) evening is our annual Welcome BBQ, Class Introductions plus a Friends of the School Meeting and we would love your family to join us. Here's the layout for the evening...

- 5:30pm Pool open for families to swim (A helper or two to cook sausages would be wonderful)
- 6:00pm Kai in courtyard, sausage sizzle provided by the school
Whānau, please bring salad to share + plates, cutlery, cups and drinks
- 6:30-7:30pm *Class Intros*
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| 6:30pm | Kākano |
| 6:45pm | Tupu |
| 7:00pm | Māhuri |
| 7:15pm | Rākau |
- 7:30pm Friends of the School Meeting in Rākau - all welcome!



Please come along, make connections with other school families, and learn about what's happening for your children at GO this year.

Intergenerational Buddy Reading Programme...

Neighbourhood Support Manawatu (NSM) runs an Intergenerational Buddy Program in which volunteer buddies visit schools once a week to read with the students, trade stories, and have a bit of fun! The goal of the program is for kids to connect with older generations to form relationships and develop communication skills. Connecting kids with older generations has health and cognitive benefits for elderly and learning and development benefits for kids.

We're excited to share that this program is coming to our school in Term One and you have the chance to be involved. Buddies can be adults of any age, but elderly and grandparents are particularly popular with the kids. If you or someone you know wants to get involved, then complete this online form (via our Facebook page), or give Lorraine Thompson from Neighbourhood Support Manawatu a call on 027 3237 387 or email gm@nsm.org.nz.

Let's help Neighbourhood Support grow this program so more kids in our district can enjoy the benefits of quality time with our adults and elderly.

Enjoying the Top School

Slippery Slide...



Celebrate Summer!

With Neighbourhood Support Manawatu



You're invited!

The Glen Oroua-Taikorea Community Committee and Neighbourhood Support Manawātū (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 Manawātū 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gazebo / tent BBQ Sausages, meat patties Salads, Breads Water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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



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Coming Up...

Thursday 8 Feb	Welcome BBQ from 5.30pm
Thursday 15 Feb	First Tech Session Y7-8
Friday 16 Feb	Hui-a-Kura 2.15pm
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 - Rangī Woods
Thursday 7 Mar	Year 7&8 to Tech
Friday 8 March	TK Cluster Swimming

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