



Glendene School and community Empowers children with Confidence, Knowledge and Opportunities (GECKO)

24th February 2021

Tenā koutou, talofa lava, fakalofa lahi atu, malo e lelei, bula vinaka, kia orana, namaste, marhaban, salam alaykum, nei hou and greetings to our Glendene School whānau.

Thank you for returning your tamariki/children to school straight away. We were hoping that we would have an uninterrupted term to begin our year off with but unfortunately that did not happen. Last week it was good to see some of you engage in **Distance Learning** but please remember digital learning is only one way of learning. We have ideas on our website and there are more ideas at the end of this newsletter on different learning ideas you can try at home. I know you have great ideas of your own so please send them in so we can add them to our list.

Just a reminder about the Glendene Gecko positive behaviours we are focusing on first are:

- Look after yourselves
- Make new people and visitors welcome
- Be ready for learning
 - Listen and follow instructions



We are so lucky to be able to offer our Year 3-6 students swimming lessons from trained instructors for free. **Duck'n'Dive** will continue until 5th March. Please note that unless we hear from you students will be swimming as it is part of our school curriculum. We have spare swimming togs and towels available at school.

Free School Lunches Programme Kaupapa

- All lunch boxes are named
- Leftover food goes home in named box
- "Have a try" of new food
- Sit and eat before play

Fruit in Schools started again this week so children are enjoying fresh fruit for snacking.

**Soifual ma le manuia,
Sepora Mauigoa
Principal**

Term 1, 2021 Events-Please note these events may be subject to change

Week	Date	Event
3	Mon 22/02	Duck'n'Dive lessons start - 1st week
4	Mon 01/03 Wed 03/03	Duck'n'Dive lessons continue - 2nd week Reading Together workshop
5	Tues 09/03 Wed 10/03 Thurs 11/03 Fri 12/03	Te Atatu Cluster Softball Reading Together workshop Save day – Te Atatu Cluster Softball WAPA 2020 Teacher Only Day-SCHOOL CLOSED
6	Tues 16/03	Reading Together workshop Future Leaders Day Trip
7	Tues 24/03	Reading Together workshop
8	Tues 30/03 Thurs 01/04 Fri 02/04	Board of Trustees Meeting Kelston Kāhui Ako Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED Good Friday - SCHOOL CLOSED
9	Mon 05/04 Tues 06/04 Thurs 08/04 Fri 09/04	Easter Monday - SCHOOL CLOSED Easter Tuesday - SCHOOL CLOSED Learning Meetings (parent interviews) 2.15pm to 7.15pm Muft-Day for St Johns
10	Tues 13/04 Fri 16/04	Zoo Trip - Whole School Last day of Term 1 - School finishes at 3pm

Health Tips

A reminder to please use the Covid QR codes when you come to school. We are continuing to monitor handwashing at school and encouraging children to cough into their elbows. If your children are unwell please keep them at home.

Please have a bedtime routine so children can be ready for school and ready for learning. If children are falling asleep at school, we will contact you to come and take them home.

Home Learning Ideas for 5-11 year olds

1. How to tie shoe laces
2. How to tell the time
3. Doing chores
4. Writing your full name
5. Learning your address
6. Learning new waiata/songs, poems, karakia, tauloto
7. Learning family stories-how did you get your name, when did your family come to Aotearoa
8. Learning your pepeha
9. Drawing changes you see out the window
10. How to get changed quickly
11. How to follow a recipe
12. How to make a meal plan and grocery list on a budget
13. How to write a resume / CV
14. Telling stories
15. Walking/cycling around the block and drawing a route
16. How to look after the house (mow the lawn, do the recycling, budget and pay bills).

17. How to be a good citizen (mow your neighbour's lawn...)
18. How to read (ask questions about what they're reading, read together, make predictions, discuss why characters behave the way they do)
19. How to write (keep a journal, keep a gratitude list, write instructions for something, write alternative endings to favourite stories or movies, write a story, keep a book of facts)
20. How to advocate for a positive change in the world (write a letter, sign a petition, join an on-line group)
21. How to maintain a vehicle (how to check the oil, change a tyre)
22. Build fitness (do yoga, play tiggly, play netball/soccer, shoot hoops)
23. Build fine motor skills (draw, knit, colour, crochet, cross stitch, sew, weave)
24. Go outside. Walk, bike. Keep at least 10 m away from other people.
25. How to exist without the internet.
26. Talk about dreams, hopes, fears.
27. Have children research what they're interested in (future careers)
28. STEAM (Science/Technology/Engineering/Arts/Maths) challenge (build towers etc)
29. Write own daily learning plans
30. How to write thank you letters to your grandparents, aunties, parents etc.
31. How to decorate your room, your home
32. How many times can you jump/hop/skip in a minute
33. Learn a new craft

Board of Trustees Corner

Greetings from the School Board of Trustees.

We are delighted to have our returning families and children for another year. A very warm welcome is extended to our new whanau and tamariki; thank you for choosing Glendene School.

Once again, we are all aboard our Glendene waka for the year 2021. We are privileged to have a very capable, dedicated and experienced team of teachers and support staff. The course for the year has been plotted and with our very talented Principal at the helm, we are confident that our tamariki will be nurtured, challenged, inspired...and taught the difference between there, their and they're! We also acknowledge the important role of whanau as the primary carers and educators of our tamariki. We are co-steerers so let us be involved, engaged and connected with our tamariki. Let us also be encouraged to develop an interest in what our tamariki are learning, communicate more with their teachers and build new friendships within our wider Glendene community. To everyone aboard our waka for the year 2021, may we be encouraged by these wise words from the amazing tennis player, Arthur Ashe, "Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can".

Look after ourselves, Look after others, Look after our place, Our Best Always.

Upcoming Reminders:

<u>Duck'n'Dive Swimming Lessons</u> These lessons started on Monday 23 February and end on Friday 05 March. All children must participate in these lessons. Children not swimming will require a medical certificate from the doctors or a letter from the parent or caregiver.	<u>Reading Together Workshop</u> Our first Reading Together workshop starts on Wednesday 03 March from 2pm to 3pm for our Kakano Families (Rooms 1 – 4) in the school hub with our wonderful learning support co-ordinator Liz Cassidy. Hope to see you all there, we will provide hot beverages and biscuits.
<u>WAPA 2020 TEACHER ONLY DAY</u> NO SCHOOL THIS DAY Friday 12 March 2020 Please make arrangements for your children for this day.	<u>SKIDS AFTER SCHOOL CARE</u> At Glendene School from 3pm to 6pm Please go to the link below for more information on costs and how you can enrol your child for SKIDS after school care https://www.skids.co.nz/locations/glendene/
<u>STATIONERY PACKS</u> Thank you to all our families who have paid for their children's stationery pack or have arranged a time payment with Cecilia in the school office. Stationery packs have been issued to children so they can start their learning. Cecilia will be in contact with you if you have not yet made payment.	<u>UNIFORMS</u> Our stock of uniforms has arrived!! If you have a back order, please see Cecilia in the office. All children must wear correct school uniform at all times. Children with incorrect uniform will be sent to the school office and families will be reminded that our school uniform is compulsory.

For more information in regards to this newsletter or for any enquiries, please contact Cecilia in the school office by Email: office@glendene.school.nz, Phone: (09)8388603, Text: 02108475283.

THE GLENDENE GECKO WAY

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After our Place.

*Ko au, Ko ia, Ko tō tatou nei turangawaewae ka tiaki.
Ko to tātou pai rawa i ngā wa katoa.*

