

GLEN MASSEY SCHOOL

G A Z E T T E

Friday 15th March 2024

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Coming Up in Term 1

March 19th

Waka Kopapa Racing

March 25th

*School closes at 12.30pm for
Teacher Union meetings*

*March 29th & April 2nd
School closed for Easter*

April 4th

4 Year Old Visit @ 2pm

April 12th

Last Day of Term 1

Year 7 & 8 Technology

March 20th

April 3rd

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia ora Everyone

REMINDER - Teachers Paid Union Meetings

On Monday 25th March school will be closing at 12:30pm as all teaching staff will be off site attending NZEI Paid Union Meetings in Huntly. This is beyond our control as it is part of the Teachers Collective Agreement. We will have no teaching staff available to teach classes that afternoon. The Bus will run in the morning as normal and at 12:30pm. You will need to advise the office if your child is being picked up or going on the afternoon bus as normal at 12:30pm.

Principal Trip to Wellington

Last week from Wednesday to Friday I was on a tour to Wellington with 8 other Principals. Some of the positives from the trip were:

- School Visit to Dyer Street school in Lower Hutt - Lee Ewington (Principal) walked us through their successes and challenges in a low socio economic environment - a young principal with a huge heart, great work ethic and who always plays it straight
- Visit to Lynker Analytics - talked to them about AI in the education sector and was also able to see Garry Peek of Peek Robotics to understand the importance of digital competency for our aakonga.
- Walk through of NZCIS - New Zealand Campus of Innovation and Sport - Wellington Poua (Women's Rugby) Coach and ex principal Ngatai Walker walked us through the amazing complex and talked to us about how education needs to link to real life.

It was great to see other schools/kura and realise how lucky we are in terms of our environment and also our students. A good reminder!

ROOM 4 Camp - Room 5 Camp.

Thanks to our wonderful parents who were able to join Mr Down and Miss Roberts for the Room 4 camp at Karakariki and Pirongia. The weather was fantastic and from all reports the students had plenty of fun.

Mr Down is currently planning the Room 5 Camp to Mangawhai Heads and will send information home before the end of the term, regarding the programme and other details.

ASSEMBLIES 2024 - Reminder that if you wish to join our assemblies each week, they have moved to the afternoon and students will be released from assembly to go home for the weekend.

Waka kopapa - This has been postponed to next Tuesday due to the poor weather forecast for today. Next Tuesday is looking much better. The same programme and start times will apply.

Swimming Pool - Our classes are no longer doing regular swimming so the swimming pool will shut after next weekend. Thanks to all of our helpers who have maintained the pool over the summer period. You are invaluable!

New SMS Coming Soon

We are currently transitioning from our previous Student Management System (the computer program that we use for all our student data, records, attendance, finances, reporting etc) to a new provider called Hero. Once we make this change all communication will be done via Hero. Keep an eye out—we will let you know when this is happening and what you need to do. For now—just watch this space!

Whakatuaki (Provider)

Ko au te whenua. Ko te whenua ko au. I am the land and the land is me.

Thought for the week

You can learn many things from children. How much patience you have for instance.

School Values:

FRIENDLINESS – *Taking an interest in people and going out of your way to make others feel welcome.*

WHAKAHOAHOA – *Whakahoahoa ki ngātehi atu, me te manaaki tangata ahakoa ko wai.*

Parent Tip

Kids learn by watching their parents. Modelling appropriate, respectful, good behaviour works much better than telling them what to do.

Tamariki Tip

Making other people feel good makes you feel good too. Try it.

*Heoi anō tāku mō nāianeī
That's all for now*

*Rodney Montford
Principal/Tumuaki*

Student Achievers

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