

# GLEN MASSEY SCHOOL

# G A Z E T T E

## Coming Up in Term 2

May 7th

Kids Lit Quiz for the GMS team

May 9th

Winter Sports lunch orders due in

May 14th

Last day for Lucky Book Club Issue 3 orders

May 16th

4 Year Old School Visit @ 2pm

May 17th

Senior Winter Sports @ Te Akau

May 20th

Oxford Pie order forms due in

May 29th

Oxford Pie collection day

May 31st

Teacher Only Day—School closed

June 3rd

Public Holiday—School closed

June 6th

4 Year Old School Visit @ 2pm

June 10th

Cohort Entry Day for New Entrants

June 20th

Tough Guy n Gal Mud Run—more info to follow

June 27th

4 Year Old School Visit @ 2pm

June 28th

Matariki Public Holiday—School closed

July 1st & 2nd

Parent Teacher Meetings

July 6th

Last Day of Term 2

## Year 7 & 8 Technology

May 1st, May 15th, May 29th

June 12th, June 26th

## Wednesday 1st May 2024

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koutou katoa

Welcome back - Term 2. We are now moving into our winter terms. Children will be busy with winter sports practices and games. Enjoy it! It may seem hectic but it's pretty cool seeing them all out there giving their best each Saturday morning. Hopefully I will see some of you out and about on various Saturday mornings at the grounds. Come and have a chat if you see me, otherwise I will stand around like Nigel - no friends and just enjoy watching.

Nau mai, haere mai. Welcome to our new students Nikita Wiggins in Rm 5 and Flynn Abraham in Room 1. Have a great first week with us!

### New School Management System - HERO

Hopefully by now all of you have been able to download the HERO school app. This will be our main communication tool and reporting tool going forward so it is really important to get this sorted if you have not.

**Well Done** - Brent Cooper-Kerapa was selected to play in a regional basketball tournament over the holiday period with students from the other surrounding Ngāruawāhia schools. Here are a few lines from the coach. Awesome Brent - we are all proud of you.

*'Representing Glen Massey, - Brent Kerapa proved that size isn't everything, utilising his deep understanding of our offensive strategies to outplay taller opponents. Brent was our top point scorer.'*

### ANZAC Ceremony

Well done and thanks to those students/parents who represented Glen Massey School at the ANZAC Ceremony in Ngāruawāhia last week.



## Reporting/Parent Meetings

Reports to be parents will all be done through HERO from this term onwards. Reports for each child will be available on HERO by the end of Week 9 and then parent/teacher meetings will be on the Monday and Tuesday of Week 10. Bookings for meetings will be available from Monday 17th June.

## Assemblies 2024

**Reminder** that if you wish to join our assemblies each week, they are each Friday afternoon at about 2:15pm and students will be released from assembly to go home for the weekend.

## Attendance

There is a massive push on attendance by the government that is being put on schools to manage. The acceptable level of attendance is 90% - which equates to one day off every fortnight. To me, even one day off a fortnight is quite a lot (20 days every school year - 4 weeks).

We need our students to be at school - You are the parent, and it is your responsibility to make sure students are coming to school. 'I don't want to go to school today' is not a good reason to let them stay at home.

We have an attendance officer attached to our school now. In the first instance of repeated absences, I will contact parents to see what we can do to help get children to school. If it then continues, our attendance officer will become involved and be visiting families.

Let's make a big effort on this - there have been some real patterns emerge since COVID, like Mondays and Fridays off school for many kids.

This table from the MoE represents the impact of non-attendance during your child's time at school.

**1 or 2 Days a week doesn't seem like much but....**

<b>If your child misses...</b>	<b>Over their 13 years of schooling, that's...</b>
1 day every 2 weeks	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	Over 2.5 years of school missed
2 days per week	Over 5 years of schooling missed
3 days per week	Nearly 8 years of schooling missed

**Whakatauki (Proverb):**

*Hurihia to aroaro ki te ra tukuna to atarangi kia taka ki muri i a koe - Turn your face towards the sun and the shadows will fall behind you.*

**Thought for the week:**

*All my life I thought air was free until I bought a bag of chips*

**School Values:**

*Courage is going from failure to failure without losing enthusiasm*

*Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage*

**Parent Tip**

*If your kids suddenly start getting along and being nice to each other for no reason, be very suspicious*

**From our Tamariki**

*A 6yo, watched his father pour draino down the bathroom sink.*

*'Whats that, Dad?'*

*Dad replied 'It dissolves whatever is clogging up your drains'*

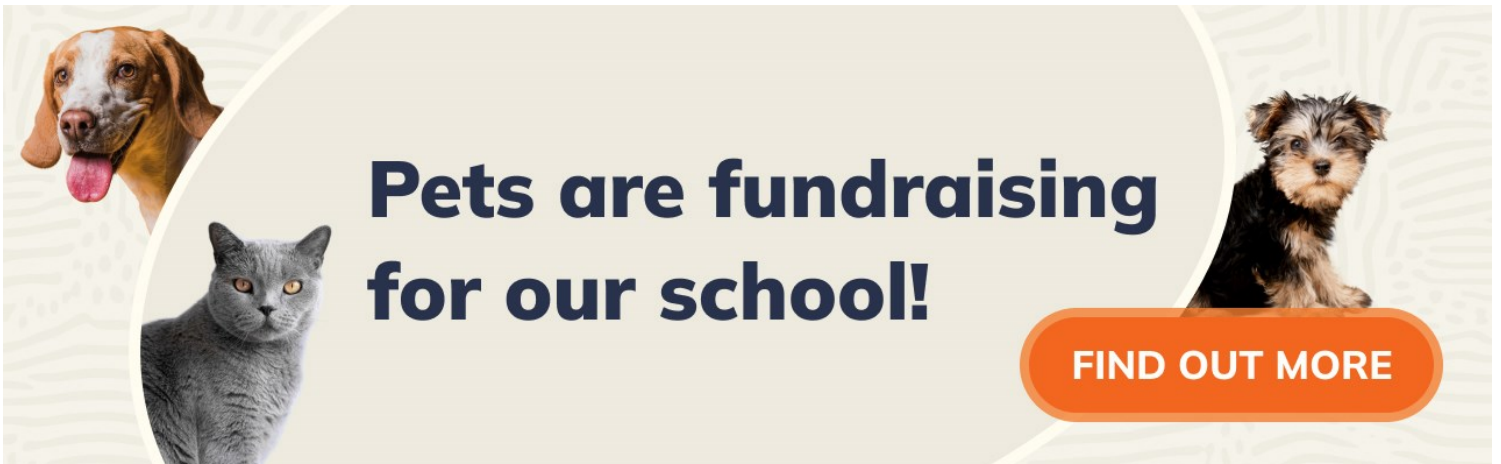
*'Cool, will it even dissolve the screwdriver I put down there?'*

*Heoi anō tāku mō nāianeī*

*That's all for now*

*Rodney Montford*

*Principal/Tumuaki*



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for our school!**

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# Student Achievers

Congratulations to all Term 1 Award Winners!









THANK YOU

Ngaruawahia Lions Club



*The Ngaruawahia Lions Club recently helped us purchase new reading books for the junior classes. These books were needed to help us teach structured literacy according to the new requirements.*

*We love our new books. Thanks Lions!*



# Glen Massey School PTA

Working together to support our School



**Keep your pets healthy AND fundraising for our school.**

We've teamed up with the crew at My Rover to help our fundraising efforts through the Pets Of The School (POTS).

Sign your dog or cat up for regular flea and worm treatments at **the same price you pay elsewhere** and up to \$5 from every box goes directly to your school every month.

Prices start at \$26.99/m (or just \$6.22/w), with all the profits sent directly back to our school.

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- ✓ First month **free** for every pet
- ✓ **Cancel any time**

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Happy Mother's Day!

# Mother's Day Family Night



Join us in celebrating all mums this Mothers day with loads of FREE entertainment, games, crafts and MORE. Bookings essential.

**Date:** Thursday 9th May 2024

**Time:** 5.00 - 7.00pm

## Activities and fun for the whole family

- Make a Gift for Mum. These include a Scrunchie, Eye Mask, Sand Art Card, Flower Craft.
  - Colouring Station
  - Face Painting and More at Bunnings Te Rapa!
- Community Groups instore:  
Mobility Dogs, Hamilton-Waikato Guinea Pig Club,  
Hamilton Blind Social Group.



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