

# Glenholme School Newsletter

Week 8, Term 3, Thursday 16th September 2021

## *PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE*

Kia ora koutou,

It is wonderful to have just about all our tamariki back at school and settled into their learning after the disruption of another Lockdown. Thank you to our whānau who kept up the learning either by using online options or assisting their tamariki with hard pack activities.

Once again I need to thank the classroom teachers for the effort that they put into online learning with varied and exciting content. The videos on SeeSaw were wonderful and a credit to the acting ability of the teachers.

Thank you also to Mrs Norton and Whaea Susan for coming into school during Level 3 to teach our two bubbles. Thank you to all our staff members who worked hard during Lockdown to support our teachers, students and whānau.

As you will all be aware, our major focus during Term 3 was our whole school production. We have postponed the production until the end of Term 4. The new dates are Wednesday 8th December and Thursday 9th December. As we have done previously, half of the school performs on each day with a matinee and then an evening show. We look forward to being at Alert Level 1 by then so that the production can go ahead and our tamariki can showcase their talents.

This week our whole school has been taking part in Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. At 12.00pm on Tuesday all New Zealanders were encouraged to stop and take part in a moment for te reo māori. We had a school wide zui and joined together to sing Tutira Mai and Kia Kaha Ra. We hope that our kura helped to set the world record for people speaking and celebrating an endangered, indigenous language at the same time.

Ngā mihi  
Sarah Thompson

*Touch Rugby Term 4*

The Term 4 touch rugby season starts up at the beginning of next term. Touch is an after school competition so please be aware that it is the parents/caregivers/whanau responsibility to get their child to and from the games. If possible we would like to keep the same teams we had in Term 1 while also allowing other students to join. The competition will run every week through to the end of Term 4 at the Westbrook Rugby Fields. Here is some important information from Touch Rotorua;



- The grading tournament is on **Saturday 16 October** (second week of the holidays). We hope that all teams and coaches will be available that Saturday. We will let you know the time frames once we have this information.
- Once the competition starts in Week 1 of Term 4, Year 5-8 teams will play on Tuesdays (starting 19th Oct), and Year 1-4 teams will play on Wednesdays (starting 20th Oct)
- The competition will run for approximately 8 weeks

For the school to compete in this competition we require at least one coach per team. A teacher will manage the teams, but we need a parent/whanau member to coach (Rotorua Touch Assoc. will supply referees). **No Coaches. No Teams!** The fees have increased for term 4. The subsidised fee for Term 4 is \$25 per child which includes the use of the sports uniform which must be returned clean and dry, at the end of the season.

Teachers in charge of touch are;

Mrs Kiel - Pukehangi Teams, Whaea Jodene - Tihiōtonga Teams and Whaea Kylie - Whakapoungakau Teams

## A5 Poetry

Kahurangi is the gloaming sky and the beautiful emperor butterfly.  
Kahurangi is the taste of tiny, cute black currants.  
Kahurangi smells like Fresh blue asters and the salty beach.  
Kahurangi makes me feel in the blue zone because it is a sad colour.  
Kahurangi is the sound of an aggressive waterfall crashing down and the cold breeze hitting my chest.  
Kahurangi is the calm river, and the humongous mount everest.  
Kahurangi is stressed and sadness  
Kahurangi is loneliness.  
Kahurangi is my favourite colour.

By Prabhleen

PARAURI IS BROWN

Parauri is wood and earth.

Parauri is the sound of birds singing and leaves that crunch.

Parauri smells like chocolate and coffee.

Parauri makes me feel like I have fresh skin.

Parauri makes me feel warm because it's cold outside

Parauri is the taste of freshly baked bread and spices.

Parauri is a mud pool at the Government Gardens.

Parauri is the sand at the beach and the Redwood trees

Parauri is the wholeness of Earth, wood and stone

By Kalani

KOWHAI IS YELLOW

Kowhai is the taste of honey, sweet, dry and bitter.

Kowhai smells like fresh pies out of the oven, delicious, savory and rich.

Kowhai makes me feel happy because it's the sun, excitement and joy.

Kowhai the sound of courage, me cheering for my friends in a race.

Kowhai is the desert, the beach and the pyramids of Egypt.

Kowhai is to keep trying in everything you do.

Kowhai is pleasure, happiness and gratitude.

Kowhai is my favourite colour.

## COVID-19 Information for Parents and Whanau

### For school-aged children

- We want everybody in New Zealand to be well, and they can help do that.
- Talk to your child about playing safe when they're with their friends. Remind them to keep a safe distance in a way that they're 'not breathing' on each other.



- Tell them that their teacher might have some extra rules and it's important that they follow their teacher to keep everyone safe.
- Remind your child to always wash their hands before and after eating, playing outside, playing with others, after sporting activities, after playing on hard surfaces including outdoor play areas.
- Explain to your child that they should not share their lunch or any other food and drink.
- Let your child know that they will see more cleaning of their school and their classroom.
- Let them know that some children and adults may wear a face covering in school and there will be some who are not. Explain to them that it's a personal decision and it's important that we respect their choice.

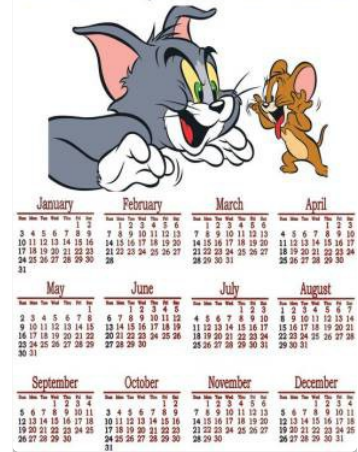
## *Play it safe*

- Children should be going to their early learning service or school.
- If your child is sick, they should stay at home. Children who arrive at school or an early learning service sick will be sent home.
- If your child is awaiting a COVID-19 test result or is in isolation, they should stay at home.
- Remind them that COVID-19 is still out there so it's important that they play it safe and follow the rules.
- Let them know that some things will be different. Their early learning service or school will have some extra measures in place.
- Talk to your early learning service or school if you have any questions.

## *Upcoming Events*

- **End of Term 3** - 1st October
- **Term 4 Starts** - 18th October
- **Greats n Grans Day** - 22nd October subject to Alert Levels at the time
- **Labour Weekend** - 25th October

## CALENDAR 2021



Our Website

## *School Gates*

**RANOLF STREET DRIVEWAY GATES ARE LOCKED FROM:**

8.30am – 9.10am/2.45pm - 3.10pm

Miller Street entrance is available for use:

Monday to Friday 7.30am – 9.30am

Monday to Friday 2.30pm – 3.30pm

**DO NOT PARK IN THE SCHOOL DRIVE as this is a tow away area.**



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