



“Te Ako i te Ora” - “Learning through Living”

From the Principal’s Pen .....  
Dear Parents and Caregivers

We are fast approaching Friday - the end of the first term of school for 2021. The children have settled to the changing times and have become very resilient when changes occur without warning. Walking into school independently has become the new norm. Well done to those students who embrace this challenge daily.

**Farewell**

As a year progresses, some changes occur for the children, their families and staff, and this is reflective of the life of a school and the journey it is on. It is with sadness that we farewell Mrs Henty on Friday. She has been at our school for 8 1/2 years and it was only a short time ago that we were welcoming her back from maternity leave. Mrs Henty is going to be spending more time with her family and her one-year-old son.

We wish Mrs Henty all the best for the future and her family life and she will be missed by all. During her time here, she has been one of the staff representatives on the Friends of the School fundraising team, and also a staff representative on the Board of Trustees.

**Welcome**

A big WELCOME to all our new families and students that have started here in these last few weeks. We also welcome Mrs Lisa Dickson back to our school in the role of classroom teacher in the Junior team. She will be taking Room 12 from the beginning of Term 2.

We also welcome Mr Tila Siosa who is our new caretaker. He is at school from 10:00am until 2:30pm daily, helping support school projects and maintaining the school grounds and equipment etc.

**3-Way Conferences**

It was lovely to see so many parents coming to hear, from their children, their learning journey and identifying with support, their next steps. We had 372 appointments made to meet the teacher and to hear about the learning.

**End of Term Assemblies**

On Friday of this week, we will be having the Junior assembly (Years 1-2) at 9:05am and the Senior assembly (Years 3-6) at 10:50am, where the term certificates for achievement will be awarded.

School seems to be returning to normal, or our new normal, as we try to book in future events and hope we can go ahead with them.

Last week we held the camp meeting for the Year 5 and 6 students.

The camp will be held at Camp Adair in the Hunua Ranges, with lots of exciting activities and challenges to take part in. Even though the camp is not scheduled to take place until November, we thought it was important that you all knew what the camp experience would be like as it is at a venue that is new to our school. The meeting was well attended. Please ensure you return the forms to your child’s teacher as soon as possible.



**Swimming Pool**

The pool has been closed for winter, as it has proven to be too cold for many to enjoy. It will re-open in Term 4 when the weather warms up.

**CALENDAR DATES**

- ◆ Friday 25 June  
Kai Hui Ako Day  
Accord Day  
School Closed for instruction

**Term Dates**

**2021**

**Term 1**  
Tuesday 2 February to  
Friday 16 April

**Term 2**  
Monday 3 May to  
Friday 9 July

**Term 3**  
Monday 26 July to  
Friday 1 October

**Term 4**  
Monday 18 October  
to  
Monday 13 Dec.

**Principal’s Awards**

Lachlan McCall for successfully completing the Reading Recovery programme.

Have a great week everyone, enjoy the holiday break and keep safe!

Sue Buckley

“Learning is at the heart of our journey together”



**Skool Loop App**

Please be aware that we are no longer using the KiwiSchools app. Please download the Skool Loop app and register with your child’s class.

**School Holiday Programmes**

Scratchpad.co.nz - Technology Learning Centre

Where: Scratchpad Albany  
28a William Pickering Drive

- Android Apps
- Graphic Design
- Robotics using MBOT
- Roblox Programming
- 3D Printing
- Minecraft Modding
- Let Us Code
- And much more!

**Glenfield Library School Holiday Programme**

The theme for these holidays is ‘Grossology’! There are some very unusual activities happening over the 2 weeks! All activities are managed under strict health and safety guidelines and under staff supervision.

If you would like a brochure that gives more information about what is happening each day, please collect one from the Office at school.

**School Closes for the holidays - Friday 16 April (this week) at 3:00pm.**

**School re-opens for Term 2 - Monday 3 May at 8:30am**



