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Dear Parents

We are already in the middle of Week 4 of Term 1 and are once again experiencing a difficult start to the year because of the increasing numbers of COVID in the community. There are quite a number of children absent at the moment because they are close contacts of family or friends who have COVID. We appreciate that this needs to happen, but want to encourage you to send your children to school if they are not close contacts and are well.

The data from last year shows very clearly the impact that lockdowns have had on the progress and achievement of our children. Many of them lost more than 5 months of schooling, if they didn't engage in distance learning.

Reading

	Well below	Below	At	Above
All students	16.2%	33.7%	45.7%	4.5%
Maori	36.7%	33.3%	30%	0%
Pasifika	6.7%	46.7%	46.7%	0%
Asian	13.5%	35.3%	45.9%	5.3%
MELAA	31.8%	22.5%	40.9%	4.5%
NZ European	11.1%	31.1%	51.1%	6.7%

*MELAA - Middle Eastern, Latin American and African

Writing

	Well below	Below	At	Above
All students	23.8%	35.5%	39%	1.7%
Maori	46.7%	23.3%	30%	0%
Pasifika	6.7%	46.7%	46.7%	0%
Asian	21.3%	33.7%	42%	3%
MELAA	31.8%	45.5%	22.7%	0%
NZ European	24.4%	42.2%	33.3%	0%

Maths

	Well below	Below	At	Above
All students	16.8%	38.5%	36.8%	7.9%
Maori	36.7%	36.7%	23.3%	3.3%
Pasifika	13.3%	46.7%	40%	0%
Asian	10.6%	40.6%	37.6%	11.2%
MELAA	31.8%	31.8%	31.8%	4.5%
NZ European	24.4%	35.6%	37.8%	2.2%

As you can see, more than half of our students were achieving below their expected level at the end of 2021. This data is not totally correct as teachers were not able to collect data on all children at the end of 2021, as it was difficult to do assessments online. When we returned to school for the last couple of weeks, the focus was on wellbeing, rather than trying to assess children in reading, writing and maths.

This means that we have got a big job this year to re-engage our children in their learning and work towards making accelerated progress for those children who have fallen a bit behind. At the end of the term, Y4-6 teachers will organise meetings with you to talk about the levels your child is working at and how we can work together to provide a programme that meets their needs. Meetings will take place with the parents of Y1-3 children when their anniversary reports are due. Please make sure that your children are attending school, unless they are unwell, or are isolating because they are a close contact.

If your child is away, they can continue learning through our portals which are on our website. You just need to click on the tab for remote learning and you will find the links. If your child has forgotten their password, you can contact their teacher via dojo and they will supply it to you.



Important Dates to Remember



Monday	28th Feb	Board of Trustees meeting—by Zoom	5.30pm—7pm
Friday	4th March	Non-Uniform Day for Tonga	Gold coin donation
Monday	4th April	Board of Trustees meeting—venue TBC	5.30pm—7pm
Thursday	15th April	Term 1 finishes at 2pm	SCHOOL CLOSSES 2PM
Friday	16th April	Good Friday	SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday	2nd May	Term 2 begins	9am

WALKATHON NON-UNIFORM DAY

The Akanesi Mataitonga Trust and the Moana Trust have joined hands to support Tonga's return to education. They will be completing a 24 hour walkathon on 5 & 6 March. We have planned to have a non uniform day on Friday 4 March to support their cause. Your child / children do not have to wear their uniform on 4 March if they bring along a gold coin to donate to this cause.



MEET THE TEACHER

Due to the current COVID situation, we will be unable to hold our usual 'Meet the Teacher' evening. Instead, your child's teacher will contact you either by dojo or a letter to introduce themselves and tell you a little bit about what is happening in the classroom.

BIKE SAFETY

When riding your bike to and from school, please

WEAR A HELMET!

Be aware of people walking and
DO NOT RIDE YOUR BIKE THROUGH THE SCHOOL!



REMINDER: The school office is closed to visitors at the moment. If you need to contact the office please ph 441-8730 or email office@glenfield.school.nz



A BIG WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES!



OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS

Applications for out of zone students wanting to start in Term 2, close on the 15th March.

Please contact the school office for an application form, if you know anyone wanting to start in Term 2.

SUN HATS

I was out in the playground yesterday and found that many of the children were outside without their sun hats. It is very important when the weather is so hot, that the children are wearing sun hats when they are outside. Can you please make sure that your child has a sunhat and they bring it to school each day. **Classes who have 100% sun hat wearers at play breaks will go in a draw for a class prize at the end of each week.**



TEACHER ONLY DAY

We have a teacher only day scheduled for Monday 27th June. School will be closed so that teachers can attend the Kaipatiki Kahui Ako Conference.

