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Dear Parents

We are coming to the end of what has been another term of disruptions. We have been lucky at Glenfield Primary to have not had too many cases of COVID in the school. Our attendance has averaged around 89% recently, which is good compared to many other schools. Our children who have contracted COVID seem to be recovering quickly and returning to school as soon as they have finished their 7 days of isolation. We are very lucky that so far, no teachers have contracted COVID.

We still have some children away because parents are nervous to send their children to school during the pandemic. I want to assure you that we have many procedures in place to keep the school as safe as we possibly can. We encourage you to send your child to school unless they are sick.

We have decided to keep all our health and safety procedures in place until the end of the term. While cases in Auckland are still so high, we have made the decision to only allow people who are essential to the operation of the school to come on site. We will also continue to operate each classroom as a bubble to ensure that interaction between children is kept to a minimum. Hopefully by the end of the holidays, things will have improved and we will be able to make some changes and invite you back on site to share in the learning of your children/child.

Our health and safety team are currently working on a risk assessment and mitigation plan. We will be consulting with you during this process to ensure you are kept fully informed of changes that are taking place, as well as the new procedures we will adopt as we move into different settings.

It was good to see so many parents at our recent parent / teacher interviews. This was the first opportunity that our teachers have been able to meet you face to face for quite some time. If you were unable to book an interview with your child's teacher last week, you can still arrange a meeting if you would like to do so. Either dojo or email your child's teacher to make a date and time.

Thank you to everyone who responded so quickly and picked their children up when we had the flooding at school. We are now working through the insurance process with the Ministry of Education to get new carpet laid in Room 12, 13, 14, 15 and the library. I am hoping that this will happen some time over the holidays and we can get the children from that block back in their normal rooms at the beginning of next term.

We have had a number of requests asking if parents can remove their children from school to enable them to visit relatives overseas. We understand that some of you have not seen family members for the last 2 years or more, but I would like to encourage you to plan your trips around school holidays. Our children have missed so much school due to lockdowns and it is important that they are at school as much as possible this year to make up for lost time.

We will be finishing school at 2pm on Thursday 14 April. I wish you all a happy holiday and I hope that COVID will have less of an impact on us as we go into Term 2.

Important Dates to Remember

Thursday	14th April	Last day of Term 1	SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM
Fri—Mon	15-18th April	Easter Weekend	
Monday	25th April	Anzac Day	
Monday	2nd May	Term 2 starts	9am
Sunday	8th May	Mothers Day	
Monday	9th May	Board of Trustees meeting	5:30pm—7pm
Wednesday	25th May	Year 6 Positive Puberty Parent Evening	5:30pm—6:30pm
Monday	6th June	Queens Birthday Holiday	SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday	9th June	Class and portrait photo day	
Friday	24th June	Matariki Holiday	SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday	27th June	Teacher Only Day	SCHOOL CLOSED

MERIT CERTIFICATES

The following children have been awarded Merit Certificates over the past few weeks for demonstrating qualities from our GPS Learner Aspirations and our GPS Learning Tools.



ROOM 1: Ian, Vivian, Dean, Rishan, Alexander, Jaden, Jace.

ROOM 2: Fidel, Nikau, Ellie, Rhoda, Brody, Charlee.

ROOM 8: Anshdeep, Paige, Alia, Summit, Eoin, Kay, Eneleo, Summer.

ROOM 10: Caleb, Abrielle, Cohen, Nicholas, Yoana, Jono.

ROOM 11: Poorv, Hassan, Sunny, Leen, Anika, Alex, Eden, Rolan.

ROOM 12: Cooper, Harrison, Aariz, Amy, Noah, Jamie.

ROOM 13: Aysha, Ahmed, Kenisha, Arnav, Bianca, Waiman.

ROOM 14: Tommy, Jack, Katya, Saanvi, Sonita, Pavel.

ROOM 15: Liam, Imogen, Vanessa, Anthony, Romia, Ryan, Noah, Rylee.

ROOM 16: Landon, Abby, Myiesha, Mysha.

ROOM 18: Aatir, Clare, Patricia, Leo.

ROOM 19: Kobi, Zayden, Lianne, Sriyan, Jordan, Rhohnaleeza.

OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS

Applications for out of zone students wanting to start in Term 3, close on the 7th June.

We have spaces available in our New Entrant and Year 4,5 & 6 classes.

Please contact the school office for an application form, if you know anyone wanting to start at GPS in Term 3.



THANK YOU

Our non-uniform day for Tonga raised \$350.

Thank you to everyone who participated and donated.

TONGA

FREE SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have a surplus of donated polar fleece tops and will be giving these away to anyone who needs them. They will be on display outside the school office each day next week for you to help yourself to. Please wear a mask if you are coming to collect one.

REMINDER: SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM

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.

Monday 27th June



STORIES AND POEMS INSPIRED BY THE GPS FLOOD

The Great Glenfield Flood

There was a massive flood at GPS.

It swept Room 8 into a strange island. We woke up then we saw that we were on an island.

We were talking about how to survive on the island. Some said to build a massive shelter for all of us so we don't get wet.

Some think it was awful so they said to wait for a rescue helicopter. So we set a vote to see who wants to build a shelter or wait for a rescue helicopter.

Lots said they wanted to build a shelter so we made a shelter. Lots of people were with us in the flood.

We built dangerous weapons to kill animals to eat. Some animals were chasing us but some weren't. We built a wooden strong raft to go to nearby islands. The island we went to by mistake was filled with cat species.

We stayed there for one year only, then we built two wakas. The wakas were huge because some didn't fit in one waka.

We also built paddles. We took food in the wakas. Two weeks later we got home and our parents were so glad we got home.

The End

By Dhevin Rm 8



Storm

Rainy day

A loud storm

*I see a flash of electric
energy*

Now I see a flood!

By Vladimir
Rm 16

A Giant Storm

Rain slithering under doors

A humungous storm

Incredible lightning

No friends to play.

By Georgia
Rm 16

The Great Glenfield Flood

On the 21st of March my lovely parents dropped me off at my terrific school!

When we got to school it started to rain HEAVILY and thunder horribly. We saw that our school was massively flooding the school and classrooms!

There was so much rain we got washed down to the middle of the ocean. There was so much stuff floating around the water! We tried to swim, but then we saw a beautiful, fully decorated waka!

We went closer to it and we realized it was our beautiful RM.8 Waka!

We hopped inside the waka. Luckily there was only me, Myra, Alia and Kay with us including Mr. D ! Mr.D tried to get inside the waka but he couldn't fit !

We all started to paddle and Myra spotted an abandoned island! We began paddling faster until we got to the island. Alia and I found some mangos and coconuts. I hope it wasn't poisoned!

We ran to the others to give them the fruits and luckily we had enough for all of us!

I thought I heard some noises in the bushes, and it began getting louder and louder. We were worried and exhausted . Then animals popped out of the bushes and started chasing us!! "Run!!" yelled Alia. We were running so fast we managed to hide somewhere! "We should write SOS on the sand, said Kay." We thought that it was a great idea so we gathered some sticks and thought we should write it very big! When we were done we patiently began waiting...

We managed to find some food while we were waiting, until we heard a familiar sound.

I woke up and shouted, "There's a helicopter!" The others woke up and Myra saw that our waka was gone! Luckily the people on the helicopter saw us!

We got on the helicopter safely. We fell asleep while we were on the helicopter.

5 hours later we landed on a mysterious island! Myra thought we should make a shelter so we all collected some wood and some other equipment to make shelter. Kay suggested when we were done making our shelter and we should go and hunt for food. When we were hunting for food it began turning dark so we headed to our shelter. We had a rest since we were very tired. In the morning we got ready to go to a different place. We quickly went inside the helicopter because it started to rain!

Lots of hours later we saw our school just below us! I saw that the flood was nearly gone so we landed in our field. We managed to get inside our class safely. I realized our stuff was all wet and all over our class, and our class was super messy, but later in the evening we heard thunder and lightning!

I finally got back home. "Where have you been?" asked my mum. I told her we went on a crazy adventure. "We also got chased by animals!" I was super glad I was back home.

The End

By: Avery Room 8

The Very Rainy Day

Running in the rain

All the carpet got wet

I went home

No school today!

By Kaili

Rm 16



Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.



General Information: We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. We provide quality childcare in safe and fun surroundings for children out of school. Our holiday programme is focused around sports, games, and outings to local attractions. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

Who can attend: Children aged 5-13 yrs

What do you need to bring: Shoes and appropriate clothing, jacket or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle and food.

Food: Please bring plenty of packed food and drink for morning tea/lunch/afternoon tea. Lunch will be from approximately 12:30pm to 1:00pm each day.

Programme activities: Programme activities are adapted to suit children of all ages and children may be grouped by age depending on numbers. Programme activities may vary without notice dependent on weather conditions and programme numbers.

Payment details: Payment is required before the holiday programme begins. An invoice will be issued when a completed booking is received. All payment details will be included on the invoice.

Work and Income OSCAR Subsidy: Parents / caregivers that meet certain criteria will be able to access a WINZ subsidy to help cover the cost of our programme. For more information visit www.workandincome.govt.nz

Please note: Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child/ren and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Sports accept no liability for any injury sustained to your child/ren or any loss or damage to his/her property whilst at a programme. If your child/ren are collected late after the conclusion of the programme you will be charged \$20 per 15 minutes or part thereof.

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Address: 50 Forrest Hill Road, Forrest Hill

APRIL 2022 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

FORREST HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

	Mon 18 April	Tues 19 April	Wed 20 April	Thurs 21 April	Fri 22 April
WEEK 1	PUBLIC HOLIDAY EASTER MONDAY Happy Easter! No programme today, see you on Tuesday!	EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA Compete in our Easter challenges and rabbit relay! Then join in a scavenger hunt, play Capture The Flag and create sand art.	TAG YOU'RE IT Play all of your favourite tag-based games like Master Tag, Rippa Tag, Octopus, All In Tag and many more!	GOAL DAY Who doesn't love scoring for their team? Today score as many goals, tries, touchdowns and hoops as you can! Even better, try and score against your coaches!	KARATE & BOOT CAMP Join us for an awesome day with GK Karate. Today is all about toughness (mental and physical) and teamwork! Get your team together and test your fitness with some fun boot camp challenges.
WEEK 2	PUBLIC HOLIDAY ANZAC DAY Public Holiday No programme today, see you on Tuesday!	ANZAC REMEMBRANCE Today we will remember our soldiers and compete in some fun challenges, games and an army obstacle course. Plus take part in some wacky Minute To Win It activities.	BOUNCY CASTLE Roll up, roll up and join us for a day at the carnival! Have fun on the bouncy castle then take part in fairground games, juggling and clown races! (Extra \$10)	ALL BALL DAY If the game needs a ball we will be playing it - Basketball, Dodgeball, Four Square, Gaga Ball, Kickball and more.	SPORTS MASH UP Two sports are better than one so combine your favourites to create a whole new game! Make up the rules to 'basket-football' or 'rippa-tennis' and play with friends.
	FULL DAY: \$55 8am-5:30pm	SCHOOL DAY: \$45 9am-3pm	HALF DAY: \$40 8am-12:30pm or 1pm-5:30pm	EVENT DAY: Extra \$10	BRING/REFER A FRIEND AND GET \$5 OFF YOUR TOTAL INVOICE.

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Takapuna AFC Holiday Programme

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Holiday Camp Details

Venue:

Takapuna AFC, Taharoto Park, Taharoto Rd, Takapuna, 0622

Dates:

Week 1: Tues 19th to Fri 22nd April

Week 2: Tues 26th to Fri 29th April

Times/Costs:

- 9am to 12pm \$29 per day

- 9am to 3pm \$49 per day

Register Your Child:

Go to <https://enrolmy.com/msports-northshore/book-now/185-Takapuna-AFC-Holiday-Programme>

Queries: Contact Chris Bryson on adminnorthshore@msports.co.nz

We look forward to seeing you soon!



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Holiday camps are running from 19-29 April at Campbells Bay Tennis Club for children aged 5+.

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Campbells Bay Tennis Club
Beach Road
Campbells Bay

When?
9am-12.30pm half day
Early drop off available at 8.30am

ALL ABILITIES & AGES
19-22 April and 26-29 April

Cost?
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- Do you find yourself yelling at your child more often than laughing with your child
- Do you feel you have lost touch with your child
- Do you feel frustrated and find yourself saying the same things over and over again with no result



TOPICS COVERED

COMMUNICATION	CHOICES/CONSEQUENCES	COMPLIANCE
EMPATHY	SIBLING RIVALRY	TEENAGERS AND BOUNDARIES
SETTING LIMITS	PAUSE TIME IN	ARE YOU DOING TOO MUCH
PERSONALITY TYPES	PRAISE VS ENCOURAGEMENT	QUALITY TIME



Via zoom

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WINZ ASSISTANCE WHERE APPLICABLE

CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOP

DRAWING & PAINTING

One-day workshop for ages 7-12yrs

If your child loves drawing and painting they'll love this one-day workshop with artist Eion Bryant. With step-by-step instruction they will draw then create a vibrant acrylic painting learning tips and techniques along the way. Fun and focused

VENUE

Beach Haven Community House, April 27th

Hours: 10.00am - 3.00pm

Cost: \$55

BOOKINGS

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