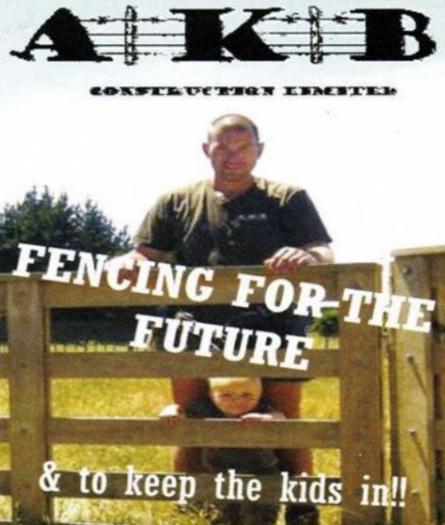


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Dear Parents / Caregivers / Friends of the School

School Policies and Procedures go to:  
<http://glenoroua.schooldocs.co.nz/>  
Username: glenoroua  
Password: policies

Ko tatau  
This is us.

Glen Oroua School is in good health and everyone is working really well. Floyd is staying at home to recuperate and is making progress.

We have had a number of calls from parents enquiring whether we are closing due to the COVID-19 concerns. This morning the Ministry of Education provided all schools with the following advice:

**While we are seeing large-scale school shutdowns elsewhere in the world, in New Zealand we still have no community transmission. Consequently any decisions about school closures will be made on a case by case basis. In the meantime unless students are unwell themselves, then parents should keep sending them to schools and early learning centres as these environments continue to be safe and the best place for them to continue their learning.**

The Ministry of Education advice goes on to say:

**There's a simple rule here - if students are unwell (whether or not their illness relates to COVID-19) they should stay at home. Students who are not unwell should continue to attend school.**

We are hearing from the Ministry of Education every day. Here is what the Ministry of Education said about communicating with schools.

**Schools will continue to be provided with the latest information and guidance from the Ministries of Education and Health, so the Principals and Boards can make well-informed decisions based on their particular circumstances.**

Raylene's Message

We are working hard on ensuring everyone uses basic health practices. We have plenty of tissues and soap. Please help us by reminding your children to cough or sneeze into their elbow and to wash their hands with soap. Also do send your children to school if they are well. We are doing great learning here.

Thank you to all the families who turned out last Friday and cheered on our students at the swimming sports. The students put in a huge level of effort despite the water being quite cold.

My grateful thanks go to all the staff including Francie - who is supposed to be on leave, for running things very efficiently while I had no voice.

Students who will go to the Te Kawaitau Cluster event will be notified of their races in the near future.

The Te Kawaitau Cluster event is on Friday 27 March at the Lido in Palmerston North.

**Teacher Only Day - Monday 23 March 2020**

**The School will be closed**

**Staff will be visiting schools and will be working on our local Maths curriculum.**

**Northfuels** - have again donated another technology package through their petrol for schools programme. Sincere thanks to all farmers in our area who deal with Northfuels.

**Swimming** - the pool will close this weekend. Our thanks to Jason Dermer for keeping the pool in good running order.

**Reminder** - triathlon practice tomorrow (Thursday). If students have wetsuits please wear them!

Room 1 story

It all began with the blow of a whistle, and I dived in. As I broke through the still, ice-like surface, a splash sent water drops flying through the air. The pool seemed rather cold, and when I began to sloop my arms, my surroundings colourful, and bright. I could hear cheering of all the other kids as I rolled by head over to breathe. I then reached the end of the pool. As fast as I could I turned around and pushed off the wall, gliding through the water. I started to sloop my arms again, my legs kicked and kicked. I kept turning my head over to breathe. I saw the busy crowd cheering away. I reached the end of the pool again. I turned around and pushed off. I started to feel tired and tense. I kept going. I had to. I had to finish the nerve breaking race. The cold feeling started to bubble up inside me. Before I knew it, I was on my final length. I finished and got out of the pool as people clapped and cheered. I sat back down and let the sun dry me up. That race was only the beginning.

By Delta

**Friends of the School**

“New families welcome, past and present families - let's catch up!

Join us for a relaxed shared dinner at Dion & Gen Fleming's on Friday 20 March from 5pm at their place  
799 Kaimatarau Road.

We've got a spit going on with meat from Dion and Gen, FotS are providing buns.

Please RSVP so we know numbers to Gen 0274133454

BYO drinks, and a salad to share.

We will have a small bouncy castle to distract the kids while the parents catch up.

**GLEN OROUA GET TOGETHER**

On Sunday 29 March 2019 at 1.30pm there will be a social gathering in the Glen Oroua hall, to reminisce about the past and present. We invite people from within and from outside the district who have been part of our community in the past, as well as any other interested people.

A plate of finger food for afternoon tea and a gold coin donation for expenses would be appreciated. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Please pass this message on to people who may be interested.

Any enquiries are welcome.

Rea Craw 06 329 7862

Cathy Batchelar 06 329 7877

**Term Events**

- Wednesday 1 March - GO Conferences
- Thursday 19 March - Manual
- Friday 20 March - Te Kawaitau Cluster Triathlon - Sanson
- Monday 23 March - Teacher Only Day
- Friday 27 March - Te Kawaitau Swimming Sports - Lido
- Friday 27 March - Assembly
- Thursday 2 April - Manual
- Friday 3 April - Te Kawaitau Tabloids - Oroua Downs
- Thursday 9 April - Assembly
- Thursday 9 April - Last Day of Term 1

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