

GLEN EDEN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL PROSPECTUS 2012



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To be a dream school where
everybody loves to learn.

GEIS KEY VALUES ARE:

Respect

Responsibility

Co-operation

“The inclusive, celebratory
environment in which students
learn promotes success.”

(ERO Report October 2008)



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kiaora, Faka'alofa tahi atu, Maloe lelei, Talofa Lava, Namaste, Kiaorana, Salom, Selemate, Buenos dias, Ni sa bula, Unnyung

A very warm welcome to all students and their families to Glen Eden Intermediate School. Students often say "the two years I spent at Intermediate School were the best years of my schooling. I was engaged with my learning, actively involved in the school community and cried when I left".

Creating life-long, self directed learners is the key goal of our school. We support our students to develop academically, culturally, physically and socially. We invite students to participate in a diverse range of activities including literature quiz, Mathex, Science Fair, sports teams, choirs, concert band, rock bands, performing arts, visual arts, 'Cactus TV' and our new 'TnT' Radio Station.

Our students regularly receive honours, both nationally and internationally. Our modern facilities reflect a learning environment that reinforces the variety of quality programmes we offer.

We promote values in our school including respect, responsibility and co-operation and we expect students to follow these as they participate in all areas of school life.

We extend a warm welcome to you all and encourage you to become fully involved in our school community.

I trust that your learning journey will be a warm and rewarding experience.

Welcome

Terry Hewetson
Principal

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MISSION STATEMENT



Glen Eden Intermediate School Mission Statement:

“To be a dream school where everybody loves to learn.”

Vision:

1. to equip students with the skills needed for life-long learning.
2. to foster a love of learning by providing challenging, authentic learning experiences.
3. to encourage students to strive for excellence.
4. to assist students to become risk-takers and accept and embrace change.
5. to provide a positive, safe and caring environment.
6. to teach and model the GEIS school values.
7. to be a learning community and encourage and foster community support and involvement.

Our aim at GEIS is to equip all students with the skills they require to become lifelong learners in the 21st Century, with a particular focus on numeracy and literacy. We aim to make learning powerful for students in all curriculum areas, by providing them with experiences that are meaningful and challenging. While at GEIS, students will be involved in inquiry learning, where they will develop skills in generating their own questions, and locating and analysing information. Values education and higher order thinking skills are emphasised and infused into all subjects.

At GEIS we believe:

Teachers have a right to teach
Students have a right to learn

Respect Yourself
Respect Others
Respect Property

“Effective professional leadership, focused on continuous improvement has contributed to the positive culture of the school.”

(ERO Report October 2008)



CURRICULUM PROGRAMMES



What students say about GEIS.

"G.E.I.S is a place where new friendships and opportunities are waiting for everyone"

(Eleanor, Year 7)

"G.E.I.S is the key to opening the door of great success"

(Tilomai, Year 8)

"G.E.I.S has groups where kids can showcase their culture and talents"

(Grecia, Year 8)

"G.E.I.S has a wide range of opportunities that bring out the best in every child"

(Paige, Year 8)

At Glen Eden Intermediate, we provide a high quality, balanced, equitable education, with a focus on the needs of each student in mathematics, reading and writing. A wide range of academic, cultural and sporting opportunities are provided for students to participate in.

Class Organisation

The school is divided into four MiniSchools with an Assistant Principal responsible for each team. Students are placed in homerooms with a class teacher.

Gifted and Talented (GATE)

As a school we provide a variety of programmes for students that require extension or enrichment across the curriculum. Programmes include two classes at each year level, as well as our GATE and OPTIONS programmes (includes performance, academic, cultural, environmental choices).

Semi-Specialisation

Within each MiniSchool, teachers also specialise in a subject in which they have a particular strength. These subjects are typically Physical Education, Maori, and a second language. A number of teachers at GEIS have received professional development in second language teaching and we are now able to offer all students the opportunity to learn Spanish, Mandarin, German, Japanese or French, as well as Te Reo Maori.

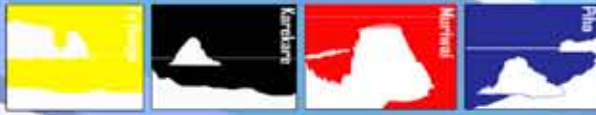
Specialist Subjects

All students take part in Materials Technology, Design Technology, Food Technology, Soft Materials, Art and Design, Dramatic Arts, Sound Arts(Music), and Video Production.

"Overall student achievement is high, in comparison with national norms for achievement in literacy and mathematics."

(ERO Report October 2008)





SCHOOL FACILITIES



Students at GEIS have the opportunity to broaden their educational experiences through the use of the following facilities:

Artificial Turf

We have an all-weather artificial turf for hockey, netball and tennis. This is being used regularly for fitness and physical education programmes. The turf and gymnasium allow us to provide physical education all year round, unhindered by weather.

Auditorium

Our Auditorium provides a magnificent venue to support the creative talents of our outstanding dance, drama, cheerleading and music students. This facility is available for school and community events, and is well equipped with state-of-the-art sound and lighting.

Gymnasium

GEIS has a full size gymnasium. This fantastic facility is available for school and community use. It has 3 volleyball courts, a netball court, a basketball court and badminton courts. Students use this for daily fitness and physical education programmes.

Information & Communication Technology

Glen Eden Intermediate School is well resourced in this area and is a recognised leader in this field by the Ministry of Education, with highly skilled teachers and up-to-date equipment. As well as having computers in each classroom, which students use to assist in their class work, students participate in ICT classes in our ICT suite. This is equipped to ensure a ratio of one computer between two students. GEIS also has ten pods of laptops that are easily moved around the school for use in classrooms, resulting in having up to twenty computers in any one classroom. All computers are connected through a comprehensive school-wide network. Students have their own personal username and password, which allows them access to email, the Internet, and a range of communication resources, upon signing an acceptable user policy. GEIS also has state of the art Video Conferencing equipment. This enables our students and staff to communicate instantaneously with other organisations around the globe.

Music / Dance Studios

Our performing arts block includes a dance/drama studio, music room, and practise rooms for private tuition. The performing arts programmes focus on students creating performances in music, dance and drama.

Radio Station (T'n'T Radio)

2010 saw the launch of T'n'T Radio 87.8FM. The radio station provides opportunities for students to work co-operatively to provide entertainment and music at break and lunch times. Students organise the daily show with other crew members ensuring that their programme is exciting and creative.

School Canteen

Generation Foods runs our school café and the menu is designed to meet Ministry of Education guidelines for Healthy Eating. It provides a variety of nutritious snacks, meals and lunches, and opens at 8.30am daily. The menu for the cafe is on the school website.

Swimming Pool

We have a 25 metre heated pool, which provides all students with an opportunity to participate in swimming programmes during Terms 1 and 4. These are for every class, catering for individual levels. School and zone swimming sports are a focus, along with lunchtime swims and special swimming programmes. Duck 'n' Dive Swim School offer lessons after school.

Technology Building

This building houses a Design Technology Room, Hydroponics Room, Food Technology Room, Soft and Hard Materials Rooms, Television Studio, Art Room, two classrooms, our ICT suite, and an atrium for displaying students' work.

Television Studio (CACTUS TV)

We have a television studio, which is well equipped to offer all students the opportunity to film and edit. Video Production is one of our specialist subjects. Students produce a daily television show, which includes news and video clips of current events. This is broadcast live to each classroom through our television network.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Students are encouraged to take part in extra-curricular pursuits. They have the opportunity to develop their abilities in a wide range of cultural, sporting, recreational and service activities.

After School Enrichment Programme

GEIS offers a comprehensive After School Enrichment Programme that caters for about 250 students each term. Students from GEIS and the surrounding contributing schools, participate in courses that are fun, challenging and exciting. Courses range from art to sport, ICT to technology, and English to Mathematics. All needs are catered for throughout the year by caring, experienced and skilled tutors.

Community Service

Our students are regularly involved in community projects. The School Council takes a lead role in organising fundraising events, including Heart Children Awareness and the Auckland City Mission. We have won awards for being environmentally friendly, and have raised record amounts of money in the World Vision 40-Hour Famine. We have regularly been awarded World Vision Scholarships, for being in the top 20 schools in New Zealand for our achievements.

Enrichment Programmes

Students have the opportunity to take part in programmes designed to cater for their special abilities. These include: Maori & Pacific Island Groups, Choir, Orchestra, Jump Jam, Dance Groups; external Mathematics, Writing, Science, English and Computing examinations; Mathex, Science Fair, Short Story, Debating and Speech competitions; Art Exhibitions, Television Production, Musical Productions, Talent Quests, Music Festivals, Performing Arts Festivals and Cultural Festivals.

Environmental Education

GEIS is an EnviroSchool, having achieved a Silver Award for environmental initiatives implemented by staff and students. The school aims to promote sustainable practices such as Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, and has established an organic garden. Projects in and around our school and community include worm farming, composting, a shade house for native seedlings, painted drains, and stream studies. We are also actively involved in Project Twin Streams in association with the Waitakere City Council.

Navigators

The Navigators Programme is an educational initiative set up by Glen Eden Intermediate School, to focus on Maori and Pacific Island student achievement, although all students have the opportunity to join this group. By providing tutoring and mentoring, this is having a positive impact on these students' study skills, goal setting and self-esteem.

Outdoor Education

Staff plan a developmental Outdoor Education programme, with the belief that these experiences enhance self-esteem. Students are involved in an outdoor education camp experience during their two years at GEIS. Each year groups of our students, accompanied by staff, travel to a number of destinations which include: South Korea, Japan, Thailand and China. GEIS also has a tramping group and recent tramps include the Routeburn, Milford, Rakiura (Stewart Island), Waikaremoana and Abel Tasman tracks.

OPTIONS Programmes

All students will have the opportunity to participate in an OPTIONS Programme each year. This programme creates opportunities to develop physical, academic, cultural and environmental skills, through a variety of learning activities such as Trash to Fashion, Cartooning, Short Story Writing, Languages, Art, Horticulture, the Twin Stream Project and many more.

Sport

GEIS has a full-time Sports Co-ordinator who organises all aspects of our sports programme. Inter-class and MiniSchool competitions are held at lunchtimes, where participation and enjoyment are the key elements. Every student is involved in Fitness and Physical Education programmes. Students are given the opportunity to participate and compete at their own level in most sports from athletics to water polo.

Teams regularly achieve success in the Waitakere and Auckland regional competitions, as well as at national and international sporting competitions.

Student Leadership

At GEIS students are encouraged to take on leadership roles across the school. Students may be selected to represent their class on our Student Council or as Sports Captains where they lead their respective MiniSchools for the many sporting opportunities at GEIS. We see these leadership positions as an opportunity for students to take part in democratic decision-making, and to further develop their leadership skills. Each year our Student Council participates in the National Young Leaders' Day.





Board of Trustees

Terry Hewetson (Principal)
Dave Kindley (Staff Representative)
Suzy Aislabie
Patrick Baker (Chairperson)
Leah Brain
Debbie Carswell-Griffiths
Philip Wilkinson
Meetings are advertised in the school newsletter and on our website.

Communication

Glen Eden Intermediate has an open communication system, and would like parents to feel free to make an appointment to meet with a teacher or one of our management team, by contacting the school office. A formal report is sent home mid-year and at the end of the year. There will be a meet-the-teacher evening at the start of the year, and a student-led conference after mid-year reports. A portfolio containing samples of your child's work will also be discussed at this mid-year conference. Each alternate Thursday, a newsletter is sent home, advising parents of current events in our school. Our website, www.geis.school.nz, also contains up-to-date information about school events.

Fees

Parent Contribution - Parents/Caregivers are asked to make a donation of \$100 per family to cover part of the costs for educational, cultural and social activities. This enables us to provide for services not covered by government funding.

Course Fees - Course fees of \$140 per student, covers take-home materials used in classroom and specialist programmes.

The total cost of the parental contribution and the course fees is \$240.

Health and Safety

A qualified nurse runs our Medical Centre. Students who feel unwell at school, must report to the Medical Centre. It is essential the school be made aware of any health problems a student may have, and that contact telephone numbers are correct. Please advise the office of any change of contact details. All medicine must be clearly labelled, and for certain medication the parent or caregiver must fill in a form giving permission for administration.

International Students

Glen Eden Intermediate prides itself on the academic opportunities that it provides for International students. Academic rigor and excellence is a hallmark of our school and, as such, International students have equal access to all learning opportunities and participate in every aspect of our school.

International Students are carefully placed so that only one International Student is in each class. Teachers assign "kiwi buddies" to enhance the transition process for International Students and ensure they are well looked after.

We also prioritise the pastoral care and welfare of our International Students, ensuring that they are both supported within the school environment and also by their host families. These home stay families are carefully selected and students become part of a caring NZ family. In addition to the strong classroom based programmes, a staff of trained professionals provides our International Students with individual and small group instruction, together with 1st Language Support.

Our International students come from all over the world with the main two countries being Korea and Thailand. This enhances the character of our school and strengthens the bonds and understanding between cultures. GEIS students have also had the opportunity to visit some of our sister schools abroad.

Mrs Lesley King, our International Student Director is responsible for the pastoral care, home stays, tuition and integration of our International Students. GEIS is a signatory to the NZ Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students and is fully compliant with all sections of the code. The code can be viewed at www.minedu.govt.govt/international.

Should you require any further information please email Lesley at lesley@geis.school.nz

“Students are proud to be at Glen Eden Intermediate School and contribute to the life of the school by seeking leadership opportunities.”

(ERO Report October 2008)



Parent / Community Involvement

We encourage parent and community support and involvement in our school. There are a number of social activities organised which embrace the diverse cultures of our school. We have regular Hui discussions with our Maori families, and our Pasifika group meets on focus nights. Our dedicated 'Friends of the School' group meets at least once a term. This group is an important sounding board for new ideas and is one of the means by which parental opinion is obtained. This group takes an important role in fundraising. We also support the Parenting With Confidence and NetSafe programmes.

Stationery / Uniform Shop

The school operates a comprehensive stationery and uniform shop, which is competitively priced. A price list is available from the school office. Students needing to purchase stationery or uniform items can do so Monday-Thursday between 8.00am and 9.00am.

Term Dates - 2012

Check the school website for 2012 term dates.

The AKORANGA Centre

The AKORANGA Centre (previously known as the Progressive Learning Centre) aims to assist teachers with their teaching and support students with their learning, social and emotional needs. This is staffed with one full time teacher (SENCO - centre co-ordinator), two part time teachers, and ten teacher aides.

Transport

Cycling – Students may ride their bikes to school. These are parked inside the bike shed, which is kept locked between 8.55am and 2.55pm. Bikes are not to be ridden in the school grounds between 8.00am and 3.30pm. All students must abide by the New Zealand Road Code. This includes wearing an approved safety helmet.

School Hours

Teaching Hours:	8.45am – 3.00pm
1st Break:	10.00am – 10.15am
2nd Break:	11.40am – 11.55pm
Lunch:	1.00pm – 1.50pm
Office Hours:	8.00am – 4.30pm

Buses – Students travel by bus from Huia, Laingholm, Woodlands Park, Green Bay, Oratia and Henderson Valley (Sturges Road). A letter is available from the school office containing information on bus times, costs and routes. Public buses are also available, and parents should contact Stagecoach regarding these.



“ERO commended the school for the caring, respectful relationships evident amongst pupils and between pupils and staff.”

(ERO Report October 2008)





All students attending Glen Eden Intermediate School are required to wear the official school uniform when travelling to, attending, and returning from school. All students are expected to be clean and neatly dressed. Students may not wear make-up or nail polish. The only jewellery allowed is a pair of stud earrings to be worn in the ears, and a watch.

Girls

- All Year* White polo shirt with school logo.
- Plaid culottes.
- School polar fleece with logo.
- Plain black or green cap or hat.
- Plain black leather school shoes, able to be polished, with black laces if applicable (NO colour labels or emblems allowed).
- Black leather roman sandals (optional in summer but shoes must be worn to technology classes) with a back strap buckled at the ankle.
- Optional extra - Bottle green nylon jacket, lined with zip, printed with GEIS logo.

Terms 1&4 Plain white socks are worn only with black leather school shoes.

Terms 2&3 Plain above the ankle or knee length white socks, or black opaque tights are worn only with plain black leather school shoes.

Boys

- All Year* White polo shirt with school logo.
- Bottle green tailored leg shorts.
- School polar fleece with logo.
- Plain black or green cap or hat.
- Plain black leather lace up school shoes, able to be polished, with black laces (NO colour labels or emblems allowed).
- Black leather roman sandals (optional in summer but shoes must be worn to technology classes) with a back strap buckled at the ankle.
- Optional extra - Bottle green nylon jacket, lined with zip, printed with GEIS logo.

(refer to the school website for images of acceptable footwear)

Physical Education

Black shorts, and a bottle green shirt, purchased from the school shop.

Students are encouraged to wear sports shoes.

Uniform Shop

2011: The school uniform shop will be open from 3.30pm to 6.00pm, on Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th November.

2012: Holiday hours of business - The shop will be open Monday 23rd January to Wednesday 25th January, and Tuesday 31st January, from 9.00am-12.00pm and 1.00pm - 4.00pm.

Our shop will be open Monday-Thursday between 8.00am and 9.00am, Terms 1 to 4.

“Classrooms are inclusive, learning focused environments.”

(ERO Report October 2008)



ENROLMENT



In Zone

The law requires that GEIS gives priority to enrolling students who live in our home zone.

In zone is shown on the map.

In zone enrolments close Tuesday 27th September 2011.

Out of Zone

Out of zone places, where available, are offered according to the following priorities:

Priority 1: Special Programmes approved by the Secretary of Education (this does not apply to our school)

Priority 2: Siblings of current students

Priority 3: Siblings of former students

Priority 4: Children of board employees

Priority 5: All other applicants

Where the number of students exceeds the places available, a ballot will be held from the group with the lowest priority according to the rules set down by the Secretary of Education.

Out of zone applications must be lodged by Tuesday 27th September 2011. The ballot date for selection, set down by the Ministry of Education, is Tuesday 4th October 2011.

Out of zone applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of the ballot by Monday 10th October 2011.





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