



# Glenbrook School Newsletter

Tuesday 14th August 2018



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## Message from the Principal

Kia Ora Parents and Whanau and welcome to week 4.

### Mathathon -

Our week has begun with Team Piwakawaka completing in the first Mathathon of the week. Team Tui had their Mathathon today and on Thursday Teams Haast and Kereru will participate. All funds raised will go towards turf for our courts.

Students are able to wear mufti and bring snacks. Scoring of points starts at 9.00am and finishes at 2.30pm. Every cent sponsored will go towards turfing the courts and replacing the goals. We need to raise \$40,000 to do at least one court.

Please help our school by having family, friends and acquaintances sponsor our students and school. If you are able to make a donation to our cause it would very much be appreciated. Can all monies be brought in as soon as possible.

### 2019 Enrolments

If you have a child or know of a child or children who are looking to enrol in Glenbrook School for 2019, we ask that parents please come in and complete an enrollment form. This gives us an indication of class sizes for 2019 and also for event planning such as camp. For families who are out of zone, they will be placed on the waiting list and decisions regarding 2019 placement will be made in October. We would like an idea of numbers for staffing and camp bookings, so early enrolment is helpful. Please email Miss Stuart if you have any queries

### Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair is from Wednesday 12th September to Tuesday 18th September in the Glenbrook School library. It is open at lunchtimes and after school until 3.30pm. Students can purchase books and other bits and bobs.

### Easttle Writing Assessment

In week 6 all our students are sitting their easttle writing assessment. Team Piwakawaka and Team Tui will be writing a recount. Teams Kereru and Team Haast will be writing an explanation.

### Cross Country

Thank you to all our families who attended the years 3-8 Cross Country last week. I am so proud of all our students who gave it go and completed the course. Thank you to

Mrs Simnor for leading the event and to our staff for their work in supporting it.

### Parent Portal

It is essential that all parents and caregivers have access to our Parent Portal. If you have not done so, please email Miss Stuart your email so this can be set up. You then need to download the @schoolmobile app to your phone. Every Monday our teachers post what is happening and up and coming events.

We note that many parents have signed up to the portal but have not downloaded the @schoolmobile app and signed into it. Please remember to do this to receive valuable information about Glenbrook School.

### CALF CLUB 2018 ENTRIES

Calf Club is coming up at the end of this term! **Entries are due by THIS FRIDAY.** If your child hasn't yet entered, they'll need to pick up a pink entry form from the school office to complete & return. Information sheets on all options are also available at the office. Please note that Calf Club Day (Saturday 29 September 2018) is counted as a school day for Glenbrook School.

### Calf Club Beans

A few families are having issues with their beans not sprouting. A good idea is to start them off in the hot water cupboard or warm area of your house and only place outside on a sunny day. If your bean did not grow and you would like another bean we have a few spare at the office so, please call in and pick up another one.

### Condolences

Our condolences go out to Miss Watts and her whanau, who is in Ireland for a family bereavement. She has been away last week and will be away this week to attend to her family. I'm sure you will all join me in supporting her through a difficult time.

### Welcome

We welcome Mrs Shelly Classen to our staff. Mrs Classen has been working in Te Whenua as a teacher aide in a volunteer position all year and has now joined our staff officially. Mrs Mills will now be based in Tirohanga. Mrs Clark will continue to work in Parekerekere and Mrs Lapwood in Uenuku. We are fortunate to have the calibre of teacher aides we do and I would like to thank them for the work they do for our school.



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ICAS Mathematics exams will be on Friday due to Mathathon. Finally, a reminder that **school is closed tomorrow due to the teachers strike action.**

Your Principal,

Ms Lysandra Stuart  
[stuartl@glenbrook.school.nz](mailto:stuartl@glenbrook.school.nz)

## Term 3 Events

Peter Pan Pantomime  
Glenbrook Math-A-Thon

Assembly: Te Kauri  
Group Day Cross Country  
Mathex  
Assembly: Te Rakau Nui  
Franklin Zone Cross Country  
Assembly: Te Rangi  
7&8 Technology  
Auckland Cross Country Champs  
EPRO8 7&8 Vector Competition  
Photolife Class photos  
EPRO 5&6 Vector Competition  
Assembly: Uenuku  
AIMS Games starts  
Piwakawaka Cross Country  
Book Fair  
Assembly: Te Whenua  
7&8 Technology  
Assembly: Parekereke  
Franklin Duathlon  
NO ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER  
Last Day of Term  
Calf Club Day  
First Day of Term 4

Thursday 16th August  
Monday 13th –  
Thursday 17th August  
Friday 17th August  
Tuesday 21st August  
Wednesday 22nd August  
Friday 24th August  
Wednesday 29th August  
Friday 31st August  
Wednesday 5th September  
Thursday 6th September  
Thursday 6th September  
Thursday 6th September  
Friday 7th September  
Friday 7th September  
Sunday 9th September  
Tuesday 11th September  
Wed 12th ~ Tues 18th Sept  
Friday 14th September  
Wed 19th September  
Friday 21st September  
Tuesday 25th September  
Friday 28th September  
Saturday 29th September  
Monday 15th October

## Writing Tips:

### Piwakawaka:

Recount of something that has happened (piece of writing about an experience a child has had)

Include: Who, where, what, when, why and simple time connectives to join ideas (first, next, then, finally) - finish with a simple response (e.g. feelings statement: I loved it because ... / It was amazing because ...) Ways to help at home:

Discuss events, activities that have happened in the past.  
Discuss experiences you have had together as a family.  
Talk about the order that the event occurred in. Talk about how they felt during the experience.

## Tui:

Tui Syndicate will be focusing on Recount Writing. The purpose of a recount writing is to recount an experience or to record an event. A recount begins with an orientation which includes details about when, who, what, where and why. It then uses a sequence of events which explains to the reader what happened first, next, after that and at the end. The recount ends with a personal comment which explains how the writer felt or thought about their experience. Students should be able to use interesting vocabulary such as adjectives to make their recount interesting for the reader. They also should be using interesting language features such as similes, metaphors, and onomatopoeia to describe their experience in an interesting way.

## Kereru:

Kereru Syndicate will be focusing on Explanation Writing. Explanation writing is a form of transactional writing that tells your audience how something works or why something happens. It is written in the present tense. An explanation begins with an introduction to the topic followed by a description of the parts of the topic. Each part of the topic is written in a new paragraph and backed up by supporting information, giving the "how" or "why" details. There is also "when" and "where" information. The parts and paragraphs are in a logical order. The explanation ends with a summary that includes the main points and makes an interesting comment, a variety of sentence beginnings and lengths are used to make the explanation more interesting. Technical words related to the topic are also included.

## PUKEKOHE LOCAL PHONE BOOK DELIVERIES 2018 – We need your help!

We have been asked to deliver the local phone books by Yellow Pages to the Pukekohe area for which we will get approx. \$4000. We need lots of people and vehicles to load up the shrink wrapped books.

### **Sat 15th<sup>th</sup> September: 9am to finish - Delivering phone books to the Pukekohe residential area**

We will also be looking for people Friday 14<sup>th</sup> & during the week 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> Sept to deliver before 5pm to business.

Please call/ txt/email Kathy 02102554311,  
[PTA@glenbrook.school.nz](mailto:PTA@glenbrook.school.nz), Stacey 0275679747  
[stacelb@orcon.net.nz](mailto:stacelb@orcon.net.nz) if you can help.