



# Glenbrook School Newsletter

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## Message from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai Parents and Whanau and welcome to week 9 and our build up to Calf Club.

### Exciting Staff News

We are very excited and pleased to congratulate Ms Ally Davidson on her engagement to Mr Clint Harford. We wish them the best of luck on a happy and long future.

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Robert Vohan to Glenbrook School for the rest of the school year. Mr Vohan is an experienced teacher from the Bay of Islands and has just returned from teaching overseas. His family live in Waiuku and he is passionate about English, sports and music. He will be teaching in Te Whenua with support from Mrs Simons. Please join me in welcoming Mr Vohan to our school and to our community.

Like many other schools we are trying to balance staffing as best we can and where possible are trying to avoid splitting classes amongst other classes. Thank you to all our parents who are supporting us across the school. We are in the midst of the worst teacher shortage of quality teachers in Auckland, Franklin and across New Zealand. Ideally we would love to have the same quality teacher in the classroom for the year but at times this is not possible. If you have any concerns about your child's classroom, please make an appointment to come and see me.

### Maori Hui

Thank you to all our Whanau and friends who attended our hui about Maori in our school. We appreciate you taking the time to come in and support the achievement of our beautiful students. Your feedback and thoughts are welcome. If there are any families who could not make it but would like to have a say in what we are doing in Te Ao Maori in our school, we invite you to add to our open conversation. The guiding questions can be found in the hall foyer. Please complete the post its and add your wonderings, comments and ideas!

### University of Canterbury Exams

Congratulations to all our fantastic students who sat the Kiwi exams. A special mention to Connor Dunbier who achieved 'Distinction' in English. In English the following students were awarded Merit: Max P, Vahn W and Aaric K. Excellence: Samantha J, Katie M, David W, Annalise W, Isobel M, Thomas M, Hamish C, Rose H, Riley H, Benjamin L and Natalia D. In Science Katie M, Hamish C, Benjamin L and Samantha J were awarded Achieved. In Mathematics Samantha J was awarded Achieved and Merits were awarded to Jacky L and Thomas M.

### Cambridge Exams (ICAS)

Congratulations to our students who participated in the Writing exams. Lara M was awarded a merit. Katie M, Samantha J and Thomas M were awarded Credit. Lara M won the Principal's Award for her Merit in a year 4 exam whilst only being a year 3. Well done to all our students who sat the exams. A fantastic opportunity for all involved.

### Music Exams

A huge congratulations to Mia G who achieved 'Distinction' in her guitar exams. Well done young lady.

### Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended Book Fair. Thank you Mrs Lapwood for leading and Ms Davidson for supporting. We love this annual event which supports our school.

### CALF CLUB - SATURDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2018

Just over a week to go until Calf Club Day!

The judges are booked, the ribbons are ready, and the cups are polished! Time to put the finishing touches on your Posters, Diaries and Letterboxes, and make sure that your animals are ready for their big day. There's still a bit more growing time for those Magic Beanstalks!

### Dates to remember:

**All posters (Chicken, Horse, Dog, Small Furry)** need to be at school next **Monday, 24 September** - please bring them to the Office. Make sure your name is on the back.

**Magic Beanstalk Diaries** - are **due Tuesday 25 September** - please bring them to the Hall and make sure they are clearly named. NB: This is just your Diary. Actual Magic Beanstalks to be brought in on Calf Club Day.

**Letterboxes** - are **due into school on Thursday 27 September** - please bring to the Hall. On Thursday 27 or Friday 28, participating students will be allocated a time to meet the Judges and discuss their letterbox.

Please note that posters, diaries and letterboxes must be brought into school on the due date or they may not be judged.

**Baking:** All families are asked to send in a plate of baking on **Friday 28 September**. Please send in baking on a paper or plastic plate that we do not need to return. All baking is to come to the staffroom. Each student or family will receive 5 Whanau points. Baking is then sold at the cake or lolly stall.

**Grocery Items:** Please continue to bring in grocery items for our large grocery raffles - tin cans, packets, bottles or other grocery items. There is a box in every classroom that items can be placed in. Each item earns a Whanau point. The class that brings the most items wins fish and chips for lunch! (Please note that the number of items are divided per student in the class for equity)

**Heritage Exhibits:** On **Friday 28 September**, all students will participate in making an item for the Heritage exhibitions. We encourage family and friends to join us in this fun day or creating. What you need to bring in will depend on the option you choose. Mrs Hobman will be visiting on Monday during Principal's assembly to show the students what they can do.

Children can choose **one** of the following two options:

**Heritage Exhibit Option 1: Vegetable animal** ~ To create this exhibit, you will need to use fruit and vegetables to inspire your animal creation. It can be a fun journey through the vegetable



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shop looking at the odd-shaped pieces and dreaming of what they could become! Consider your design at home but please leave the making to be done at school. Please bring your fruit and vegetables in a named container if you want to take the leftovers home, otherwise bring only what you need to complete the job. We will provide toothpicks, knives (for adult assistance), chopping boards and also a selection of seconds from the local fruit shops.

**Heritage Exhibit Option 2: Aqua Jar** ~ There is something very special about an underwater floral arrangement. If you select this option, you will need to bring a jar that seals well and a selection of flowers on stems which can fit inside it. The flowers will be blue tacked to the lid which will then be secured on your water-filled jar. We will provide water - coloured and clear, blue tack, glitter and also a sharing table with spare flowers for everyone to use. **We encourage family and friends to join us in this fun day of creating on Friday 28th September.**

**Calf Club DRESS UP:** Students (and families!) are able to dress up in Rural Fancy Dress. They could dress up as a farm worker, a farm vehicle or a farm animal or even a hay bale, snail or flower. Be imaginative! All students that are in costume when they register will be awarded 5 Whanau points. Rosettes will be awarded for the top 3 juniors and top 3 seniors. Students will need to be at prize giving to win.

The Calf Club Programme and a page of 'Important Notices' will be sent home with children next week. Please look out for these in your child's bag. You will see in the Programme that some categories will be judged by Team this year, and other categories will be judged as Junior (children in Teams Parekereke & Tui) and Senior (Teams Kereru & Haast). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

**Class Items:** All students have made three class items which will be on display on Calf Club day. Students and teachers have worked hard throughout the term to make and present these. Judging is done on Friday evenings so when the classes open you will see how some students placed. All students do a great job at preparing for Calf Club.

**Calf Club Calendars:** All students have completed a piece of art for a Calf Club calendar. These will be displayed on the whiteboard in every class on Calf Club. Order forms will be available if you wish to order a calendar or other available items. They make great gifts, especially for Christmas or family mementos.

Please note: For each category, ribbons and certificates will be awarded throughout the morning. Trophies and cups for overall winners, and fancy dress prizes will be presented at the prize-giving at 12.15pm. All students are expected to attend.

## Other important information for the day:

- Parents are not allowed in the rings, or tents while judging is underway.
- Dogs are to be judged on the grass area in front of Parekereke. Please bring your dog on a leash and keep

them supervised at all times. All dogs must remain on the grassed area. No dogs are allowed near any animal, food or game area. Please bring a plastic bag and collect your dog's doo doos.

- Only dogs competing are to come to school on the day.
- Horse owners, please ensure that your horse comes with a bit.
- If possible, please lock or tie up animal cages as little fingers can sometimes undo them with disastrous results.
- There will be cash only for the stalls (no EFT-POS).

Calf Club is a very important day in the Glenbrook School calendar. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. The focus of the day is our rural community, even without calves, goats and lambs!

Next week is the last week of term, so students will be in the Calf Club frenzy, they are also over tired and ready to have a break. I recommend early nights where you can, dinner and devices away. Have a restful weekend everyone (for those of you not completing letterboxes, posters or last minute Calf Club ideas). Let's have a great build up and an even greater Calf Club day!

Your Principal,

Ms Lysandra Stuart  
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## Term 3 Events

Assembly: Te Whenua	Friday 14th September
7&8 Technology	Wednesday 19th September
Pie Day	Thursday 20th September
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Assembly: Parekereke	Friday 21st September
NO ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER	
Last Day of Term	Friday 28th September
Calf Club Day	Saturday 29th September
First Day of Term 4	Monday 15th October

## Term 4 Events:

Term 4 Starts	Monday 15th October
Waiuku College Information Evening	Wednesday 17th October
Hillary Camp: Great Barrier	October 28th - Nov 2nd
V8s Pukekohe	Friday 2nd November
Glenbrook Train Trip	Friday 2nd November
Glenbrook Athletics Day	Tuesday 6th November
ERO Evaluation	November 12th - Nov 16th
Jump Jam Competition	Saturday 17th November
Piwakawaka Athletics	Tuesday 27th November
Roles and Responsibilities 2019	Friday 7th December
G-Factor Finals	Friday 7th December
Transition Week	December 10th - December 14th
Year 8 Dance	Thursday 13th December
Year 8 Dinner	Friday 14th December
End of Year Reports: Home	Monday 17th December
End of Year Prizegiving	Monday 17th December
Whanau Celebration	Tuesday 18th December
Last Day: Finish at 12pm	Wednesday 19th December