



# Glenbrook School Newsletter

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## Message from the Principal

Kia Ora Whanau and welcome to Term 4. A huge thank you everyone for an amazing Jubilee Calf Club. It was certainly a special occasion with our usual high standard of classroom pieces, Heritage items and student entries. We loved the additions of vintage tractors, hay bales, jubilee cake, preserves and the wonderful dress ups people took time to engage in. It was our biggest turn out with past families, neighbours and our beautiful community coming together. I hope you all enjoyed the Jubilee magazine that was given to each family of students that attended. Congratulations to all our students who won a ribbon! It is definitely days like these that show us what a community is all about.

## Reporting to Parents

A reminder that as your child's assessment in Reading, Writing and Mathematics is completed, it is uploaded to the Parent Portal. We also upload each week the learning statements in Reading and Writing your child is working towards or has achieved in Spotlight. This provides you as parents an up to date purposeful account of what your child is achieving at school weekly. We do not write traditional end of year reports. The learning statements we share in Spotlight each week are more detailed, accurate and linked to the New Zealand Curriculum.

The Achievement Report which is also available in your Parent Portal, identifies where your child is achieving in relation to the New Zealand Curriculum and their Qualities of Learning. Again there is no particular check point as this is updated regularly, therefore parents are able to check this as frequently as required.

The Akonui Hui (Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews) allows you to have the rich learning conversation about what has been achieved, celebrating those achievements and what this means for your child. This is where you as parents can look at the learning evidence and receive comments from the teacher with clarity and purpose. Our next Akonui Hui will be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 9.00 - 6.15 and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 9.00 - 3.30pm. Each Akonui Hui is 15 minutes. There will be no lessons on these days. Kelly Club will be available for parents looking for alternative care.

These shifts in reporting and assessment reflect our shift away from an era of National Standards to the principles and vision of the New Zealand Curriculum.

## Staff

We are very pleased to welcome Miss Eleanor Rook and Miss Jessica Matthews to our staff. Both teachers are recent graduates from the University of Waikato and live locally. We would like to welcome Coach Liam Simnor who is coaching football and tennis each morning this term, Coach Liam Sargent will be coaching touch rugby skills and Coach Noah Bradley who will be coaching basketball skills. We also welcome Coach Jack Sutcliffe who will be coaching robotics.

## St Johns First Aid Programme

This week all our students participated in the St Johns First Aid programme. A big thank you to Sue Lowry who does a fabulous job of delivering this programme across our school.

## MathAthon

This Friday is our Mathathon prizegiving assembly which will be led by Team Haast. Every student who gathered sponsorship will receive a prize. This year we raised \$6200 which will be used to contribute towards the upgrades on the upper courts. Late sponsors are welcome. Thank you everyone.

## 2020 Notices

School starts on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and will finish on December 16<sup>th</sup> 2020. These dates include all the Teacher Only Days we will be having in 2020. Meet the Teacher will be on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 5.30 at the Glenbrook School pool. There will be a Waiuku Schools Teacher Only Day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. In Term 2 there will be two Teacher Only Days, these will be on Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 2020. In Term 3 there will be two Teacher Only Days on Thursday August 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 21<sup>st</sup>. Please note there are no classes on any Teacher Only Day. Kelly Club will be available for parents looking for alternative care.

## Family Holidays

There has been a large increase in families taking family breaks and holidays during school term. We ask that families please use the Teacher Only Days as part of their holiday planning.

**Glenbrook School Pool** – Pool keys will be available to purchase from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The cost for the season is \$95 with a \$20 refund on return of the key. Pool users must sign a pool agreement outlining the rules and guidelines for key holders. Keys can only be purchased by the Glenbrook School community and they must not be shared out. If keys are lent out, you will be asked to return your key. Students under 18 years are not to supervise children in the pool. Supervision must be in the pool area and not from the carpark.

**School Uniform ~ Hats:** It is compulsory for students to wear our school hat this term. Students who do not have a hat are only permitted to play in the shaded areas of the school. Hats are available to purchase at the office for \$15.

**End of Year Prizegiving:** This is being held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December starting at 6pm. All students are expected to wear full school uniform and attend. Year 8 students are able to wear appropriate tidy wear. We welcome all families and whanau to attend to support all our students.

**Transition and Class Lists 2020:** Student and teacher placements will be announced on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Students will receive a notice identifying their 2020 class and 2020 teacher. They will bring these home at the end of the day. From 9.00 - 11.00 students will spend time with their 2020 class and teacher as part of our transition process. A huge amount of time and discussion is put into organising classes by the teaching staff. All 2020 classes are final and no students will be moved.

**PTA: Phone Books Fundraiser ~ Phone Books - Local Franklin Books:** 22<sup>nd</sup> November Friday Business deliveries from 9am  
Books need to be delivered to business and schools in the Pukekohe area from PGG Wrightsons Store on Manukau Road



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23rd November Saturday Residential deliveries from 9am. Books need to be delivered to residential addresses in the Pukekohe & Otara Areas from Wrightsons Store in Manukau Road. Sausage sizzle & baked food available all day for helpers. Many hands make light work so please give us an hour to help us earn \$4000 for our school. Please contact Kathy 02102554311 to let us know you are available.

## Calendar Art

Forms will be coming home next week with a personalised code for you to be able to view your child's artwork on our suppliers website and order and pay directly to Kids Art Works for your calendar, mouse mat, sketch pad or diary. You will still be able to hand in a cash / cheque order to the office if you prefer. Orders will need to be in by **OCT 30TH 2019** at the latest. Any queries contact Kathy 02102554311

## Term 4 Disco

Our Term 4 disco in on Friday 8th November 5.30 - 7.30. The theme is: 1980s. Door price \$5 per family or \$2 per person Nachos \$5, Sausages \$ 2.50 Lollies \$1, Chocolates \$2-\$3 Drinks \$2 Prizes for best dressed.

## Camp Hillary

Twenty students will attend Camp Hillary Tongariro from Sunday 10th November to Friday 15th November. A big thank you to Miss Sixsmith and Miss Shuker for leading this.

## Inflatable Football

Students will have an opportunity to participate in Inflatable Football on Thursday 31st October. Students wishing to opt into further Inflatable Football lessons are able to complete a form which will come home on the day. There is a cost.

## Athletics

Due to an increasing school population athletics will be held in three teams at different times. Team Tui will have athletics day on Tuesday 5th November. Teams Haast and Kereru will have athletics day on Wednesday 6th November. Team Piwakawaka will have their athletics session on Tuesday 12th November.

## School Library

In 2020 our school library will be used as a classroom. Therefore, we will have to pack up our school library this term. Please note the last library day will be Friday 15th November. We ask that all library books are returned before this date.

## Digital Device Requirements

A reminder that Glenbrook School is a BYOD school. Students in years 5-8 need to bring a device for blended classroom learning. Glenbrook School is a google school. For most students a chrome book is adequate unless they intend to be involved in programmes such as coding or robotics then a chromebook will not be appropriate. We recommend the same specifications as Waiuku College: Windows 10/ Apple OS 4GB Ram Hard Drive over 120GB. (SSD is preferable) Battery Life over 6 hours. Hard Wearing outer shell. Headphones. Possibly include a protective case. Wireless mouse (optional) All items must be clearly named.

Thank you everyone for your continued support of a great school!!

Your Principal,  
Ms Lysandra Stuart

## Term 4 Dates

Labour Day - School Closed	Monday 28th October
Inflatable Football	Thursday 31st October
Team Tui Athletics Day	Tuesday 5th November
Team Kereru and Team Haast Athletics Day	Wednesday 6th November
Term 4 Disco	Friday 8th November
Team Piwakawaka Athletics Day	Tuesday 12th November
Camp Hillary Tongariro	Sunday 10th November - Friday 15th November
Group Day Athletics	Thursday 14th November
EPRO08 Finals	Thursday 14th November
Franklin Zone Athletics	Wednesday 20th November
Team Tui Overnight Camp	Thursday 21st - Friday 22nd November
PTA Phone Book Fundraiser	Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd November
Parekereke Train Trip	Friday 29th November
Akonui Hui (Parent Interviews)	Thursday 5th December 9.00 - 6.15pm
Please note there are no classes on these days.	Friday 6th December 9.00 - 3.30
Transition Visits to new classes 2020 Class notification sent home.	Monday 9th December
G-Factor Finals	Wednesday 11th December 11.30 -1.00
Year 8 Dance	Thursday 12th December
Year 8 Dinner	Friday 13th December
End of Year Prizegiving	Monday 16th December - 6pm start.
Whanau Party Day	Tuesday 17th December
Last Day of Term	Wednesday 18th December - 12pm finish.



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