



Glenbrook School Newsletter



Thursday 30th January 2020

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Message from the Principal

Kia Ora Koutou, nau mai, haere mai and welcome to 2020. It has been a lovely start to our year and it's wonderful having our students settle in with their new classes, teachers and routines. Welcome to our new families and welcome back to our current families. We have started early this year due to a large number of Teacher Only Days. We also have a large number of building works underway beginning with Te Rangi, Te Kauri and Te Rakau Nui. Where possible we will minimise disruption to classes.

It is going to be another great Glenbrook School year and I look forward to the FAILS (First Attempts in Learning), challenges and successes we will all achieve together.

Meet the Teacher:

We encourage all parents to attend our Meet the Teacher TONIGHT at the Glenbrook School Pool. It will begin at 5.00 and finish at 6.30. This is a chance to come and meet the staff of Glenbrook School. Please note that this is not a reporting session, but rather an informal meet and greet. There will be a sausage sizzle available and children are welcome to attend and swim.

Teacher Only Days 2020

Please note that school will be closed for instruction on the following days: Kahui Ako TOD Friday 20th March 2020, Thursday May 28th and Friday 29th 2020, Thursday August 20th and Friday 21st 2020

Start of School

A reminder that school begins at 9.00am. We would like the children to be at school between 8.30 – 8.50 am. This gives them a chance to settle in before their day begins. It can be disruptive to the class if children are coming into a class that has already begun. The hand bell is rung to give students a chance to get into their classroom and get organised to start at 9.00. We ask that parents have left the classroom when they hear the hand bell.

Prior to 8.10 there is no directed staff supervision. To mitigate the risk, your child will be sent to Kelly Club morning session and parents will be directly billed for this service.

Purposeful Play on Fridays

On Fridays we will continue having Purposeful Play. **The bell will not ring to start instruction until 10am.** Purposeful Play allows students time to play with friends. Throughout Term 1 there are games for inside and outside play available. Staff and Peer mediators are on duty from 9.00-10.00. Students are encouraged to play with their peers and when conflict arises to use their WITs and Peer Mediation to resolve natural conflict. Students are reminded to use negotiation skills and to clarify rules prior to playing. This is time to practice their social skills and is essential to learning how to be collaborative and self-manage. Students involved in games learn how to win and how to lose. More importantly students get to develop and strengthen friendships and teams. This develops a support structure for students to assist with stress and anxiety.

During Purposeful Play on Fridays our class teachers will be in Team Meetings from 8.00 -10.00. This gives our teachers important time to plan, prepare and collate learning evidence for the following week. Teachers are not available to meet Friday mornings or Thursday afternoons as they are in staff meetings.

End of Day Process

Teachers will accompany classes to the top court (outside the hall) where they must be collected by an adult or will be dismissed to their bus line. School finishes at 2.50pm. No students are allowed to walk to the carpark without their adult.

Our Bell Times are....

Morning Block and brain food	Monday - Thursday Friday	9.00 - 11.00 10.00 - 11.00
Interval		11.00 – 11.30
Middle Block		11.30 – 1.00
Lunch		1.00 – 1.40
Afternoon Block		1.40 – 2.40

School Assemblies:

Please note that due to the hall currently being used as a classroom, there will be no whole school assembly until further notice. Each Team will have a Team Assembly where certificates will be awarded to celebrate the successes of our students. Team assemblies will be on Fridays from 2:15pm and parents are welcome to attend.

Team Haast: Hall

Team Kereru: Multi-Purpose Shed

Team Tui: Uenuku

Team Piwakawaka: Parekerekere

Kapa Haka:

Kapa Haka is an integral part of Glenbrook school, our bicultural ethos and also the NZ Curriculum. Miss Stuart will continue to lead Kapa Haka. All students participate in our Kapa Haka hour which will be on Wednesdays 9.00-10.00. A specialist Kapa Haka group will be formed for those students interested in performing at the annual Franklin Cultural Festival. This will be held at Pukekohe Intermediate on Saturday 28th March. If you are able to assist, please let Miss Stuart know. Please note that items in Kapa Haka are non-denominational. Kapa Haka is one way we practice our te reo Maori. A NZ Curriculum requirement.

Toe by Toe:

Toe by Toe is a 1:1 sounds and phonics programme which makes a big difference to many students in our school. PLEASE if there are any other parents who can volunteer time each week to this programme we would love to hear from you. Students who participate in this programme, have many positive outcomes. Please contact Mrs Davidson-Harford if you are able to assist davidsona@glenbrook.school.nz

Whanau Leaders:

Whanau Leaders and our houses are a traditional and an important part of Glenbrook School. Your 2020 Whanau Leaders are:

Kahikatea	Sophie Sneddon, Annalise Weaver
Tairāre	William Whittaker-Lahman, Bianca Watson
Totara	Tyrleigh Henry, Connor Walworth
Puriri	Ava Douglas, Alisha Ingham



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Concerns and Complaints

Often unnecessary worry can be caused by unfounded rumour or misinterpretation. If the issue is whole school, please come and see the Principal. If you ever have a concern about your child or classroom concerns, **please contact the classroom teacher** in the first instance. If the matter is not resolved satisfactorily you should then contact:

- The Team Leader (then)
- Mrs Jessica Simons our Deputy Principal
simonsj@glenbrook.school.nz (then)
- The Principal, Ms Stuart stuartl@glenbrook.school.nz (then)
- The Board of Trustees Chairperson

Please follow on IN THAT ORDER.

Note:

1. Our school defines a concern as something expressed verbally and a complaint as a concern that is written. Anonymous complaints are ignored.
2. Parents are **not allowed** to address a concern directly with a child.

Please do not be offended if we refer you to our procedure and process.

Swimming

Please put your child's named togs, rash shirt and a towel in a waterproof bag in their school bag every day. Classes will swim regularly while the pool remains warm. A reminder that all students must wear a rash shirt when swimming. Boys must wear swimming togs or swimming shorts. Girls must wear a one piece underneath their rash shirt. Please no shorts, bikinis or bikini bottoms for school swimming. Long hair needs to be tied up when swimming. Please only send swimming goggles. Snorkels and masks are not appropriate.

No Hat, No Play:

Children without a school sunhat will not be allowed to play outside beyond the sunshade for juniors or multi-purpose shed for seniors. School hats can be purchased from the office.

Sunblock

Please also ensure your child has sunblock on before coming to school. Classes have sunblock that can be applied at school if needed.

Stationery

Thank you to those families who have paid their stationery payments. All stationery payments are due by Friday 31st January 2020

2020 Stationery Costs

The stationery cost for 2020 is \$65 per child. This includes all class stationery items for the year such as books, pens, pencils, glue sticks, cellotape, colouring markers, outlines pens, individual books and digital platforms Education Perfect and STEPs which students will use at home. These items are used to make things that come home such as Making Table and STEAM items. Both digital platforms are heavily subsidised by the school where it is expected that the activities we don't use as part of the curriculum at school are used at home for home learning. For example, Mathematics in Education Perfect will be used at school for years 3-8 but English in Education Perfect will be the home learning component. The school is purchasing a range of subject access.

The stationery costs include other specialised items for each year group such as compass, protractors etc. in the senior school or writing, drawing books etc. in the junior school. The stationery cost can be paid at the school office. Just a reminder that at Glenbrook School all stationery items are organised by the school. They do not come home until the end of the school year, nor are they covered. This ensures equity for all of our students. The class teacher will name them ready to start day one. All you have to do is make the payment! (The stationery costs do not include the Technology payment of \$30 for years 7&8. The total costs for Years 7&8 is \$95 each).

Payments can be made electronically to:

Glenbrook School Board of Trustees

Account No: 12 3023 0503093 000

Ref: Student Name

A reminder that all students in years 5,6,7 and 8 will need a digital device daily for learning. Years 3 and 4 will have shared access to some devices but are encouraged to bring their own if possible.

If you require more time, please do not hesitate to contact the school so we can assist.

Parent Portal:

It is essential that parents have joined and are linked to the Parent Portal. At Glenbrook School we use our Parent Portal to communicate and share the whole school and class information, your child's assessment, learning progress, school contributions and attendance. Information on how to download the app can be found on our school website <https://glenbrookschoolnz.com/parent-portal/> For access please contact the school office where your username / passwords can be issued.. **If you are having difficulty** with the Portal please come in and see Mrs Goodall at the school office during the following times: Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday next week from 9am ~ 12noon.

Cellphones.

Cellphones must be handed in to the office in the mornings and collected at the end of the day. Phones that are not handed in will be confiscated and will have to be collected by parents. We encourage students to **NOT bring** their cellphones. Cellphones are also **not** permitted to be used on the school bus.

Water & Milk

We are a water only school and milk is provided to students. Students are not to bring juice, fizzy drinks or flavoured milk.

Toys & sports gear

We ask that students do not bring toys, balls or other personal items to school as they can get lost or broken. If students do bring these items to school parents are welcome to collect them from the school office. (this does not include news items that junior students will bring on their news day).

Second hand uniform

We have a big pile of second hand uniform that you are welcome to come and look over. There will be no charge for the majority of this. Polar fleeces that are in excellent condition will be \$5 or \$10.



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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, Writing and Mathematics 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 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 **Tuesday 26th May 9.00 - 6.15pm and Wednesday 27th May 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.

Staff

We have an outstanding staff here at Glenbrook School. If you need to speak with a staff member, please make an appointment using the school email. We will endeavour to follow up as soon as we are able. Our staff are extremely dedicated and busy teachers with many additional responsibilities. In order to ensure we can assist you, please identify your reason for an appointment so we are as organised as possible with the correct information and personnel. Staff will not follow up any messages that are sent via social media or sent outside their Glenbrook School email.

Again, welcome Glenbrookians to 2020. I look forward to our year together and our children Realising their Potential.

Your Principal,
Ms Lysandra Stuart

TERM 1 EVENTS

Waitangi Day (school closed)	Thursday 6th February
BOT	Monday 10th February
Glenbrook Swimming Sports Y3-8	Tuesday 11th February
Year 8 Technology	Wednesday 12th February
Vaccination Talks 7&8	Thursday 13th February
Have A Go Day: Haast / Kereru	Tuesday 18th February

Splish Splash Day Years 0-2	Tuesday 18th February
Year 7 Technology	Wednesday 19th February
Team Tui EOTC: Grahams Beach	Wednesday 19th February
EOTC Team Haast: Whitewater Rafting	Thursday 20th February
Franklin Triathlon	Friday 21st February
Haast Camp	February 24-26
Kereru Camp	February 27-28
Year 8 Technology	Thursday 27th February
Year 7 Technology	Wednesday 4th March
Group Day Swimming	Thursday 5th March
Dental van visiting	Monday 9th March
Yr 7 & 8 Zone Swimming	Tuesday 10th March
Yr 8 Technology	Wednesday 11th March
Wushu Workshop Year 7 & 8	Thursday 12th March
Yr 5 & 6 Zone Swimming	Friday 13th March
Yr 7 Technology	Wednesday 18th March
Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day	Friday 20th March
Yr 7 & 8 Ultra Rip	Tuesday 24th March
Yr 8 Technology	Wednesday 25th March
Yr 7 & 8 Vaccinations	Thursday 26th March
Franklin Cultural Festival	Saturday 28th March
Yr 5 & 6 Franklin Rippa	Tuesday 31st March
Yr 7 Technology	Wednesday 1st April
Class & Portrait Photos	Friday 3rd April
Yr 8 Technology	Wednesday 8th April
Last day of Term 1	Thursday 9th April
Good Friday (School Closed)	Friday 10th April



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