



Glenbrook School Newsletter

Monday 9th March 2020



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Message from the Principal

Kia Ora Koutou, nau mai, haere mai.

Congratulations and well done to all our students who competed at Group Day swimming. Our students did extremely well and we are super proud of everyone!

Waiuku Kahui Ako Teachers Day

Please note that all Waiuku Schools are closed on Friday 20th March for an educators day at Waiuku College.

Glenbrook Classroom and Property Update

The building works in Te Rakau Nui, Te Kauri and Te Rangi are almost complete. The foundations for large decks being built for Te Moana, Te Marama and Te Whenua are now underway.

Our school population continues to grow and we have no timeframe on when we will be given portable classrooms from the Ministry of Education. We do not know how many students we will get from the housing development at Glenbrook Beach, we do know that we have an increase of student numbers at all levels from Term 2.

The Library

The library is an important place for ALL classes and students to go to and use. Not only is it a resource for classes, students and groups, it is a place students and groups can go to when they need a quiet place to go to, to feel calm.

Currently they don't have that and students have been telling us they don't know where to go during interval or lunch for a quiet space, a calm space. Returning the library to school achieves this.

It also gives us an option for Bus 2 students to go to when the rain and cold weather starts.

The library will be reopened from Term 2.

TEAM HAAST (Years 7&8)

Team Haast will remain in the hall with Te Rangi being used as another teaching space.

If we moved Haast back into the 3 classes they would just fit. This leaves no physical room for other students coming in. This tightness puts pressure on behaviours and learning restrictions on programmes. We are not able to create another room when other students do arrive and it is not conducive to learning to keep moving all three classes again.

The hall will be available for the year 8 dinner in term 4. Assemblies will continue to be Team Assemblies.

Te Kauri/ TRN Building

Te Ra (years 1&2) will be moving into the Te Kauri / TRN space in week 9. Currently Te Ra are in the library and although it is working it is becoming a little tight and as student numbers begin to increase, like Team Haast this creates pressure in the classroom for all.

By moving Te Ra into the TRN/Te Kauri building it gives this junior class the space to develop as they should for their age. It also allows us to increase more year 1 and 2 students into that space without adding additional pressure to the spaces in Te Whenua and Parekereke.

Other Classes

It is likely we will get two to three temporary classes, portable classes. If and when we do, these will be for Team Haast.

There will no doubt be some things we have not thought about as yet, but like everything we will problem solve with a whole school lens and look at it as an opportunity

Kapa Haka:

A specialist Kapa Haka group is being 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.

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://glenbrookschoollnz.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.



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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. Students who continue to ignore this rule will not be allowed to bring their phone for at least a term. We encourage students to NOT bring their cellphone. Cellphones are also not permitted to be used on the school bus. A review of student cell phones will be done this year.

School Uniform

Uniforms are now ordered online at: www.uniformworks.co.nz. Click on shop then click on: Glenbrook School. Samples of all sizes are available at school to try on. Buckets hats can be bought at the office or online.

Your Principal,
Ms Lysandra Stuart

TERM 1 EVENTS

Yr 5 & 6 Zone Swimming	Friday 20th 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

School Gala

A reminder that our school gala is this SATURDAY 14th March. Students do not wear school uniform. It is a great day to come together as a community and to support our school, and our PTA. Bring your families, friends and neighbours! Every family benefits from the funds raised towards as these are directed back into the school. The funds from the 2020 gala will be contributed towards our school pool. Don't forget your Rockabilly Dress Ups and come join in the games, kai, entertainment, raffles and auction!

BAKING

On Friday 13th March we ask that each family send to school a plate for baking which will be sold at our GALA on Saturday 14th March. Baking will need to be brought to the hall kitchen. Each plate of home made baking earns the student 10 Whanau points.

Glenbrook School is becoming more and more environment conscious and the plastic wrapping and plastic plates are just not the right fit for us anymore. We ask that families please bring their baking in repurposed containers (such as clean takeaway containers that can be recycled, cake boxes and domes from previously store bought cakes etc). The less waste and more-recycling and repurposing the better! We will still have the usual cake boxes to re-package or if you like, you can ask for one from the office prior to baking & bring the baking in already packaged.

Offers of help to set up the baking the day before (Friday March 13th) would be greatly appreciated and also help selling on the cake stall on the day. We will be setting up in the school hall kitchen from 9am on the Friday morning.

Feel free to contact Paula on 021650027 for any information.

White Elephant Reminder:

White elephant needs your stuff!!

Had a clear out recently? Not made it to the op shop? White elephant stall will happily take it off ya hands. Drop off to Glenbrook War Memorial Hall, Glenbrook Station Road Monday 9th March 3pm - 5pm, Tuesday 10th March 12 - 5pm, Wednesday 11 March 3pm - 5pm, Thursday 12th March 3pm - 5pm, Friday 13th March 9am - 6pm
For further enquires please call Linda McSorley on 021 077 1837 or Lizzie on 021024238