

Piwakawaka Newsletter

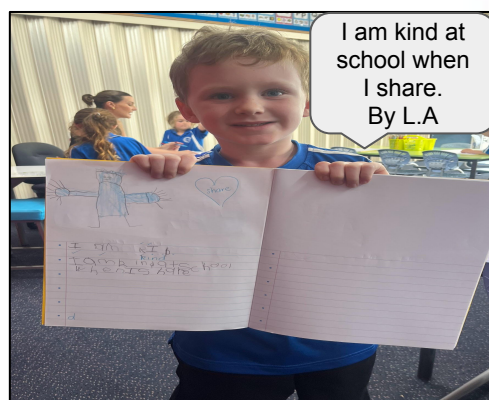


Week 4, Term 1

Below is a snapshot of the learning that has taken place across Team Piwakawaka over the last week.

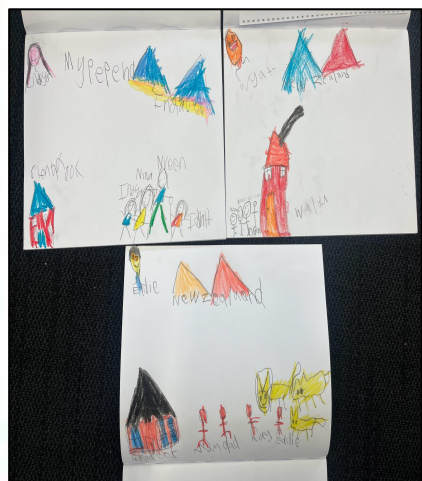
Literacy

In Parekerekere, students enjoyed learning all about the letters M and S last week. They practised writing their letters correctly and watched a video about snakes. They were very engaged in their learning and they decided to write about what they saw in the video. In addition to this, they also wrote about sharing and how they are kind.



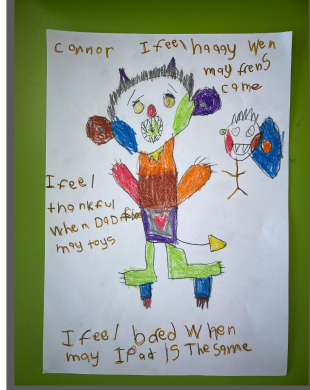
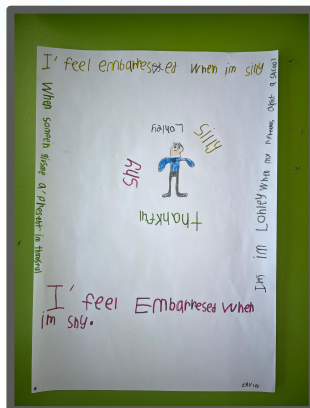
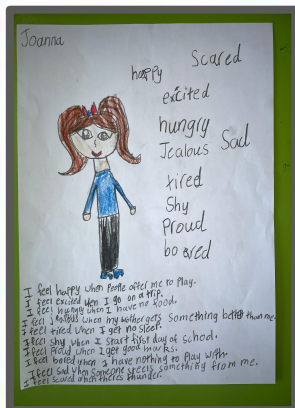
Mathematics

Students in Uenuku have been engaged in ordering numbers and representing the number with counters. They have also been reading numbers in symbols, words, and Te Reo Maaori, and practising to match them up.



Pepeha

As we have been getting to know our new class friends, students have learned that a Pepeha is a formal way to introduce themselves. In Uenuku, before writing their formal Pepeha, students creatively illustrated theirs. They drew and wrote about where their ancestors are from, where they live, who lives in their house, and they also drew themselves.



Cool Schools

As part of our Cool Schools programme, students have been learning about conflict resolution and developing essential communication skills. One important strategy for resolving conflict is using an 'I statement' to express feelings and needs in a respectful way. In Tirohanga, students have been exploring a wide range of emotions by writing them down, discussing their meanings, and reflecting on personal experiences. They have been actively thinking about when they feel these emotions, why they arise, and how they can manage them in different situations.



Splish Splash Day

Team Piwakawaka had a fantastic time during our Splish Splash Day! They participated in the biggest splash, seahorse race, running races, flutterboard kicks, and even tried freestyle. A large number of students successfully swam one length unaided. All students showcased our school values by encouraging and cheering for others, demonstrating bravery, and giving each activity their best effort. We are so proud of them all!



KERERU NEWSLETTER

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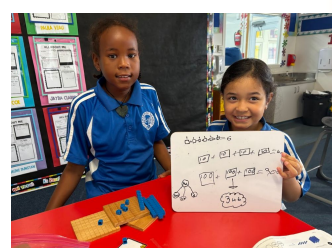
Year 4 EOTC

Our Year 4 students had an exciting EOTC week filled with adventure and teamwork. On Wednesday, we had a fantastic time at Grahams Beach, swimming, building sandcastles and connecting with friends. It was great to see aakonga supporting one another in the water and getting creative with their sandcastles. Thursday was all about movement and collaboration with Taekwondo with Mr Doogan, a scavenger hunt, and Jump Jam in the pool. On Friday we learned a new teamwork game, Chuck the Chicken, which tested striking and fielding while keeping us entertained. The day ended with a round of water Duck Duck Goose, leaving everyone refreshed and smiling. It was a week of teamwork, resilience, and fun, leaving students with unforgettable memories and new skills to take forward.



Our Year 5-6 aakonga had an unforgettable time at Beach Camp in Mangawhai, filled with adventure, teamwork and plenty of fun in the sun. Throughout the camp, students strengthened their connections with one another while taking on exciting activities like surfing, paddleboarding and kayaking. Beach team building games brought plenty of laughter and friendly competition. It was a fantastic experience for all that encouraged resilience, teamwork and a love for the outdoors.

Beach Camp



Mathematics

Year 4 aakonga explored counting in 100s, 10s and 1s while learning how to break apart numbers to deepen their understanding. They practiced using place value blocks to make numbers easier to work with and built confidence in their counting skills.

Year 5s worked on counting in 100s and 25s, developing their number fluency and recognising patterns in sequences. They enjoyed the hands on activities that helped them see how these numbers are used in real life situations.

Year 6 aakonga focused on reading and writing numbers to 100,000, strengthening their ability to work with large numbers. They challenged themselves with place value problems and number comparisons, pushing their thinking further.

Term 1 Home Learning

This year, our primary focus for home learning is daily reading. Students in Team Kereru should be reading for at least 20–30 minutes each day and recording this in their school diary. Bookbags and diaries must be brought to school daily, as these are checked regularly.

In addition, Year 5 and 6 students will have weekly tasks to complete in their Action English books.

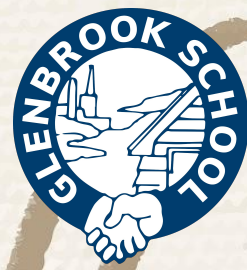
If your child would like to extend their learning at home, they can access Mathletics and Writer's Toolbox for additional practice. However, our main priority is reading every day to support their literacy growth.

Thank you for your support in fostering a love for reading at home!

	Year 5 Action English	Year 6 Action English
Week 4 Due 27 Feb	Page 7-9 Common Nouns 1 Common Nouns 2 Proper Nouns 1	Page 7-9 Common Nouns 1 Common Nouns 2 Proper Nouns 1
Week 5 Due 6 March	Page 10-12 Proper Nouns 2 Collective Nouns 1 Collective Nouns 2	Page 10-12 Proper Nouns 2 Collective Nouns 1 Collective Nouns 2
Week 6 Due 13 March	Page 13-16 Adjectives 1 Adjectives 2 Conjunctions 1 Conjunctions 2	Page 13-16 Pronouns 1 Pronouns 2 Adjectives 1 Adjectives 2
Week 7 Due 20 March	Page 17-18 Verbs 1 Verbs 2	Page 17-18 Prepositions 1 Prepositions 2
Week 8 Due 27 March	Page 19-21 Word Classes - Test Chapter Overview	19-20 Conjunctions 1 Conjunctions 2
Week 9 Due 3 April	Page 22-23 Capital Letters and Full Stops 1 Capital Letters and Full Stops 2	Page 21-22 Verbs 1 Verbs 2
Week 10 Due 10 April	Page 24-27 Commas 1 Commas 2 Apostrophes 1 Apostrophes 2	Page 23-24 Word classes- Test

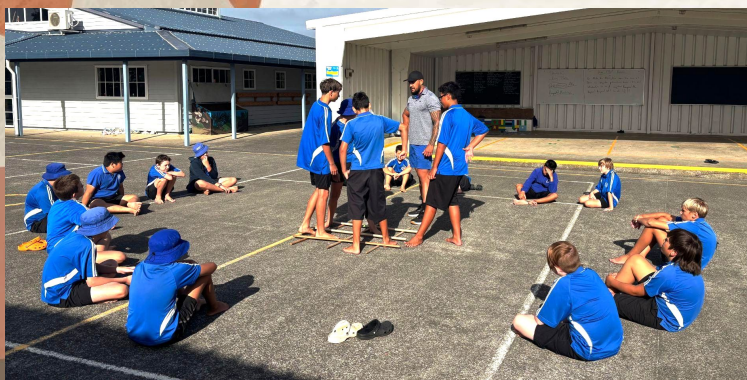


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Sheppard - Year 7: This week in Sheppard, students have been exploring Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the key reasons why Maaori were for or against it. We also researched the key reasons for signing Te Tiriti, who was involved, and the timeline of events. In writing, our class has been working to build their skills of crafting a narrative as well as beginning to use our digital tool, Writer's Toolbox.



Outside the Classroom: Both of our senior classes have been participating in a range of extracurricular activities including swimming, Taekwondo with Mr Doogan, Kapa Haka and Mana enhancing sessions with Matua Eps. Our Technology program held at View Road School has also had our senior students buzzing. Amongst this, many of our seniors have been stepping up in their leadership roles, as well as in the way that they support other students and staff around our school. It has been encouraging to see them grow in their confidence and self leadership.

Ngata - Year 8: This week in Ngata, students have been working on their core curriculum subjects of reading, writing and maths, while building our class's expectations of learning to set up for a successful year together. We have also been exploring how we can be more active in the learning process and developing strategies to become more independent and take responsibility for our learning. Self management has been a big area of focus for us as we seek to support students to become internally motivated and organised to achieve success.



Home Learning:

Our home learning program is designed to support students in line with the learning that they are doing in class, as well as providing opportunities for students to increase their reading mileage.

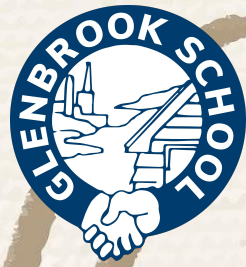
Reading: Students should be reading 20-30 minutes per day and must record their reading in their school diaries.

Action English Books: Students will also have specific pages to complete in their Action English books each week.

Additional tasks: If your child would like to complete extra tasks for home learning, they can use Education Perfect to access a wide range of online activities and modules from subjects across the curriculum and complete these at their own pace. They are also able to use Writer's Toolbox to complete a variety of different writing tasks and challenges.

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Term 1 Home Learning

	Year 7 <i>Action English 5</i>	Year 8 <i>Action English 6</i>
Week 4 Due 26 - 27 Feb	Pages 7 & 8 Common Nouns 1 Common Nouns 2	Pages 24-25 Capital Letters and Full Stops 1 and 2
Week 5 Due 6 March	Pages 9 - 12 Proper Nouns 1 Proper Nouns 2 Collective Nouns 1 Collective Nouns 2	Pages 7-9 Common Nouns 1 Collective Nouns 2 Proper Nouns 1
Week 6 Due 13 March	Pages 13 & 14 Adjectives 1 Adjectives 2	Pages 10-12 Proper Nouns 2 Collective Nouns 1 Collective Nouns 2
Week 7 Due 20 March	Pages 15 & 16 Verbs 1 Verbs 2	Pages 13-15 Pronouns 1 Pronouns 2 Adjectives 1
Week 8 Due 27 March	Pages 17 & 18 Conjunctions 1 Conjunctions 2	Pages 16-18 Adjectives 2 Verbs 1 Verbs 2
Week 9 Due 3 April	Pages 19 & 20 Prepositions Proofreading for Word Classes	Page 19-20 Conjunctions 1 Conjunctions 2
Week 10 Due 10 April	Pages 21 & 22 Word Classes - Test	Page 21-22 Word classes- Test



TERM 1 EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

Whole School Diary Dates

- **White Elephant Stall** - Please drop items to the hall
- **Digital Safety Evening** - Thursday 27th February (7-8pm)
- **Year 4-8 Swimming Sports** - Friday 28th February
- **Year 4-8 Waiuku Group Day** - Thursday 6th March
- **Parent-Teacher Meetings** - Thursday 6th March and Friday 7th March
- **Glenbrook School Gala** - Saturday 15th March
- **Franklin Multi-Cultural Festival** - Saturday 29th March
- **Term 1 ends** - Friday 11th April

Strengthening Digital Citizenship and Online Safety Together

This year, our school is placing a strong emphasis on Digital Citizenship and Online Safety to ensure our students are equipped to navigate the online world confidently and responsibly.

We warmly invite you to a Parents' Evening with the team from "Kids Online" on Thursday, 27th February, in our school hall from 7:00–8:00 PM.

Please reserve your ticket via Eventbrite:
[Glenbrook School Digital Safety](#)

Piwakawaka

Sandspit Beach Trip - Tuesday 4th March

Kereru

Year 5-6 Franklin Zone Swimming - Friday 14th March

Pouakai

Technology every Thursday:

- Year 8 Thursday 27th February
- Year 7 Thursday 6th March

Please note, students are required to wear covered shoes.

Year 7-8 Franklin Zone Swimming - Tuesday 11th March

Parent-Teacher Meetings 6th and 7th March

Book your appointment at:
www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
Use the code: un52f

Whole School Reminders:

- Please ensure your child has a school sunhat (we operate a no hat, no play policy)
- Please name **all items** (including swimming gear)
- All notices and permission slips are posted on the School Parent Portal. Please ensure you can access this. Contact the office if you require support.

Current forms to be completed please:

- Digital Responsible Use agreement
- BYOD agreement
- Photo permission
- Bus Letter and Rules 2025 (if your child rides the bus)

A gentle reminder that friends are not permitted to ride the School Bus due to full capacity. Please collect your child and their friend on the occasions when they travel home together.
Thank you.