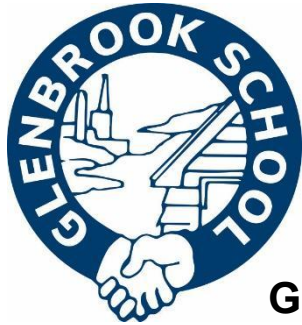


Glenbrook School Calf Club



Garden Option



CALF CLUB 2026

Grow a Herb Garden in an Unusual Container

'Fresh Herbs really can belong anywhere you put them.'



This year the Garden Option for Calf Club is a mix of creativity and nurturing. We would like to see you grow your own herbs from seed in the most unusual container you can find.

Herb Garden in an Unusual Container Criteria:

- You must grow at least 2 herbs from seed
- Your container must be bright and colourful
- Your container must be made from recycled materials
- Your herb garden must be accompanied by a poster which will contribute 50% of your overall mark.

Posters:

Children are required to complete an **informative** poster about their garden. You can include any information you like on it. Some interesting things could be ...

- A drawing of your garden with labels
- Some photos
- What inspired your unusual container and herb choice
- What herbs need to grow
- Show and explain the progress of your herbs growth from seed.
- What can you use the herbs for? Recipes?
- Explain your design and build process of your herb garden.
- Support photos or drawings.
- Refer to the attached Garden Poster criteria information for additional hints.

The poster must be done on A2 card which is available at the school office. Posters larger than A2, or scale models will not be judged. Posters should be bright and colourful and 100% child effort.

The posters are collected for marking during the week before Calf Club day. The date for posters is confirmed below and will be in the school newsletter ~ they are usually due in the Monday before Calf Club day.

The poster is worth 50% and the other 50% comes from your garden on the day.

Please ensure your name, age and school team (Pouakai/Kereru/Piwakawaka) is written on the back of your poster.

What happens on Calf Club Day:

On the day of Calf club your garden will be displayed with all of the other entries at school. The gardens may be judged the day before or during calf club depending on the garden judges availability. Certificates for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be awarded by team. The judge may ask to talk to the children about their gardens.

Please take your garden and poster home at the end of calf club.

Things to think about

- What herbs would suit growing at this time of the year?
- What herbs would be fully grown by the end of September?
- What type of drainage will your container need?
- Is it made of recycled material?
- Is it bright and colourful?
- Can people tell what herbs I am growing? Should I label them?

Due dates:

Posters are due at school on Monday 21st September at 9am

Herb gardens are due at school on Friday 25th September at 9am.

Garden Poster Guidelines

What the judges are looking for in Garden posters

Include a Catchy Title

Add a decorative border

Don't forget to write you name, age and team on the **back** of the poster

A well labelled and dated diagram

How did you plant it?

Weekly dated entries to show care and growth of the plant.

Pictures

Great presentation appropriate to age

- 1) Plan first!** Sketch out your poster idea on a separate piece of paper before you begin.
- 2) Add pictures!** Draw your own images or include photos of your letterbox to match your text. Posters do leave the school for judging so please don't make them fragile!
- 3) Share lots of details!** Give as much information about your animal as you can.
- 4) Judging is based on age expectations.** Younger kids (like five-year-olds) aren't expected to have perfect handwriting, but creativity, effort, and clear messaging matter most!
- 5) Use lined paper for writing!** Then, glue it onto your poster for a neat look.
- 6) Handwritten posters are best!** Try to write your text instead of typing it.
- 7) Use the whole space wisely!** Fill the page, but don't go past the poster's size.
- 8) Keep it neat and tidy!** A well-organized poster is easier to read.
- 9) Make it pop!** Bright colors and bold designs make your poster stand out.
- 10) Your poster is important!** It makes **50% of your overall mark**, so put in your best effort and make it shine