



## **Glenbrook CALF CLUB DAY - Saturday 26th September 2026**

This year, Glenbrook School will celebrate our 87th Calf Club Day on Saturday the 26th September. Our agricultural day, known as Calf Club, is a long and proud tradition at Glenbrook School. It is a day in which students, teachers and the community come together to showcase a range of animals and rural abilities of our wonderful children.

Glenbrook School offers a wide variety of options enabling **all students to participate** in our school's Calf Club. Below is a list of all the options available this year.

Please discuss which option would be best for you and your child/children. Choose one only. Once decided, please fill in an entry form.

Further information on each option is available in the information booklets on the school website [here](#).

**Each child may have only one entry & is required to complete an entry form**

**Please fill in the survey at the end of this newsletter selecting the option your child wishes to enter. A full permission form will then be sent to gather further information if required.**

The options for Calf Club in 2026 are:

- **CALF:** Obtain, care for and raise a calf and then proudly demonstrate all your hard work in the animal ring: leading, child effort and animal condition. No poster/diary is required for this option. Calves need to have been born between: 1 June – 31 August 2026 inclusive.
- **LAMB or GOAT KID:** Obtain, care for and raise a lamb or kid and then proudly demonstrate all your hard work in the animal rings: calling, leading and child effort. No poster/diary is required for these. Lambs/Kids need to have been born: 1 July - 31 August 2026 inclusive.
- **CHICKEN:** Raise and care for a day-old chick and create a poster. On Calf Club Day, children each have a turn at speaking to the judge, and chickens will be weighed and judged. A poster is also required and worth 50% of your overall mark. **Chickens must be ordered through Glenbrook School and orders close on Friday 19th June. Unfortunately no late orders** can be accepted. Chicks will arrive on 24th July (first week of term 3).
- **DOGS or SMALL FURRIES:** Bring your dog or small furry (rabbit, guinea pig). Dogs must be able to be controlled by the child and led around a small obstacle course by the child (no parents are allowed on the leading course), as well as being judged. Small Furies will be judged on child effort and child knowledge. One pet per entry, no shared pets allowed. A poster is also required and worth 50% of your overall mark.
- **PTA OPTION:** The PTA option for 2026 is to design and make a **kiwiana garden sculpture**. Be original and create a garden sculpture taking inspiration from iconic, quirky items that represent New Zealand's culture and heritage. Your sculpture must be made of 80% repurposed or natural materials. A poster is required for this option which will make up 20% of your overall mark. You will be required to show the design and make process.

- **GARDEN:** This year's calf club garden challenge is to grow a **herb garden in an unusual container**. Grow at least 2 herb varieties from seed in the most unusual container you can find. You are required to produce a poster, showing the growing process. A poster is required which will make up 50% of your overall mark.

**Pre-schoolers:** Do you have a preschooler keen to be involved in Calf Club? They may enter the calf, lamb, goat or chicken categories at Calf Club Day. Please note that all pre-schoolers with an animal must be supervised at all times. Pre-schoolers will not be officially judged but will be able to "show" their animal to the judge, and will receive a participation ribbon.

**REMEMBER:**

- This year, entries will be completed online using the Hero communication system.
- Information on each of the options is available on the school website [here](#).
- For the options requiring a poster, poster card can be collected from the school office.
- Chicken orders are now open - email [calfclub@glenbrook.school.nz](mailto:calfclub@glenbrook.school.nz) to order your chickens.

**ENTRY FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 14th AUGUST 2026.**

Any students who turn up to Calf Club without having entered will not be allowed to compete.

**Further information for families new to Glenbrook School:**

Separate to the official Calf Club entry, all children will also create indoor art and craft exhibits during Term 3 at school with their class. Each class will be notified by their class teacher of any materials required for making these exhibits. These creations will be on display in classrooms on Calf Club Day.

**Heritage Exhibits:** All students will create a heritage item to exhibit. Students will be given two options to choose from and will create their exhibit at school on the Friday 25th September. Parents, guardians and whanau help is very welcomed during this time.

Ribbons and certificates will be awarded during the day on Calf Club Day. Trophies and medals will be presented at a Prize-giving ceremony at the end of the day.

Glenbrook School awards special Long-Service Medals to Year 8 students who have entered Calf Club in one of the above options (agricultural animal, pet, PTA or Garden option) for 8 or more consecutive years. For many students, this is an important recognition of a wonderful achievement.

Calf Club Day is considered a school day for Glenbrook School.

Those with calves, lambs or goats who win a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> ribbon at Glenbrook School Calf Club Day are eligible for the Waiuku Schools Group Day which will be held on Thursday 22nd October 2026 with a \$5 fee to be paid on Calf Club day to ensure entry.

More information on Calf Club Day and how families can get involved will be posted on the school Portal and website over the coming weeks. If you have any questions about calf club please contact the Calf Club Committee via [calfclub@glenbrook.school.nz](mailto:calfclub@glenbrook.school.nz).

**Please note that Calf Club is organised by a committee of parents – for any queries or if you would like to join the organising committee please contact: [calfclub@glenbrook.school.nz](mailto:calfclub@glenbrook.school.nz)**