

**Wednesday 14th February 2024**

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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely holiday break. Welcome back to school for 2024.

We would like to welcome Esther Marsters to our teaching staff. Miss Marsters will be teaching in Room 8 for Term 1 while we work through the very sad process of advertising Mrs Miller's position.

### **One Hour a Day of Reading, Writing and Maths**

From the start of 2024, all schools with students from Years 0 - 8 will spend an average of one hour each day teaching reading, writing and maths. This change is part of the new Government's 100-day Plan for education. The Government wants to ensure time is set aside each day to teach students these core skills. Reading, writing and maths are used in every subject so it is important all children learn them and learn them well. Teachers will be able to spread out the time into small blocks and they will continue to adjust their teaching to suit each student's age and needs. They will deliberately and purposefully dedicate time to teaching these core skills.

Teaching techniques like investigations, collaborative learning and games will continue to be used so students stay engaged with their learning. The importance of oral language is also recognised in the new policy. This new policy sets an expectation that teachers are deliberately and purposefully dedicating time to teaching these core skills. Teachers at Glenfield Primary School already teach reading, writing and maths for an average of an hour each every day, so there may not be any noticeable change for you or your child. We will continue to have flexibility to accommodate events like athletics days and school camps.

### **2023 Achievement Data**

Attached to this newsletter you will find the achievement data for 2023. If you have any questions, please contact me to make an appointment.

### **Procedure for Bringing Digital Devices to School**

Also attached to the newsletter is a consultation document regarding procedures for students bringing digital devices to school. Please read this and email me with any questions or comments. Please note that devices include smart watches. Please also remember that your child's school email address should not be used for you to make personal contact with them during the day. Our policy states that children should only use their school email for learning purposes. If you need to make contact with your child, you can do this via the office.

### **International Day**

Last year we had a very successful International Day, where the children were able to dress up in their national costumes and share plates of food that were special to their culture. Because the children really enjoyed the day and many parents joined us, we will be having another International Day on 21 February, instead of our usual Meet and Greet Evening. After school teachers will be available to meet with parents to talk about their children. Booking slots for this will be sent home prior to the date.

### **New Entrant Evening**

An information evening for the parents of current and potential New Entrants will take place on Thursday 29 February at 6pm in Room 1. More information will be sent home closer to the time.

### **Swimming:**

Swimming lessons have begun and will continue while weather allows. Please make sure that your children bring their togs each day. Swim Skills for Life will take place for Year 3 - 6 students from 5 - 11 March.

### **Board of Trustees Meeting:**

The first Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 February at 5.30pm in the staffroom. You are welcome to attend any Board meetings.

### **Attendance:**

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure that students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school. Irregular attendance has a big impact on your child's progress and achievement. While we expect you to keep your child home if they are sick, we are aware that there are many children who are not attending school when they should be.

Please make sure you send your child to school unless they are unwell. Bad weather is not a good reason to keep your child at home and if you are having problems with transport on wet days, please let me know so we can look at solutions.

Many of our families withdrew their children to go and visit family overseas for extended periods of time last year. While we understand the importance of connecting with your loved ones, please try to keep overseas travel and family holidays to within school holidays.

If a student misses one day of school every 2 weeks, they miss a whole year of school by 16 years of age.

### **Health and Safety**

**Lolly Free School** - Please remember we are a lolly free school and do not allow lollies and soft drinks. That also means that we ask you to not celebrate birthdays by sending along cakes and goody bags.

**Hydration** - Please make sure you send along a bottle of water with your child each day. We like all children to keep a bottle of water on their desk so they can drink frequently.

**Sunsafer - 'No hat, no play.'** It is very important that you send along a sunhat with your child each day. If children do not have a hat at school they will be required to stay in the shade for the duration of play breaks. It would also be helpful if you could apply sunscreen to your child each morning. Each class is supplied with sunscreen and children are encouraged to apply this before they go out to play or take part in sports.

### **School Docs**

Please visit our website and become familiar with our school policies and procedures. Click on the School Docs link and go to 'Quick Links for Parents and Whānau'.

# Important Dates to Remember

Tuesday	20 Feb	Board Meeting—in the staffroom	5:30pm—7pm
Wednesday	21 Feb	International Open Day	9am—2:30pm
Wednesday	21 Feb	Parent Interviews	3:15pm—7pm
Friday	26 Feb	Whole School Assembly	1:40pm
Thursday	29 Feb	New Entrant Information Evening	6pm—7pm
Tues—Mon	5-11 March	Swim Skills lessons Years 3-6	
Friday	8 March	Whole School Assembly	1:40pm
Mon—Tues	18—19 March	Bike Ready for Year 5 & 6	
Tuesday	19 March	Positive Puberty Parent Info Evening	5:30—6:30pm
Friday	22 March	Whole School Assembly	1:40pm



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Our Kidpower strategy focus in this newsletter is  
**“Move or Walk Away Power”**

Move or walk away if you don't like what someone is saying or doing.

## NEW ENTRANT INFORMATION EVENING



Thursday 29th March



6pm in Room 1

For existing and new families to familiarise themselves with school and classroom routines.

## OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS



Applications for out of zone students wanting to start in Term 2, close on the 4th March.

We are accepting applications for New Entrant only

Please contact the school office for an application form, if you know anyone wanting to start in Term 2.

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE



Every Friday, by order only.  
**starting on the 16 February**

Sausages \$2 \* Iceblocks \$1



Order/pay your teacher by Friday morning

## **REMEMBER—NO HAT NO PLAY**



Please apply sunscreen before school



## INTERNATIONAL OPEN DAY



- Wear traditional costume
- Bring a shared lunch
- Parents and Grandparents can visit the classroom
- Parent-Teacher discussions from 3.15pm—7pm.  
Book your time on HERO

## A BIG GPS WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES!



## BIKE & SCOOTER SAFETY



When riding your bike to and from school, please

**WEAR A HELMET!**

Be aware of people walking and

**DO NOT RIDE YOUR BIKE THROUGH THE SCHOOL!**



## ROAD SAFETY



Please behave responsibly in front of our students.

Use the crossing! Use the footpath around the carpark!

**DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR UNATTENDED IN THE DROP OFF/ PICK UP ZONE!**

Please check our online newsletter for our community notices. [www.glenfield.school.nz](http://www.glenfield.school.nz)

## Progress and Achievement Report for Reading, Writing and Maths 2023

### Report to the Community

Each year we analyse the progress and achievement of our students to inform our strategic and annual plan for the following year. The following tables show the percentage of students who are working above, at, below or well below the expected level in reading, writing and maths.

#### Reading All Students

	Above %	At %	Target %	Priority %
Year 0	11	89	0	0
Year 1	31	40	23	6
Year 2	38	18	18	26
Year 3	41	15	15	29
Year 4	19	44	17	20
Year 5	8	44	30	18
Year 6	17	34	28	21
All	24	37	20	19

It is pleasing to see that 61% of students are achieving at or above the expected level. This is a slight improvement from 2022, where 58% of students were achieving at or above and 42% were below or well below.

#### Writing All Students

	Above %	At %	Target %	Priority %
Year 0	12	88	0	0
Year 1	11	63	26	0
Year 2	3	84	13	0
Year 3	4	58	27	11
Year 4	7	39	37	17
Year 5	2	38	40	20
Year 6	14	28	28	30
All	7	51	28	14

As with reading there has been an improvement in data from 2022 to 2023. At the end of 2023 58% of students achieved at or above the expected level and 42% were below or well below. This compared to 48% achieving at or above in 2022 and 52% achieving below or well below.

#### Maths All Students

	Above %	At %	Target %	Priority %
Year 0	6	94		
Year 1	14	82	4	
Year 2	5	61	26	8
Year 3	40	27	23	10
Year 4	15	46	22	17
Year 5	26	34	30	10
Year 6	24.5	24.5	21	30
All	21	45	21	13

As with reading and writing, there has been an improvement in data from 2022 to 2023. There were 66% of students achieving at or above at the end of 2023 compared to 55% at the end of 2022. There were 34% of students achieving below or well below at the end of 2023 compared to 45% at the end of 2022.

#### Māori

	Above %	At %	Target %	Priority %
Reading	17	40	20	23
Writing	6	57	34	3
Maths	12	47	32	9

#### Pasifika

	Above %	At %	Target %	Priority %
Reading	20	30	30	20
Writing	0	38	38	24
Maths	12.5	37.5	37.5	12.5

Targets have now been set in reading, writing and maths and teachers have identified groups of children who require extra support.

# Procedure for Students bringing Digital Devices to School

## Consultation Document

The Government has introduced regulations that require all state and state-integrated schools and kura to have student phone rules in use. Rules must be in use as soon as possible in Term 1 2024 and no later than Term 2.

The regulations require that schools must ensure students do not use or access a phone while they are attending school, including during lunch time and breaks. This includes students who are on a school course or visit outside the school grounds. This must be in effect no later than the start of Term 2, 29 April 2024.

### Community consultation

Under section 126 of the Education and Training Act 2020, the Glenfield Primary School Board must consult our school community when considering making a new school rule. This includes implementing student phone rules **(including smart watches)** at our school.

Storing and keeping phones safe.

Each classroom teacher will:

- place phones in a named zip lock bag and a box which will be locked in a secure storage space to keep phones safe
- respond to breaches of rules
- manage exemptions

Teachers must allow students to use or access a phone when:

- a phone is needed for health reasons (for example, to monitor insulin levels); or
- a phone is needed to help a student with a disability or learning support need (for example, to assist with impaired communication); or
- the principal decides that they are needed for special circumstances

International research indicates cellphones at school as being a major distraction for our students. These rules are designed to ensure that the learning of all students is maximised, while minimising any potential for distraction and cyber-bullying. Our approach is "**away for the day**", meaning the device should be **turned off, and handed in to the teacher to be locked away during the school day.**

We strongly recommend students do not bring these devices to school with them. If a student does bring their cell phone for emergency contact or other reasons, these must be handed to the teacher to be locked away.

It is important to note that if students do make the decision to bring a cellphone to the school grounds, they do so at their own risk. The school is not responsible for any loss or damage caused to any cell phone.

We understand that some parents like their children to have a phone to communicate with them after school, cell phones will be available for students during the after school pick up time. If a parent or caregiver needs to contact their child urgently during the day, they should call the front office.

### Health and emergency situations

Students with additional learning needs who use cellphones in class to increase or improve their ability to participate and learn will be granted an exemption. In matters related to a student's immediate health and safety concerns, a parent or caregiver can apply at any time to the principal for a period of exemption (e.g., medical conditions or protection issues).

### Education outside the classroom (EOTC)

Whilst on school trips, phones should be switched off and placed in their bags. Permission may be sought to use the camera, but other mobile features should not be accessed.

### Inappropriate usage

If we see a student using a personal digital device inappropriately or without permission during the school day, we will confiscate it. After the student locks the device, we will place it in the office to be collected at the end of the day by a parent or guardian.

Breaches of the cell phone rules include (but are not limited to):

- Using the device when not permitted
- Any sort of bullying, including online bullying
- Taking photos or videos of other people without their permission
- Forwarding inappropriate messages or content.

**Once our period of consultation is complete, you will be notified about the date that the rules will apply from and be actioned.**

# Access All Event 2024

Fun in the Park for children with disabilities



We are holding a special Access All Event in Marlborough Park, Glenfield for children with disabilities.

There will be games, toys, arts & crafts, food, a coffee cart and much more. Fun for the whole family, we look forward to seeing you all on the day.

10:00am to 3:00pm | Saturday 24 February 2024  
Marlborough Park, 13 Chartwell Avenue, Glenfield

Contact Jill Nerheny for more information  
09 484 8854 or 0274 834 511 | Email: [jill@kcft.org.nz](mailto:jill@kcft.org.nz)



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**10AM – 7PM**

**BROWNS BAY BEACH RESERVE**

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10am – 3pm Kids' Activities

Pony Rides until 1pm

Payment by Eftpos & Cash

11am – 2pm Live Music in Phoenix Plaza

Rumpus Machine

2pm – 7pm Live Music on Beach Reserve

2pm: D'n'A • 4.30pm: 5 Wheel Drive

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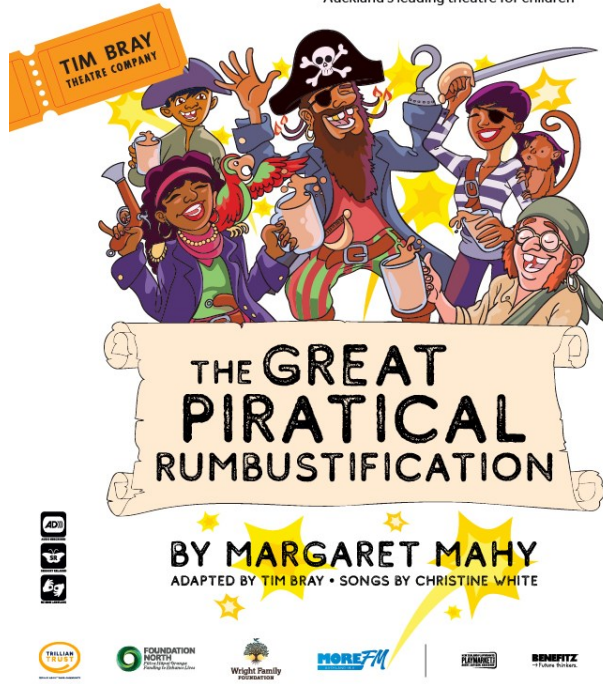
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### Kids Klub

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- 2024. 3. 5 OPEN
- Place 1: 5 Argus Place, Hillcrest, Auckland, Korean Society Centre  
(Tuesday 5:00 - 6:00 pm , 6:00 - 7:00pm)  
Place 2: 22/170 Wairau Rd, Glenfield (ANK Taekwondo)  
(Saturday 2:00 - 4:00 pm )
- Subject: Complex Martial Arts - for Children / Adults  
Self - Defence - For Children / Adult  
Cost: Children \$20 x 8weeks = \$160                      T shirt \$40+Join Fee \$30  
Adult \$30 x 8weeks = \$240                              T shirt \$40+Join Fee \$30  
Pick up - Albany / Browns bay : around \$20 (each person)  
Glenfield / Northcote / Birkenhead : around \$10 (each person)  
(Minimum of 8 people to start)
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