

Kia ora, Malo e leleli, Kia  
orana, 你好, Fakalofa lahi  
Atu, Ayubowan, As-  
السلام salamu Alaykum  
Ni sa bula Vinaka, عليكم,  
السلام, Talofa lava  
Taloha Ni, こんにちは,  
Kumusta, ஸ்ரீ, Xin chào,  
Namaste नमस्ते, 안녕하세요,  
Hola, Xin chao, Hallo



# NEWSLETTER

## Issue 1 Term 1 2025

# WELCOME BACK TO GPS!

It was lovely to see all our ākonga/learners arrive back to school last Friday, full of energy and ready to start their year of learning! A special welcome to our new families - we are so glad to have you join our Glenfield Primary School (GPS) whānau.

We have had a fantastic first week back to school, starting with our Community fun afternoon, our pōwhiri to welcome new staff and students, our first Garden to Table session for the Year 5's, Whaea Lee-Anne took our weekly Kapa Haka lesson, Whaea Olivia started her Performing Arts programme for all Year 2-6 learners as well as the planning of a number of other exciting community programmes which will begin soon, as this is your place too! We have lots of exciting things planned for this year, and we can't wait to share them with you.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher. We are here to support you and your child in any way we can. You will find the Senior Leadership Team out on gate duty each day. Please stop by and say hello to Jenny (DP), Donovan (DP) and I.

Here's to a fantastic year of learning and growth! All staff email addresses are on our website <https://www.glenfield.school.nz/>

Ngā mihi,  
Whaea Kat  
Tumuaki / Principal



## Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Lucca Lessa Teixeira, Alexander Li, Imogen Capiral, Janvi Geethu Jeevan, Gavriel Tugaga, Sifa Fonuafoou, Jaden Hyung, Zurielle Buslon and Samuela Aso.



## Welcome

Welcome to our GPS Whānau, Aria-Rose Marino, Opeta Tugaga, Oleg Steblyakov, Cullen Soto, AJ Vedaja, Diona Sharun, Maximus Roberts-Muna, Tamara Dunn, Zariya Raza, Beauden Harney, Bennett Wells, Matthew Katuwal, Jheneirah Lee-Chee Scanlan, Jacob Katuwal, Anna Kim, Jayden Zeng, Ellise Boysillo, Ivory Smith, Zion Disalan, Gus Kalburgi, Max White, Amparo Rojas Stewart, Ahmed Umair, Ishmael dela Vega, Ferrah dela Vega, Nina Glumskova, Rafael Fernandez, Arnold Do and Pinkai Si. Our current roll is 287.

## Swimming

At 7:30am on Monday morning, the Pool Doctor will again check the water quality to ensure it is safe for us to be in. Sadly the contamination last weekend set our start date back. The office will email by 8am with an update. Fingers crossed it's ready!

# What's Coming Up...



## Friday 28 Feb. - Staff Only Day (school is closed)

2x Staff Only Days for 2025 - Please note that both the 28 February and 30 May are our two Staff Only Days for 2025. These days are the same for all schools in our Kahui Ako (including GIS and GC) so as to lessen disruption for families. These dates are provided by the Ministry of Education for professional development for all teachers as we onboard and learn a completely new curriculum. All teachers in our region will be coming together to participate in some specialist professional development regarding the new Maths curriculum. **Kids Klub** will be operating out of our school hall on that day should you require care for your child.

## Tues 25 - Wed 26 Feb. - Meet the Parent Evenings

Our Meet the Parent Evenings are being held on Tuesday 25 & Wednesday 26 February 3:00pm - 6:00pm on both days. These interviews will be 10 minutes and the main purpose of these interviews is for you to let your child's teacher know about your child. It is also a time for you to gain some information about how your child's class will operate and learn about the journey your child is embarking on this year. Children will not be required to attend. A link will be sent out via HERO (app) for you to book your appointment time.



## Photos from our recent Whānau Picnic Fun Afternoon



# Tōku Kura / Our School

## Vision / Moemoeā

A community growing successful learners  
A hapori whanake angitu pia

## Values / Ngā Whanonga Pono

Respectful / Maruwehi  
Responsible / Noho Haepapa  
Inclusive / Whānaungatanga

## Learner Tools / Ngā Hua Akonga

Collaborating / Mahi tahi  
Reflecting / Whaiwhakaaro  
Connecting / Pāhekoheko  
Innovating / Auaha  
Questioning / Pātaitai  
Risk Taking / Mātātoa



## Whakatauki

He waka eke noa  
This whakataukī has several meanings, one of which is "a waka we are all in together" - we are all in this together - we rise together, fall together, work together, keep going together

## Uniform Expectations



### Uniform Expectations at Glenfield Primary School

In Terms 1 and 4, all students are expected to wear a GPS sunhat when outside.  
We have a "No Hat, No Play" policy to ensure the safety and well-being of our students.

Black shoes are part of the school uniform and must be worn to and from school. You can choose a style that best suits your child's needs (sandals, lace-up shoes, or buckle shoes), we just ask that they are plain black in colour.

Jewellery is not permitted, excluding a watch, stud earrings, or significant items worn for cultural or religious reasons (e.g. a taonga, cross, kautuku/kavala)

Students should wear their full school uniform with pride.

Uniforms should be clean, tidy, and in good repair.

Lost property items can be found in the lost property box under the stairs outside the library.  
Please ensure all uniform items are clearly named to assist with returning lost property.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring our students maintain a high standard of uniform presentation.



## STRATEGIC 3YR PLANNING 2025-28

Under the Education and Training Act 2020 and the Education (School Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2023 a new planning and reporting framework is in place. From the end of 2025, we will have created our next 3-year Strategic Plan to see us through to 2028.

We will, at various times throughout this year, consult with our GPS community and develop our plan, outlining how the board will meet its primary objectives. Your voice helps schools to make improvements to provide all learners with the best school experience.

See on next page the 2025 Annual Plan

**RESPECTFUL  
RESPONSIBLE  
INCLUSIVE**

# Annual Plan 2025



## Whanaungatanga

He aroha whakatō, he  
aroha puta mai  
If kindness is sown, then  
kindness you shall receive

As a school, we will actively  
welcome, support and  
celebrate each and every  
one of our GPS whānau  
members, turning manuhiri  
into whānau.

## Curriculum

E kitea ai ngā taonga o te  
moana me māku koe  
Te see the treasures of the  
ocean you must get wet

We will develop teacher capability, knowledge  
and understanding of Te Mātaiao through the  
delivery of our structured literacy and  
mathematics programmes.

## Culturally Responsive

E tio te tūi, e ketekete te  
kākā, e korihi te kokako  
It takes many instruments to  
make a symphony, there is  
strength in diversity

Teachers cultural  
competency is further  
developed, diversity is  
valued, and culturally  
responsive programmes are  
in place to meet needs.

## Haora

He oranga ngākau,  
he pikinga waiora  
Positive feelings in your heart  
will raise your sense of self-worth

There is a positive school climate  
and students use effective  
strategies to manage theirs and  
others behaviour.

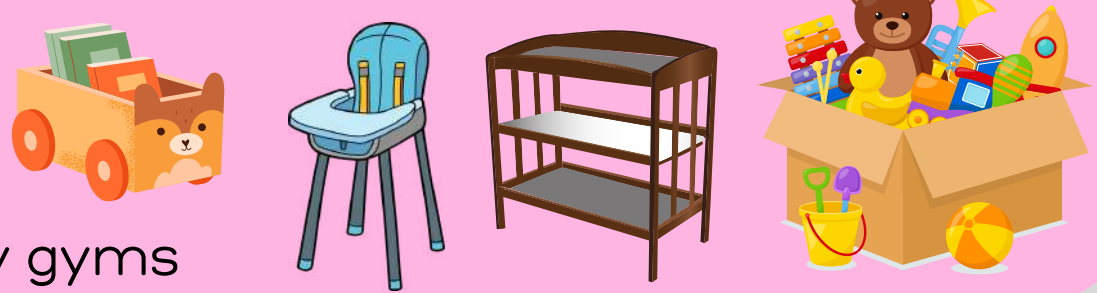


COMING SOON!

# parents & bubs club

Do you have any pre-loved and no longer needed baby and toddler toys? Our Whānau Room is looking for the following items if you are looking for a new home for them.

- toys
- baby books
- change table
- highchair
- play mats or baby gyms



## DID YOU KNOW? We have a Whānau Room...

You are always welcome to use Room 18 every morning and afternoon while you are on site.

Feel free to make yourself at home, and help yourself to a hot drink and biscuits up in Room 18.



# HOLIDAY WRITING WORKSHOP

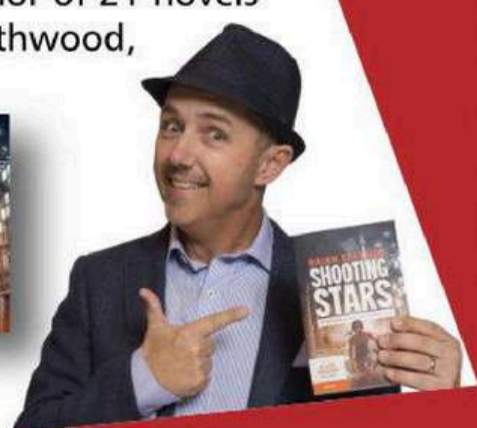
Learn the **secrets** of writing **great stories** from an **award-winning author**

- 3 day writing camp for ages 9-14
- 1 day workshop for ages 7-10

Meet your presenter:

### Brian Falkner

The award-winning author of 21 novels including Brainjack, Northwood, and Shooting Stars



"I loved meeting other young authors and learning awesome techniques that will help my writing."  
Gabriella (14)

"It made writing easier for me and explained aspects of stories I didn't really understand."  
Anna (12)



**Andy Griffiths says...**  
"I wish this camp had been around when I was a young writer!"



Where: Kristin School  
360 Albany Highway, Albany  
When: 15 Apr to 17 Apr 2025

Register now at:  
**WriteLikeanAuthor.com**

