



Glenbrae School

2024 September Newsletter

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succeed!***

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Dear Whānau, Parents and Caregivers,

Mālo ni, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Kia orāna, Tālofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Talofa, Noa'ia, Ni sa bula vinaka, Mauri, Tēnā koutou katoa and warm greetings to you all.

Term 3 is well underway and we have weathered the end of Winter and beginning of Spring weather. We can feel it getting warmer, and the days are getting longer! Please make an early note that school requires hats to be worn outside during playtime during Terms 4 and 1. Hats will be available shortly to purchase from the office. School hats are part of the school uniform.

Recently we have celebrated a number of key events. We celebrated Tongan Language Week, participated in the Mathex Competition and had a great day at the Intercluster Rugby Tournament. Check out all these exciting photos in the newsletter.

We are also gearing up for our participating in AIMS games. AIMS games is the largest sporting event in Australasia, with over 390 Intermediate Schools and over 21,900 competitors entering this year. A huge event! Last year we sent our netball team and this year we are sending a couple of 3x3 basketball teams.

Another highlight this term - we are hosting the Summer Sport Expo on Wednesday 25th September at 3:30pm - 7 clubs are hosting trials for different sports! Come and give it a go - check out the information page in this newsletter.

We also note with sadness the passing of Kingi Tuheitia last week. Our flags will be flying at half mast on Thursday, the day of his Tangi, out of respect.

I hope as always you enjoy reading this newsletter as much as I enjoy writing it!

Ngā mihi nui

Robbie Perreau
Principal

Tongan Language Week

As always, our Tongan community came out in force during Tongan Language Week. Another beautiful celebration of our very diverse community.



Renovation Progress

The library, Rooms 7-9 corridors and the side rooms are being plastered ready for the wall linings to be installed. Check out the progress!



Intercluster Rugby

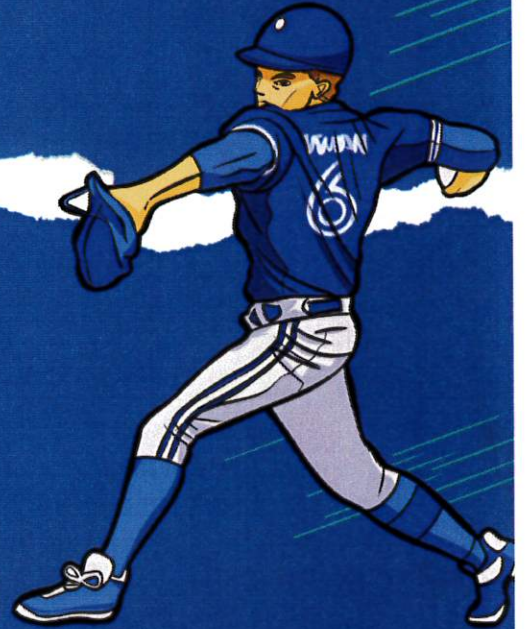
Dunkirk Reserve hosted our cluster's rugby tournament. The grass and the balls went flying and the kids had a great time!



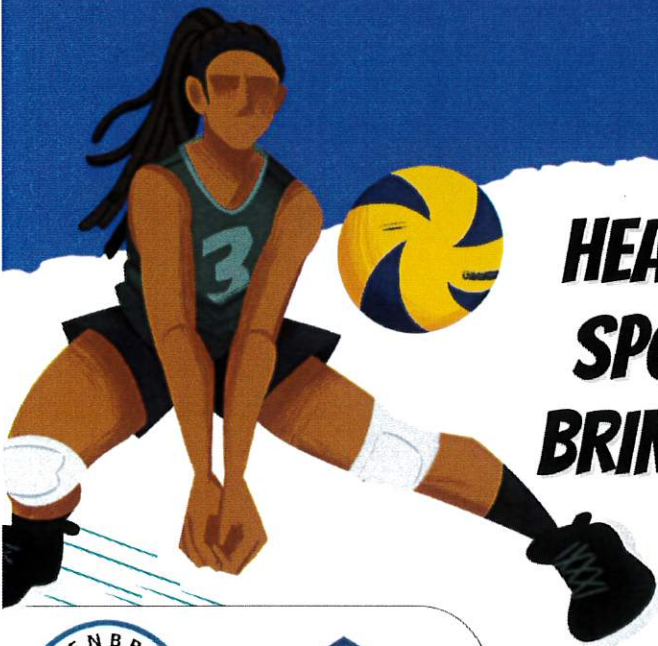
GLEN INNES COMMUNITY SUMMER SPORT EXPO



WEDNESDAY
25
SEPTEMBER
AFTER SCHOOL @
GLENBRAE SCHOOL



3:30PM -
5:30PM



**HEAPS OF DIFFERENT
SPORTS TO TRY, SO
BRING YOUR FRIENDS!**



Attendance Officer

Please meet our lovely attendance officer - Sio Pome'e, who calls every morning and sometimes does house visits to connect with our families who aren't at school. If you are wondering who's on the end of the phone - here is our lovely Sio!



PwC Foundation

Our regular visitors from the PwC Foundation visited and had a great reading session with our Year 5/6 students. We always love having them visit us!



Birthday Celebrations:

Happy birthday to these lovely children:

Room 1 - Saunoa 02-09

Room 2 - Aviana 31-08

Room 3 - Havania 22-08

Room 5 - Taniela 17-08

Hetansh 12-08

Siu 03-08

Room 6 - Sela 27-08

Peter 05-08

Room 11 - Pearl 10-08

Mustafa 26-08

Room 12 - Manaia 12-08

Piri 15-08

Hopoate 03-08

Semi 23-08

Manu 22-08

Kalo 05-08

Ali 17-08

New Students

Welcome Jeffrey Room 5

If we have accidently left your child off the birthday list, please let us know and we will add them to our next newsletter!

Attendance at School

Success in school begins with showing up. Your attendance shapes your academic journey. Check out these facts:

If your child misses:	That equals:	Which is:	And over 13 years of schooling, that is:
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

Whānau Attendance Statistics

We continue to publish school whānau attendance statistics to help encourage our students to attend school regularly - this will help their school whānau earn points towards the end of year whānau cup!

Important Upcoming Dates

Sat, Sun 7th and 8th Sep	AIMS Games in Tauranga
Wed 11th September	Netball Tournament at Auckland Netball Centre
Mon 16th September	Ignition Assembly - 9am - Maori Language Week
Fri 27th September	Maori Language Week Assembly - Kaha haka performance
Friday 27th September	Final day of term 3
Monday 14th October	First day of Term 4

Updated Cell phones in School Policy

In line with new requirements, our cell phone policy at school is still the same - away for the day! Here is our formal policy regarding cell phones and personal digital devices:

Glenbrae School does not allow students to bring personal digital devices to school. These are not necessary to have during the day.

We discuss the school rules about personal digital devices at the beginning of the year, and throughout the year as needed. Any changes to our school rules are communicated to students and our school community.

Parent/Caregiver and student responsibilities

If a parent/caregiver needs to contact their child urgently during the day, they should call the office.

If a student brings a personal digital device to our school, the following guidelines apply:

- The school does not accept responsibility for lost, damaged, or stolen personal digital devices brought to the school but investigates any issues as appropriate.
- Should a student bring in a personal digital device, they must hand in their device to the office or their teacher at the beginning of the day, and can collect the device at the end of the day.

Personal digital devices may not be taken on EOTC events.

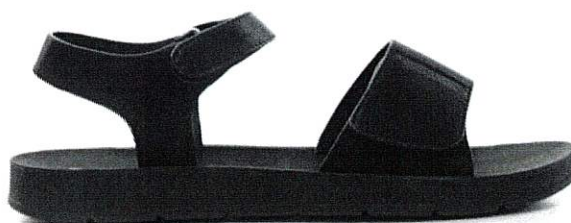
Students are expected to follow our **Digital Technology and Online Safety** policy when using personal digital devices on school property or the school network.

Inappropriate use

If we see a student using a personal digital device inappropriately, we confiscate it. After the student locks the device, we place it in the office to be collected at the end of the day.

School Shoes - What is and isn't allowed!

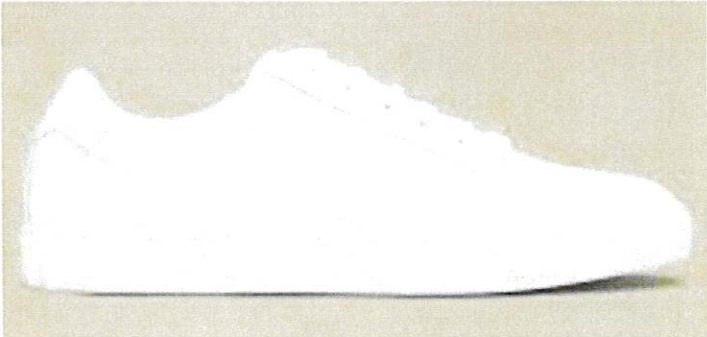
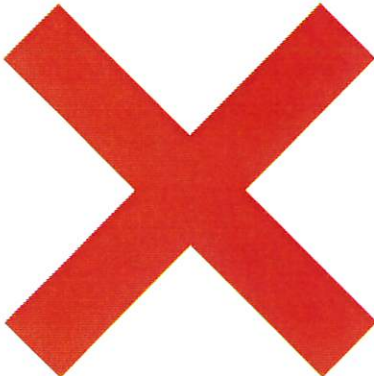
Here are some shoes which are great for school



https://www.numberoneshoes.co.nz/kids/school-shoes?_sl=2

<https://www.thewarehouse.co.nz/c/clothing-shoes-accessories/school-uniforms-accessories/school-shoes>

Here are some shoes which are NOT allowed at school



Ongoing Key Reminders and Notices

Valuables/money/phones that get brought to school and get lost are completely the child's responsibility and the school will not search for or be responsible for these lost items if they are brought to school!

Students are not permitted to bring mobile phones/smart watches to school. If they bring one, they need to hand it to their teacher to look after during the day.

Vaping or smoking on school grounds is completely unacceptable at Glenbrae School. Students who bring these items to school will face the consequences for doing so.

Glenbrae School has a uniform which is available for purchasing at the office. The correct school uniform needs to be worn every day, which includes a Glenbrae School hat during Terms 1 and 4.

If you have changed any of your contact details please keep the office informed. We need to be able to contact you in an emergency and these details are vital to be kept updated!

All of Glenbrae School's Policies and Procedures are available for viewing at anytime at www.glenbrae.schooldocs.co.nz. The username is **glenbrae** and the password is **glenbrae123**.

Absences - please call the office on 09 528 5025 if your child is not coming to school that day. If we do not hear from you, we will txt you and after numerous days away, we may have to place a referral to our attendance service for follow up.

Fizzy drink, lollies, chocolate, chewing gum etc are a big NO NO at school. If found, they will be confiscated and returned at the end of each day. We look forward to your support on this. We supply free lunches so there is no need to drop off lunch if your child has forgotten it that day!

Keep it named! Please name every piece of uniform your child has. This makes it so much easier to find when your little one may have left something behind.

OPEN DOOR POLICY Our school runs on an "Open Door Policy". This means that should you have any questions or concerns about anything please do not hesitate to contact us. Don't be a stranger, but pop in anytime you can. We'd love to see you! If at any time you wish to see any of your child's teachers about something specific please telephone the school to organize an appointment. At times there are bound to be issues that crop up and we encourage you to air your concerns but ask that you speak to the person involved first. If you have done this and feel there has been no success, you are more than welcome to see the relevant senior staff member or myself. If you are wanting information on your child's progress, it is advisable to book a time to see teacher. This will enable the teacher to give you the time you deserve to have the proper conversation. Classrooms are busy places in the mornings before school and immediately after, and it is not always possible for the teacher to give full attention to your queries if you do not book in advance.

All visitors to the school must sign in at the office upon arrival. This includes your high school aged students who return back to school!

Uniform Reminders

Please ensure your child is wearing black shoes to school please. This is our school uniform. Please see some examples on what black school shoes are acceptable. Glenbrae School's uniform is the same for boys and girls, with girls having the option of wearing shorts or the skirt. We encourage parents to purchase at least two school uniform T-shirts which have the school logo and a school uniform blue jumper which has our school logo on it. The black school shorts are to be worn in the summer months. Plain black trousers/long pants can be worn during the winter terms which are Term 2 and Term 3.

School Board Updates

The 2024 board meeting dates are as follows, at 4pm.

Wednesday 25th September

Wednesday 6th November

Thursday 12th December

Lateness

Please remember our start time every morning is 8:55am. Repeated lateness may result in your child losing their morning tea or lunchtime - please avoid this by getting up early, and on the road in time for the morning ball!

2024 Curriculum Overview

Glenbrae School Curriculum Overview 2024

Duration	Module	Learner Profile	Curriculum Focus	Big Idea
3 weeks	Ko wai tātou? Who are we? GBS values What does it look like?	Students contribute to a better world.	Social Sciences: Culture and Identity	Through our shared GBS values we are connected to each other, to the community and to the wider world.
4 weeks	Te whakapuaki i ahau Expressing myself	Students are empowered. Students are creative.	Visual Arts	Visual Arts is an effective way of expressing my culture and identity.
7 weeks	He kaupakihi matou We are entrepreneurs	Students contribute to a better world. Positive digital citizens.	Technology Mathematics	An entrepreneur identifies a need in the market and realises the opportunity.
6 weeks	He aha kel waho i te waahi? What is out there in space?	Students actively participate in the wider world.	Science: Planet Earth and Beyond	Curiosity is a strong driver to explain the unexplained about the solar system and beyond.
5 weeks	Te whakapuaki i a tātou ano Expressing ourselves	Students are empowered. Students are creative.	Performing Arts	Performing Arts is an expression of how people see and celebrate the world.
5 weeks	Te tinana me te hinengaro taurite Balanced body and mind	Students are empowered. Students contribute to a better world.	Health and PE: Personal Health	Leading a balanced life empowers us to enhance our personal wellbeing.
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5 weeks	Te mahi a nga hapori How Societies Work	Students actively participate in the wider world. Students are positive digital citizens.	Social Sciences: How societies work	If a society has not been conquered / colonised, how might they have evolved and developed?
4 weeks	Te whakaoti i ta tātou ako Wrapping Up Our Learning	Students are creative and empowered	Vi s ion: Grow, Believe, Succeed	We show our school values through our learning to Grow, Believe, Succeed

Room 1

Room 1 has been active and busy these last two weeks. We have had five new children who are settling in very well in class ,getting used to all classroom routines and mixing well with other kids in class and on the playground. Our old kids are looking after them well.

New children are also working well with Mrs.Kelly doing the BSLA programme which is the Better Start Literacy Approach.

Room 1 has been practising hard for their Solomon Island Dance and have enjoyed the Tongan Week Celebration.

They also enjoyed some good Physical Education Practice with a trainer called Brittany.

We will soon be preparing for the Manaiakalani Film Festival in which Room 1 will be participating. Your child may be selected for the movie which will be viewed at Sylvia Park Cinemas. Your support with this would be greatly appreciated.

We are all looking forward to Glenbrae School Events for the rest of the year.

Teachers:

Mrs.Viena Ripata

Mrs.Bashnee Naidu



ROOM 2



Welcome to Room 2's newsletter! Come and check out what we have been doing!



We have enjoyed celebrating Cook Island Language and Tongan Language week. We are very fortunate to learn about different cultures and values, and we've loved being part of the celebrations! We created some beautiful art, including Tivaevae, and had fun tasting lots of delicious food!

In Maths, we've had a lot of fun learning about multiplication and division, and discovering how to use grouping strategies to solve problems faster. Our new topic is Geometry (shapes), where we're learning to group and sort similar shapes, then explain why they are alike using everyday words and mathematical language.



We had an amazing time at our United Nations assembly! We got the chance to showcase the dance we learned to represent Switzerland, and we also created beautiful safari art to represent Chad. It was so much fun, and we learned some incredible facts about both countries! Here is a picture of our amazing silhouette art! Aren't we creative!

Room 5

Hello Room 5 families! We hope this newsletter finds you well and excited about all the wonderful things happening in our class. Let's dive into the highlights and what's coming up next!

What an amazing term we've had so far! Last week was packed with excitement and learning:

School Olympics: Our class proudly represented Bangladesh in the school Olympics. The students showed incredible sportsmanship and teamwork. Go, team Bangladesh! 🇬🇧

Tongan Language Week: We celebrated Tongan culture with a special assembly where students wore beautiful cultural attire. It was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to learn and appreciate Tongan traditions. 🌺

Rugby Tournament: Some of our talented students participated in a rugby tournament. They played with great enthusiasm and skill. Well done, team! 🏉

Deeper Learning: We will be diving deeper into our subjects, ensuring that every student is engaged and progressing well.

Comin up we look forward to our schools Māori language weeks during week 9 and 10.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our classroom activities. We are excited about the learning adventures ahead and can't wait to share more updates with you. Have a fantastic week!



ROOM SIX - NEWSLETTER!

Kia Ora Whānau,

Welcome to another exciting update from Room 6! We've been diving into some fantastic learning adventures, and we're thrilled to share all the wonderful things happening with you.

In writing, the students have been exploring the world of scriptwriting. We're learning all about script conventions—how to write dialogue, stage directions, and create engaging characters. Each student is working on a short play that they'll have the chance to present.

In maths, we've been exploring shapes, space, and geometry. The students have been working hard to understand the properties of different shapes and how they relate to each other. Alongside this, we've been focusing on multiplication and division strategies. We're ensuring that everyone feels confident with these key skills, as they are so important for problem-solving in everyday life.

We recently wrapped up a fascinating inquiry unit where we learned about Andorra and Paraguay. The highlight was sharing our knowledge through performances at the UN-themed assembly—what a great way to celebrate our learning! Moving forward, our new inquiry topic is "Healthy Body, Healthy Mind," which incorporates the Māori concept of hauora using the Whare Tapa Wha model. This model teaches us about the importance of balance in physical, mental, spiritual, and social health. We're excited to delve into this meaningful and relevant topic.

As we continue to learn and grow together, we remain committed to our school values: "Grow, Believe, Succeed." Our classroom should be a place where everyone is kind, caring, and supportive. We aim to encourage each other to be our best selves, both in our learning and in how we treat one another. These values are making a difference in our daily lives.

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in your child's learning journey. We look forward to sharing much more of our learning with you soon!

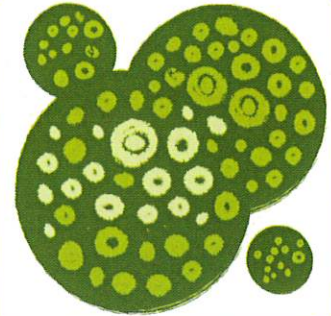
Ngā mihi nui,
Andrew Te Aotonga and Kris Sheath



SEPTEMBER NEWS FROM ROOM 11

MATHS

We are still practicing on division application, and have many methods we can use to solve complex word problems. We will be exploring geometry this term.

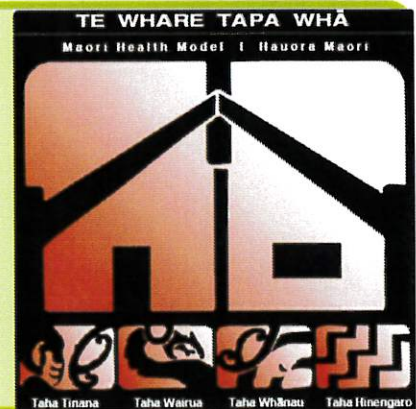


WRITING

Students continue to work hard on their writing. We are using punctuation with accuracy and applying our writing to different purposes. This month we will be focusing on play scripts.

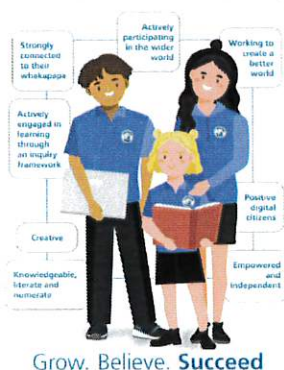
INQUIRY

We have kick started our Te Whare Tapa Whā. We have looked at physical health, exploring what this means and how it differs from person to person.



LEARNER PROFILE

Room 11 are working hard to become independent learners. The students are focusing on taking responsibility for their own learning. We have also celebrated our teamwork after winning the Glenbrae Olympics - showing how we can all fully participate and work respectfully together.



WHAT IS HAPPENING IN ROOM 12?

2nd September 2024

WELCOME BACK! IN ROOM 12, WE ARE CONTINUING OUR FOCUS ON DECIMALS, FRACTIONS, AND PERCENTAGES AS OUR MATH STRAND. THE STUDENTS ARE GRADUALLY GAINING A SOLID UNDERSTANDING OF THE KEY CONCEPTS REQUIRED TO SOLVE THESE TYPES OF PROBLEMS. WHILE THE MATERIAL HAS POSED SOME CHALLENGES, THE STUDENTS HAVE SHOWN COMMENDABLE PERSEVERANCE AND DETERMINATION. THEY HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY ENGAGING WITH THE LESSONS, ASKING QUESTIONS, AND PARTICIPATING IN DISCUSSIONS, WHICH HAS SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTED TO THEIR PROGRESS. THEIR HARD WORK AND POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS LEARNING ARE EVIDENT, AND IT'S ENCOURAGING TO SEE HOW THEY ARE SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER AS THEY NAVIGATE THESE COMPLEX MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS.

FOR THE PAST 10 WEEKS, WE'VE BEEN FORTUNATE TO HAVE MISS PAULO, OUR STUDENT TEACHER, SHARE OUR LEARNING SPACE IN ROOM 12. SHE HAS BEEN AN INVALUABLE PART OF OUR CLASSROOM COMMUNITY, BRINGING ENERGY, ENTHUSIASM, AND FRESH PERSPECTIVES TO OUR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT. AS WE NOW SAY GOODBYE TO HER, WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT THANKS FOR HER DEDICATION AND CONTRIBUTION TO OUR CLASS. WE WISH HER ALL THE VERY BEST AS SHE CONTINUES HER JOURNEY AT UNIVERSITY, AND WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT SHE WILL CONTINUE TO EXCEL IN HER STUDIES AND FUTURE ENDEAVOURS. THANK YOU, MISS PAULO, FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE IN ROOM 12, AND BEST OF LUCK ON YOUR JOURNEY AHEAD!

TO CONCLUDE THE 2024 OLYMPICS, GLENBRAE SCHOOL HOSTED OUR VERY OWN OLYMPIC CELEBRATION, AND IT WAS A DAY FILLED WITH EXCITEMENT AND FUN. THE EVENT FEATURED A VARIETY OF THRILLING ACTIVITIES THAT KEPT EVERYONE ENGAGED AND ENTERTAINED. STUDENTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO REPRESENT THEIR CHOSEN UNITED NATIONS COUNTRY BY PROUDLY WEARING ITS COLOURS. IT WAS WONDERFUL TO SEE CLASSES WORKING TOGETHER WITH ENTHUSIASM AND TEAM SPIRIT TO EARN GOLD, SILVER, AND BRONZE MEDALS FOR THEIR CLASSES. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE STUDENTS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING EFFORTS AND FOR MAKING THE DAY SUCH A MEMORABLE SUCCESS!



**Thanks for Keeping up with
Room 12!**



Link Up Music Concert

Last week Tuesday (27 August) our children participated with the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra. It was a wonderful experience for our children. They were all well dressed and anxiously looked forward to the concert. They looked after each other and got along well with each other throughout the trip. We travelled by bus and they enjoyed singing the orchestra songs while travelling. The concert was held at the Due Drop Event Centre in Manukau. The venue was full and many schools participated. Many parents attended and enjoyed the concert.

It was good to see the different families of instruments perform, (Woodwind, brass, string and percussion). Our children and parents were amazed to see the different musical instruments. They also enjoyed the repertoire of music pieces chosen. The music pieces were well presented on the big screen. The conductor and presenters were very talented, had a good sense of humour and kept us well entertained.

Our Children performed very well and showed great respect, bringing a good name for our school. We are so proud of our children. Keep it up Glenbrae Orchestra.



Email Addresses of Teaching Staff

Please contact your classroom teacher in the first instance if you have any questions or queries about your child's learning. The teachers will warmly welcome you to a meeting to discuss matters together in a collaborative way.

Room Number	Teacher Name	Teacher Email Address
Room 1	Viena Ripata (DP) and Bashnee Naidu	vienar@glenbrae.school.nz bashneen@glenbrae.school.nz
Room 2	Shadab Ayub	shadaba@glenbrae.school.nz
Room 3	Cardell Tino	cardellt@glenbrae.school..nz
Room 5	Jamin Paramore	jaminp@glenbrae.school.nz
Room 6	Andrew Te Aotonga (DP) Kris Sheath	andrewt@glenbrae.school.nz kriss@glenbrae.school.nz
Room 11	Amy Underwood	amyu@glenbrae.school.nz
Room 12	Shwe Kyee	shwek@glenbrae.school.nz
Envirosciences and Release Teacher	Dupendar Nath	dupendarn@glenbrae.school.nz
Reading Recovery and Literacy Teacher	Angela Kelly	angelak@glenbrae.school.nz
Principal	Robbie Perreau	principal@glenbrae.school.nz

Student Support

School's Nurse - Yun He - yunh@adhb.govt.nz

School's Therapist - Marion Gordon-Flower - marion@maurituituia.com

**Contact Details - Required to contact you in times of
Emergency**

Parents please fill in your updated contact details and return this page to the office if any have changed, otherwise please leave blank.

Address where the child lives:

Name of Father / Caregiver:

Mobile Number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Home of father: _____

Name of Mother / Caregiver:

Mobile Number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Home of mother: _____

In case of emergency - contact person:

Name: _____

Relationship with child: _____

Mobile Number: _____

E-mail address: _____