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Parents and Caregivers of Glenview School
Tēnā koutou, Talofa lava, Kia orana, Talofa ni, Hello, Salaam Alaikum

Kia ora tatou e te whānau. Welcome to term 4 as we buckle up and brace ourselves for the busyness of the last 11 weeks of the school year.

Stress and parenting: a note from Whaea Lynda

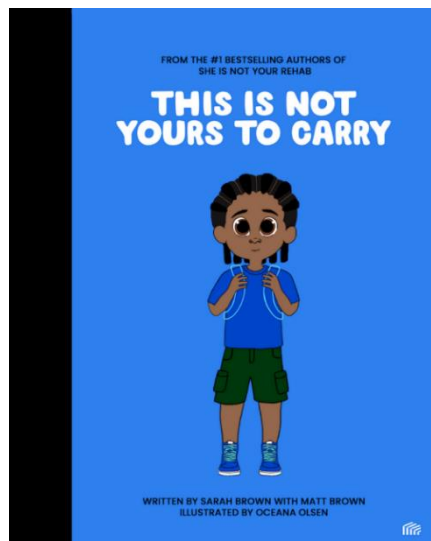
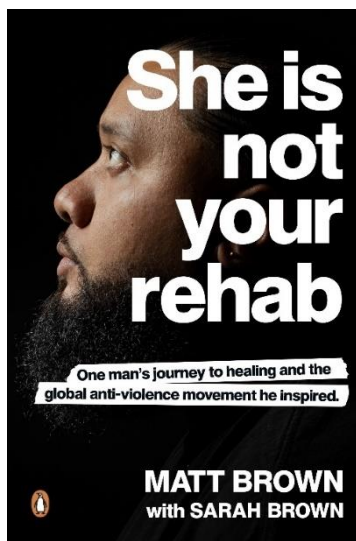
As a parent I know that there isn't much on this earth that upsets or stresses us more than when our children may be harmed or upset.

If something happens at school and your child is upset or thinks there is some injustice: please come and talk to the class teacher as a first step. If things are not resolved, then you are welcome to make a time to meet with me. Sometimes things that happen at school are misunderstood by our children or we only hear part of the story. Issues can usually be sorted with a face-to-face chat with the teacher.

At home our own stress and big emotions or past hurt can sometimes get in the way of positive parenting. As parents and teachers, we need to 'put our own oxygen masks on first': that is, we need to attend to our own regulation and calm our emotions so that we can help our children to dial down their own big feelings and behaviours.

Through my work in the trauma-informed kaupapa over the years I have got to know Matt and Sarah Brown. Matt can be found on the "My Father's Barber" YouTube clip. Matt is an excellent resource person and wealth of information for Dads who have dealt with hard things and are now raising children. He has created an online platform for fathers: <https://innerboy.nz/>

He has written *She is not your rehab* and with his partner Sarah has written *This is not yours to carry* - for children. Copies of which we have been gifted for our senior students.



NZEI Strike Day – Thursday 23 October – School Closed



Unless the government and the union agree on new collective agreements for teachers, support staff and principals, we will be striking on 23 October.

The three groups all have different claims and requests as part of their collective agreement but the government's response to the different groups has been similar:

- Pay offers that are less than inflation increases
- No recognition of extra support for children with additional needs
- No recognition of the challenges of our jobs in these current difficult times, for example the overwhelming pace of curriculum and education policy changes.

We need the best people we can get working with our tamariki: the current government offers will not attract or retain skilled and dedicated educators.

You're welcome to come and support us as we join the thousands of principals, teachers, teacher aides, firefighters, doctors, nurses, midwives, dentists and other healthcare workers striking in the 'mega strike' at Parliament.

This will be NZ's biggest strike since the Waterfront Dispute of 1951 or the Great Strike of 1913.

Bring your whānau and signs - this will be huge!

12:45 - Team Glenview meeting at Parliament before the rally.
- Keep an eye on Skool Loop and Facebook for the location.

1pm – 2pm - Rally on Parliament Grounds.



Term 4 Staff Only Day – 28 October – School Closed

On 28 October (the day after Labour Day) Glenview School will be closed for a staff only day.

This is for the teachers and support staff to do some more training with the new NZ Curriculum in Mathematics.

Please keep your children home for the day

Welcome to Whaea Shekinah

Shekinah will be covering the office assistant position and part time Kaiārahi in the classrooms until the end of the term. Say Hi when you see her.



Swimming

School swimming started this term. Remember to bring togs and a towel.

Classes will swim each Monday:

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| Tui | - 9:30am |
| Korimako | - 10am |
| Kahu | - 10:30am |
| Kererū | - 11am |
| Lupe | - Split between classes. Children will swim with their age groups |



We will also be swimming in Term 1 next year.

Dates to Remember:



Thursday 23 October

Tuesday 28 October

Monday 24 – Wed 26 November

Friday 12 December

Wednesday 17 December

- School closed. Strike day
- School closed. Staff Only Day
- Year 6 camp
- Christmas Concert
- Last day of School for 2025

Farewell to Rolla

On Friday we said farewell to Whaea Rolla. Rolla has been working at Glenview for 7 years, first as an Arabic tutor, then as a Kaiārahi (TA) and more recently as a part time office assistant.

We will miss her very much as she brought many skills to the school and she went the extra mile to support our children and our Arabic families. She taught us all a lot - even the adults who have learned much about Arabic language and culture as well as about her homeland of Palestine.

Rolla has moved on to an exciting new job where her skills will be very valuable. It is not goodbye but farewell as we hope to keep in touch.

