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Piki ake ki te taumata

Glenbervie School

Pathways to Excellence

Principal's Kōrero

Kia ora whānau,

The excitement continues to build across our kura as we head into the final few weeks of the school year. It is wonderful to see our tamariki staying engaged, energetic, and proud of all they have achieved over the past few terms. It was great to see you all at both the Junior and Senior athletics day. Good luck to all competitors selected to represent our Zone at the Whangārei athletics coming up.

Welcome to our Whānau

We are thrilled to formally welcome Candice Kemp to the Glenbervie whānau. Candice is joining our Junior Syndicate team, and we are very excited to have her working alongside our youngest learners and wider staff. Candice will be formally joining us at the start of 2027. If you see her around the school grounds, please be sure to say hello and give her a warm Glenbervie welcome.

Student Progress & Growth

Following our recent Ministry of Education (MOE) educational reviews, we want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible progress our learners have made. We are immensely proud of the growth our students have shown; both academically and socially this year. It is a true testament to their hard work and dedication of our teaching team, along with ongoing support from you at home.

Leadership in Action

Today, our Year 6 students are out and about taking on the Parahaki Challenge. Enjoy your day and the experience. It's part of our leaders programme where students push their limits and have an opportunity to show their resilience when things get tough. With our senior students out for the day, our Year 5 students have stepped up into an exciting leadership opportunity. They are working across the school alongside different teachers and classes, giving back to our school community and honing their leadership skills ahead of stepping into the senior role in 2027.

Upcoming Dates & Reminders

- Teacher Only Day – Friday, 4th December: A reminder that school will be closed for instruction on this day while our staff focus on curriculum development and strategic planning for 2027.
- End-of-Year Events: As the final weeks get busy, please keep a close eye on our school website calendar so you don't miss any upcoming assemblies, end-of-year celebrations, or supporting notices.

Ngā mihi nui,
Warren

Highlights:

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Welcome to our new staff member

We are very pleased to welcome our new member of staff - Candice Kemp.



Kia ora whānau,
Ko Candice Kemp tōku ingoa. I am thrilled to be joining the Glenbervie School team in 2027. My husband Adrian and I have three children: Liam, Olivia, and Danielle and as a family, we love going camping and relaxing at home together.
Having taught across all primary year levels, I am especially excited to be stepping back into the juniors here at Glenbervie.
I look forward to getting to know you all and being part of this wonderful community!
Ngā mihi
Candice

Student Events and Sucesses

Junior Tabloids

Rm 1 and Rm 2 had a wonderful afternoon putting their skills to the test during our fun Athletics Tabloid session! It was fantastic to see everyone showing great teamwork, cheering each other on, and giving every activity their best effort. There were plenty of smiles all around and everyone should be super proud of their achievements!







Zone Athletics 2026

Last Thursday 19th November, Glenbervie was lucky enough to host the Zone Athletic finals at our school for 2026.
This event involved students from Ngunguru, Kaurihohore, Glenbervie & Excellere College competing to qualify for a spot at the WPSSA event in week 8 at Trigg Stadium. It was a great day of competition and close fought battles between students in Year 5 & 6.
Glenbervie students did themselves incredibly proud with 25 students competing on the day.
The following students have qualified for the WPSSA event next week. We would like to wish Georgie D, Ella B, Stella vdK, Marley R and Tom J all the very best as they head off to compete against the best of the best at Trigg stadium.





Georgia D and Charlene L-K showing great technique



Mates hanging out



Nanna and great Aunties from Ngunguru School with a grandstand view

Student Events and Sucesses

Room 10 has been working hard on their poetry unit. This stunning poem focuses on similes and metaphors in a free verse form.

The Tūī
By Noah R

The tūī flies fast like a rocket,
passing you in a flash.

While still as a statue,
you watch in awe.

It catches your glance,
just like sunlight.

The beautiful tūī shines with colour,
brighter than the moon,
better than the stars.

The tūī is a galaxy.



Kindness Challenge

Room 8 were involved in a "Kindness Challenge" through the Premmie Knitting Club, as seen on Seven Sharp on TV.
The class were taught how to knit a Peggy square. 8 pupils completed the challenge, and Mia managed to knit 20 squares to complete a blanket on her own.
Mrs Cairns joined them together to make blankets for premmie babies, then we delivered them to the Neonatal ward at Whangarei hospital. The nurses were thrilled to receive them and were very interested in the challenge.



Huge Thank-you

We wish to extend a huge thank you to the families that answered our request for donations to support breakfast and/ or lunch for those chidren who had none on any day.
Thanks to Amelia and Max's family
Haemish and Harriet's family and
Xanthe and Cora's family.
We really appreciate your generosity



A Pun or two to make you smile

- I used to have a fear of hurdles, but I got over it.
- To the guy that invented Zero thanks for nothing.
- I should have been sad when my flashlight batteries died, but I was delighted.
- What do you call an alligator in a vest?
  An investigator
- The cheese factory exploded today, there was de brie everywhere!

Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER

Thursday 26 - Y6 Parihaka Challenge

DECEMBER

Tuesday 1 - Sports Prizegiving
11.30am, School Hall

Wednesday 2 - WPSSA
Yr 5 & 6 Athletics

Thursday 3 - Helpers Morning Tea

Friday 4 - TOD **(no school)**

Monday 7 - Yr 6 Surf Trip

Wednesday 9 - Junior Fun Day Beach Trip

Thursday 10 - Yr 6 Celebration/
Prizegiving
10am Tiki High School

Thursday 10 - Leavers Dinner
5.30pm - 8.00pm
School Hall

Friday 11 - End of term Assembly

Monday 14 - Jingle and Mingle
4.30pm - 6pm
School Field

Wednesday 16 - Last Day Term 4
midday finish



Celebration of Learning

Principals Awards

The following students received a Principal Award at last week's assembly.

Room 1	F Schimmel
Room 2	Jake vd K & Georgie B
Room 3	Zetta B & Milah J
Room 4	Raymond W
Room 5	Teura S & Kelaia N
Room 6	Riley W & Evelyn J
Room 7	Eva G & Isla J
Room 8	Marley R & Charlene L-K
Room 9	Bodhi N-S & Mia T
Room 10	Olivia N & Leila W
Room 11	Adelina N & Haemish McC



School Notices

Wednesday 16 December

School will close at Midday on the last day of the term.

Need care for the afternoon of Wednesday, 16 December? Our After School Care programme will be running at the earlier time of 12:00 pm to support families on the final half day of term. Please contact After School Care on 021 2493308 to book your space.

Buses will also run at the earlier time.

Future Enrolments

If your family or someone in your commnity has preschoolers who are likely to attend Glenbervie School, please let us know as soon as possible. This helps greatly with planning and staffing projections for the future.

School Notices

PTA Calendar Art

Kia ora whanau,
The Glenbervie School PTA Calendar Art fundraiser is now ready to view and order online.
These make wonderful gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas.
To place your order:
1. Go to kidsartworks.com
2. Enter your school code: KZ625
3. Select your child's room and name, view their artwork, and place your order
Orders are open until Monday 7 December.
Payment is made securely online by credit card or bank transfer.
Questions?
Contact Alex Badham at ahart@nhs.school.nz



TURNING POINT COFFEE NZ

Thank you to Turning Point Coffee, for always ensuring speedy delivery in an emergency - when we run out.





PTA UPDATE

26 November 2026

THANK YOU
Your generosity this year has helped raise almost $25,000 for our school!



Term 4 – Wednesday Pizza Lunch
Cheese pizza, $2 per slice
Payment: Cash to teacher



Calendar Art
Details on ordering your calendar art now on Dojo - great Christmas gift ideas!



New members welcome!
We're always looking for new members to support our school community - pop us an email to get involved!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY REMINDER

Help us support Glenbervie School House Pride!



The Glenbervie PTA is on a mission to provide four new gazebos to keep our students covered in the sun (or dry in the rain!) and we need your help.

The gazebos will be used at open days, Ag Day, cross country, athletics, and will head out with our teams to interschool sports and events. Expect to see them everywhere there's a crowd, a cheer or a sausage sizzle.

Local businesses, this is your chance to be part of it!
For a $500 sponsorship, your logo will be printed on the side the gazebos, and seen by hundreds of families and community members throughout the years.

Shout out to **CJ Building Services**, **Cowley's Hire** and **BuildingWorks** for your support already! Want to join them? Get in touch with the PTA below.

Contact the PTA: glenbervieschoolpta@gmail.com