



Wednesday 20 November 2019

GLENTUNNEL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tena koutou katoa parents and caregivers,

Dates to remember ...

Friday 22 November -
Mufti Day fundraiser
Privilege and Nerf War

Monday 25 November —
Saturday 30 November -
Year 5/6 camp to Wellington

Monday 2 December -
Volunteers afternoon tea

Wednesday 4 December -
Year 6 Big Day Out

Thursday 6 December -
Year 6 day at Darfield High
School

Thursday 12 December -
End of year concert and prize
giving

Weekly Joke

Why did the student eat their
homework?

Because the teacher told them it
was a piece of cake!



Thanks for all your support last week during our Athletics day and Pet Day. What contributes to making our school so wonderful is the way we all come together to celebrate and encourage our tamariki. The school value of

whanaungatanga is alive and well inside and outside of our school gates. Ka pai everyone!

Well done to all our Year 4, 5 and 6 students who represented Glentunnel School at the Malvern Twilight Athletics on Monday. It was great to see you all

out there supporting your child to achieve their potential. Congratulations to everyone for challenging yourself and giving your all at the different events. You can be very proud of yourself for being at this competition and competing at this level. We have two athletes who have been selected to represent Malvern at the Canterbury Athletic Competition. This is a fantastic achievement and well done to Lani Atutolu (shot put) and Shayden McDonnell (long sprints and relay).

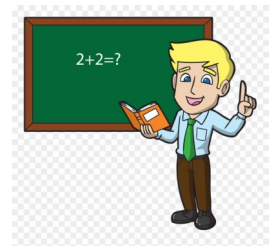


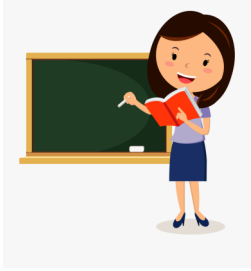
We had the opportunity to test our parental alert systems this week as the bus wasn't running Tuesday afternoon. It was a reminder for me to update information on parents who are unable to receive our Facebook messages or our Skool App alerts. These are the two

methods we use to alert parents of important messages; the Facebook feed also appears on the school's web page. If you are unable to receive either of these alerts, please let Alison or myself know so we can update our parental list. Thank you to the parents who supported others by being able to take students home with them during this unfortunate event.

I'm very excited to announce the successful applicants for the two recently advertised teaching positions. Donna Young has been appointed to the permanent teaching position. It is wonderful and exciting to have Donna join our team and whanau on a more permanent basis.

Matthew Bolton has been appointed to the fixed term teaching position. Matthew joins us as a beginning teaching with 10 years' experiences teaching overseas. Matthew brings a new set of skills and attributes to our Glentunnel team and is very enthusiastic about living back in New Zealand and teaching at our















school. In 2020 we will be reshuffling some teachers as we look to build on existing relationships (teacher-student), welcome new teachers into our team and best utilise the strengths and skills of our teaching staff. This means the following teachers will have the following year groups next year. Anne Cornish will be in Room 2 with the new entrants – Year 1 tamariki. Jane Wright will be in Room 3 with the Year 1-2 tamariki. Donna Young will be in Room 4 with the Year 3 tamariki. Dana Sutherland will be in Room 5 with the Year 4-5 tamariki. Matthew Bolton will be in Room 1 with the Year 5-6

tamariki. Next year we also hope to start our building project which involves creating an outdoor learning space connecting Room 2 and 3, while also updating the interior of Room 1 and 2. This will mean the two youngest cohorts of students will have a space where they can connect with each other and learn together.

I'm very pleased to announce that Jane Wright will be the schools Deputy Principal in 2020. Jane brings a wealth of learning and leadership to this role from her time as an Across Schools Lead teacher with in the Malvern Kahui Ako. It's wonderful to have Jane back on board full time and to have her knowledge, skills and enthusiasm put to good use in her new role of Deputy Principal.

Ka kite ano
Dion Stechmann

Awards This Week

-  **Dominic**—For showing Mahi Tahi by working with determination until he had completed his writing about our new planted area. Tino pai, Dom!
 -  **Alexander**—For showing Manaakitanga by being an excellent role model, making good choices in class and in the playground.
 -  **Taylor**—For being kind and patient with your buddy when you helped them make their instrument.
 -  **Alisha**—For being an excellent role model with your buddy when you helped them make their instrument.
 -  **Isla**—You consistently role model mahi tahi and whanaungatanga to all Glentunnel students.
 -  **Maxim**—You consistently role model manaakitangi and whanaungatanga to all Glentunnel students.
 -  **Charlotte B**—For great spelling attempts!
 -  **Sophia**—For making great progress with her reading!
 -  **Ruby L**—For doing extra basic facts at home.
 -  **Adison**—For always being positive, hard working and helpful.
- And the Star of the Week goes to—Brooke**—For displaying whanaungatanga to everyone at our school.

Home & School News

Coalgate Sale Yards -

Roster for Thursday 21st November—

Cooking	Juanita McAndrew, Corrina McCulloch
Pie	Alicia/Jon Alvis
Baking	Cindy Driscoll, Juanita McAndrew, Findabair Joynes

Roster for Thursday 28th November -

Cooking	Elle Hall, Cat Mulligan
Pie	Nicole Hughes
Baking	Eila/Liam Cunnah, Michele Reid, Kelly Maude

Pet Day Auction - THANK YOU



The Year 5 and 6 students are very fortunate to be going on camp next week, for a whole week, AND it is a trip to Wellington. A huge number of people have helped with and supported our camp fundraising initiatives. THANK YOU. The most recent fundraising activity was the school's pet day auction. Michele Reid acquired a huge number of prizes, and a considerable number of cash donations. Thank you Michele. Mr Fred Fowler (a professional auctioneer, and grandparent of a current student) auctioned seven home-crafted items, two amazing up-cycled items, and fifteen decadent cakes. Thank you to all bidders, all sponsors, and all those who contributed a donation to this

fundraising activity. In total \$3300 was raised. AMAZING!

Please consider supporting the following businesses who **supported the auction**, and therefore **supported Glentunnel School students**.

All About Sewage Ltd (Ratahi Family); Coalgate Motors; Coalgate Tavern; Countdown Rolleston; Darfield Bakery; Darfield Four Square; Darfield Eco Garden Centre; Ellesmere Transport; Farmlands Darfield; Fonterra; Mr and Mrs Fowler; Glentunnel Store; Gnomes Darfield; Hazlett Rural Ltd; Hororata Golf Club; ITM Darfield; Johnny Fresh; Malvern Homekill; Mount Hutt; More for You Beauty; New World Rolleston; Oderings Yaldhurst; Peter Walsh & Associates; PGG Wrightsons; The Sewing Room; Southern Woods Nursery; Sullivan Contracting; The Salon Hairdressers (West Melton); Waimak Jet; Willowbank; Willow's Café.

FEEDBACK WANTED FROM WHOLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY



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This year Sheffield School and Glentunnel decided to try something different for Athletics Day. In the past our senior students went to Sheffield to compete whilst our juniors had their own competition at Glentunnel with other schools attending. The senior school were also involved with running this junior day. Often junior athletics fell late in the term which was not ideal for staff and students. Term 4 is always crazy busy so one less

event (junior athletics) is very helpful.

Reasons for the change. - Positives

To bring our whole Glentunnel whanau together for a day full of activity and fun.

To give our Year 6 students an opportunity to take on a leadership role.

To develop other fundamental skills – throwing, catching, hurdles, rolling a ball, throwing a Frisbee, skipping etc.

Each activity had a challenge for each age level. This provided a non-threatening environment where children could push themselves or work together as a team.

A lot of the activities were specific drills to develop skills for the traditional athletics events (discus, shotput, long and high jump).

During traditional athletics events there is a lot of time spent by the students waiting in line for their turn. This format meant everyone was active and challenged.

No transport required and one less event, (Junior Athletics) for the Term 4 busy calendar.

The main downside was that the year 6 students didn't get to compete with each other. They still competed in each event, and their throws and jumps were measured during the athletics day, so they all had a chance to reach the qualifying standard to go through to the Malvern competition.

My apologies for not running the Year 6s High Jump. This was meant to be at 9.00am. Also apologies also for not informing the community about the new format and timetable for the day.

The feedback from the children and teachers has been mostly positive. If you would like to give your feedback about the day please email either Dion – principal@glentunnel.school.nz or myself –

dana@glentunnel.school.nz. I look forward to reading your comments. As a staff we will look at all the feedback and decide what format we will choose for next year. Please note - having other schools involved will only work if they agree to come. Thank you in advance for your time.

Willowbank Trip - Wednesday 27th November



Thank you to the parents who have offered to transport and help out on the day. We will be leaving school right on 9 O'clock so can you make sure your child/ren arrive early. The bell will be rung at 8:50am. The children will assemble outside Room 1 with their bags (packed lunch and drink bottle), sun hats, vests, jackets (if forecast is for rain). **Please remember NO PRE- SCHOOLERS.**



Mufti Day Fundraiser

This Friday children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or in fun, colourful mufti.

Each child is to bring a non-perishable food item to participate. All food will be donated to a local food bank to help those in need in our area.

Ideas for donation: Non-perishable food items such as canned fish, canned vegetables (green beans, corn, tomatoes, baked beans), canned fruit, spreads (marmite, peanut butter), rice, pasta, muesli bars, boxed crackers, breakfast cereal.

Friday Privilege & Nerf War

For privilege this Friday children will be invited to participate in a number of fun activities organised by Room Three, along with some of our usual favourites (pool, construction, colouring). If your child is participating in the **Nerf War** advertised in our last newsletter can you please ensure they remember the following:

- Safety glasses (no glasses, no game).
- Named darts, maximum of ten
- All equipment is to be given to the classroom teacher who will look after it for the day when these are not being used in the supervised activity.



Good News to All in Selwyn!

Christmas Day Community Lunch

Lincoln Baptist Church

109 Carnaveron dr

12:00 – 3:00 pm

Wednesday 25th December

All welcome. No cost.

Lunch provided.

RSVP essential by Sun 15th Dec

Phone Desre ~ 3253396

This will be an alcohol-free event. Thank you.



Free
family
fun!

KEEP KIDS SAFE FROM DRIVEWAY ACCIDENTS

Sat 30 Nov, 10am-1pm

Come along to SafeSquares and help keep kids safe with a designated safe spot for them to use when vehicles are moving on the driveway.

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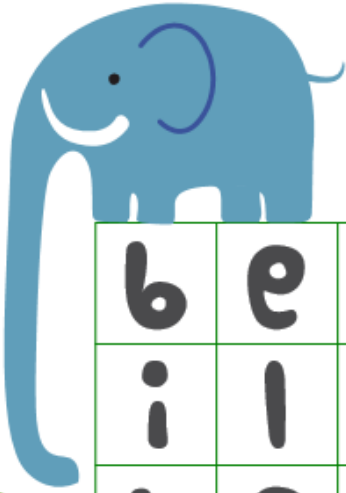


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