



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER—Week 3, Term 1 2017

### A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

We have had a large number of new families start with us this year and we wish to warmly welcome you to the Glenavon Whānau

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### WELCOME TO 2017

The start of each school year is always filled with enthusiasm, optimism and excitement as we imagine what lies ahead for another action packed year. During the summer, as the end of holidays approached , I felt myself bursting with energy to get stuck into another year at our awesome school.

We have had an outstanding start to the year and the school continues to go from strength to strength. We have a truly talented and inspiring team of teachers who come to school each day with fresh ideas and a huge desire to see your child succeed. Your child's teacher works extremely hard to ensure that each day is the best possible day for your child! It is vital that you develop a close and productive relationship with your child's teacher so please take the time to pop in before or after school to say hello. Our doors are always open for you.

We have had some wonderful feedback regarding the classroom upgrades and the children are absolutely loving their new environments! The Room 1 and 2 rooms are working brilliantly for our younger learners. If you haven't had a chance to have a look I encourage you to pop in and see them.

To cope with our ever increasing roll, we have kept class sizes smaller this year to ensure that we are able to cope with the many new families that join us throughout the year . Your children will be getting the benefit of these smaller class sizes and their teacher will be able to spend more time with them one on one.

We have a really big year ahead and our first major event will be the Glenavon Cultural Night. This year, every single student is part of a cultural group and there are 11 groups in total. These groups are a celebration of the rich diversity we have in our school. Please keep a close eye on notices that come home regarding these groups and make sure you put the 6th of April in your calendar as the big event!

Our newsletters are distributed 3 times per term and are given out to students. We also have a very active facebook page as well as our blogs that show what we are up to at school. Please keep an eye on these throughout the year.

Phil Toomer—PRINCIPAL

### What's happening in the Glen...

#### TERM ONE 2017

**28th February**  
Year 7/8 Tag

**1st March**  
Year 8 Leaders Challenge  
Tree Adventures

**2nd March**  
Maori Whanau Hui

**7th March**  
Year 7 and 8 Boys Softball

**8th March**  
Primary Cricket

**8th March**  
School finishes at 1.30pm  
for staff PD Conference

**9th March**  
Year 7 and 8 Girls Softball

**23rd March**  
Student Led Conferences

**26th March**  
Year 5 and 6 T Ball

**29th March**  
Yr 5 / 6 Piha Trip

**30th March**  
Year 5 and 6 T Ball

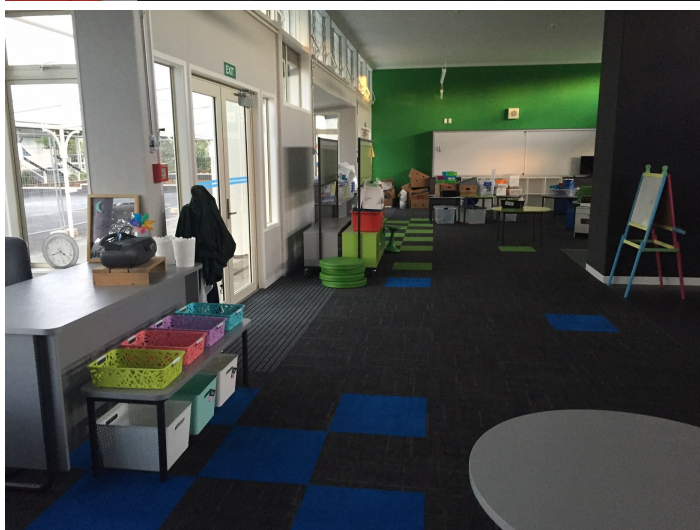
**6th April**  
Glenavon Cultural Night

**13th April**  
Last day of Term 1

#### TERM TWO

**1st May**  
First Day of Term 2

## ROOM ONE AND TWO INNOVATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



### A LOOK BACK AT OUR ERO REPORT

The Education Review Office reviews most schools every three years. For exceptional schools they review the school every four to five years.

Glenavon School was reviewed in May 2016 and received a **four to five year return time**.

**Our school was identified by ERO as “a high performing school”**

*“...high levels of engagement in class programmes and school-wide initiatives.”*

*“The school’s achievement information shows consistent gains in student achievement levels over the past three years.”*

*“...provide equitable opportunities for children to participate in high quality learning experiences.”*

*“Children enjoy a sense of belonging and connection to school”*

*“The new principal, along with senior leaders, has made significant progress across the school over the past two years.”*

*“Children are enthusiastic about their learning and benefit from school conditions that foster positive attitudes to lifelong learning. “*

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

We wish to warmly welcome the following staff who are new to our team this year.

Room 2—Miss Watford

Room 3— Mrs Polkinghorne

Room 6—Miss Brown

Teacher Aide—Sina Latoa

These staff are huge assets and additions to our team.

Please check out our school website for staff profiles and information.

[www.glenavon.school.nz](http://www.glenavon.school.nz)

### STATIONERY

Thank to you to all of the families who have already purchased their stationery packs. The classes are now well into their learning and it is great to see everybody sorted for their year!

There are a few packs left at Warehouse Stationery so if you haven't already purchased yours, please make sure you get your child's pack asap.