Newsletter Issue 6 Term 1 Thursday 12th March 2020

Glenholme School Gates For the safety of our children: The Ranolf Street gates are now in working order and will be **auto locked** during the times of 8.30am - 9.00am and 2.45pm -3.10pm. Parents are required to park outside the school grounds when dropping off or picking up children.

The car park is for STAFF only.



Academic Achievement Discussions - Week 10

During Week 10 we will be having Academic Achievement Discussions on **Tuesday 7th April** and **Wednesday 8th April**. We ask that parents collect their tamariki from school at 2.00pm both of these days. Please contact the school office to let us know if you are unable to collect your child and they require supervision at school during the first part of the Academic Achievement Discussions. We welcome parents and whanau to attend Academic Achievement Discussions on **Tuesday 7th April** 2.15pm– 6.30pm and **Wednesday 8th April** 2.15pm–6.30pm. We encourage you to bring your child with you to the discussion.

Appointments can now be made online by going to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz Our School Event Code is: **5amqq** Bookings are now open! Simply enter the event code: and press "Go".

If you are unable to book via the website please phone our School Administration Assistant, Kylee Kennedy (3481489) to make your bookings or pop into the school office. Please make sure that when you phone or pop in that you have your child/rens, teachers name and time available that you would like which will assist Kylee

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First enter your name, your student's name, and your email address.
If you need to book for more than one student, change the "Book for x students" setting, and enter the other student's name.
On the next page, pick the teacher/s you want to meet.
Choose from the list of teachers.
Then you'll see a timetable showing when your chosen teacher/s are available. Simply click on the times that suit you.
4th May and 29th May 2020 - Teacher Only Day

School will be closed for instruction on Monday 4th May and Friday 29th May. Staff will be undertaking professional development off-site.





It's Photolife time again

Tuesday 7th April Class and Individual photos will be taken at school. Photo envelopes will be given out for students to take home this week. Payment must be made either by internet banking to Photolife or Cash to be placed in the envelope. All payments have to be made to Photolife and not the school office. Please return completed and sealed envelopes to the office by Monday 6th April.



COVID-19

Facts from the World Health Organization.

- Evidence from China shows that only 1% of reported cases do not have symptoms, and most of those cases develop symptoms within 2 days.
- Young people 18 years and under represent less than 2.4 per cent of those who have contracted the virus.
- From the data we have so far, COVID-19 does not transmit as efficiently as influenza.

It continues to remain that the best thing to do is to practice good preventative measures, particularly good hygiene:

- Washing hands with soap and water for 20 seconds before and after eating as well as after attending the toilet
- Covering coughs and sneezes with clean tissues or with an elbow
- Putting used tissues in the bin
- Encouraging staff and students to stay home if they are unwell

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Kia ora

Many of you will be aware that three of the five cases of COVID-19 confirmed in New Zealand have had links to four school communities. I appreciate this could be unsettling for some of you so wanted to provide you with an update.

It was very reassuring to read the information from the Auckland Regional Public Health Service that the children in these families are not showing any symptoms of COVID-19 and are doing well. Because the children continue to not show any symptoms, they were not infectious when they were at school and the Ministry of Health is confident there is <u>no</u> risk for the students and staff in those schools.

You will also be interested to know that research published by the World Health Organisation notes that children and young people under 18 account for only 2.4% of all reported cases of COVID-19. This means we are unlikely to see widespread cases in schools and early learning services in New Zealand.

The Ministry of Health's current advice is that with continued vigilance, the chance of widespread community outbreak is expected to remain low. So we all have a role here to minimise the spread of COVID-19.

Our school staff and leadership remain well prepared for the possibility there might be a case in our community. If that were to occur we are confident we can put our plans in place and know we will be supported by regional health authorities and the Ministry of Education.

I am sure you are all keen to do what you can to prevent risk of infection. The best preventative steps are:

- wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and dry thoroughly
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- avoid sharing anything that has come in contact with saliva, whether in your living or social environments
- stay home when you are sick and seek medical attention
- cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the rubbish
- get adequate sleep and eat well-balanced meals to ensure a healthy immune system.



Our school values continue to play an important part in all our activities. A reminder they are Respect, Integrity, Diversity and Excellence. It is so important we continue to care for and support all members of our wonderful school community, especially those who may be impacted by COVID-19 in some way.

If you want to know more about COVID-19 please make sure that any reading you are doing is from a reliable source. The Ministry of Health is the best source of information for New Zealand and they update this information regularly -

https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus

A reminder that anyone who is ill should not be attending school.

The COVID-19 symptoms are a fever, coughing and difficulty breathing. If anyone has these symptoms and has recently been to a <u>country or area of concern</u>, or have been in close contact with someone confirmed with COVID-19, please encourage them to contact Healthline (for free) on <u>0800 358 5453</u> (or <u>+64 9 358 5453</u> for international SIMs) or their doctor immediately.

Ngā mihi

Sarah Thompson



Did We Hear You Right

A huge thank you to Adam and Karen Jeffries, Zach's parents, who are kindly donating gift balloons to all the Principal Award recipients for 2020. All Principal Award recipients will be able to choose their gift balloon from the wonderful assortment of balloons below. We are very grateful for their support and generosity.

Did we hear right?! You won the Principal's Award?!





FOTS EASTER RAFFLE

FOTS is organising an **Easter Raffle**, fundraising for the school. This will be drawn Thurs 9th April at lunchtime on the turf

We would appreciate any Easter themed items our school families and whanau could donate to be included in the raffle prize.

Please donate items by Monday 6th April. Raffle tickets available from Weds 18th March, for \$2 each from outside the office.







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Saturday 14 March 10am - 3pm Government Gardens, CBD Sunday 15 March 1.30pm - 4.30pm Redwoods, Long Mile Road

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Glenholme School Events

| 31st March 7th April 7-8th April | BOT Meeting Class/Individual Photos Academic Achievement Discussions 2pm -6.30pm <u>School Finishes at 2pm on both days</u> |
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| 9th April 10th April 13th April | Thursday - Last Day of Term 1 Good Friday Easter Monday |
| 28th April | Tuesday - First Day of Term 2 |
| 4th May 29th May | Teacher Only Day - Monday Teacher Only Day - Friday School will be closed for instruction. Staff will be undertaking professional development off-site. |
| 1st June | Monday - Queen's Birthday |

School Term Dates - 2020

Term 1: 3rd February - 9th April Term 2: 28th April - 3rd July Term 3: 20th July - 25th September Term 4: 12th October - 15th December