

# Newsletter Friday 8th September 2023



Kia ora e te whānau

Ko taku tumanako ka kitea pai koe e tenei karere. I hope this message finds you well.

Next week is Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week) which will see our tamariki and kaiako celebrating te reo Maōri language and culture in their classes and at lunchtimes. It will be great seeing the learning taking place and listening to the students as they practice and learn more about te reo Māori and tikanga.

Congratulations to the large number of students that have participated in the science fair, EPro8 challenge, zone sports days, band quest, enviro group and the numerous other activities that are on offer. It is great to see you all representing the school with pride and passion. There are articles and photos further on in the newsletter with the specific information.

We wish Miss Campbell, our tamariki and parent helpers, the very best of luck as they head off to Totara Springs Matamata for our annual Sports Camp in the last week of the term. This week long camp is where the students participate in 35 sports against 7 other intermediate schools. They have been training hard for the last two terms so I am sure that dedication will pay off. Waimarie ki te kapa. Good luck to the team.

Kia pai te mutunga wiki. Have a great weekend.

Ngā mihi nui Mark Whitford (Principal/Tumuaki) Message from Mrs Stevenson

Kia ora koutou

Anxiety is something that many of our tamariki are trying to cope with. It's natural for kids to worry about things at certain times, and some may worry more than others due to their temperament and/or situation. Kids also worry about different things depending on their age and stage in life. We can help kids manage their worries so they have the tools and confidence to deal with any challenges life may throw at them – big or small. Below are a few useful links that offer some practical advice and strategies you can start using straight away with your child.

Calm free meditations.

Breathing Exercises in te reo Māori.

<u>Just a Thought</u> online course where you can learn to manage your thoughts and feelings to better support your wellbeing.

There is also a free online programme available through an organisation called Triple P that supports children to reduce anxiety, build emotional resilience and life skills and cope with challenges. **Fear-Less Triple P Online** – for parents and caregivers of children and teenagers (aged six to 14 years).

Ngā mihi nui



Kia Ora koutou

We are now 8 weeks into term 3 and it is great to see our students continued dedication and focus towards their learning. Our learning context of 'Rule the School' has been well received by our learners over the term. Our tamariki have learnt about different systems of government and hierarchy as well as how societies function effectively. Our learning is connected to this context in many different ways. For example, many of our students have written an essay on what they would do if they were principal for the day, which has produced some very interesting and entertaining responses.

Our learner profile focus for the next two weeks is Curious Mind. This is an important disposition that our students are continuing to develop. Having a curious mind is important for our students because it helps them to learn new things, develop their creativity, and cope with challenges when they arise. Having a curious mind is the desire to explore and understand the world, and it can help motivate us to seek new experiences and knowledge. Some of the benefits of having a curious mind are enhanced learning and learning opportunities, fostering creativity and even supporting wellbeing.

As always, thank you for your continued support.



## Celebrating Student Success

Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at our assembly this week for working collaboratively.

Jorja	Snowy	Elainah	Eden	Milly
Georgia	Dominic	Chase	Hoani	Mengqi
Lee	Cipriano	Frecilla	Riley	Michael
Aria	Рорру	Aiden	Khyzzl	Shimea
Abrielle	Heather	Alses	Abril	Bruna
Maddie	Denise	Stephan	Denise	Krishia
Reid	Olivia	Henry	Ella-mae	Akiro
Annie	Geneva	Yutong	'Ukuma	Augusta
Рорру	Brailee	Bowen	Remoneil	Abhay
Geneva	Grace	May	Rosheen	Zairex
Luca	Manna	Divit	Scott	Zandre
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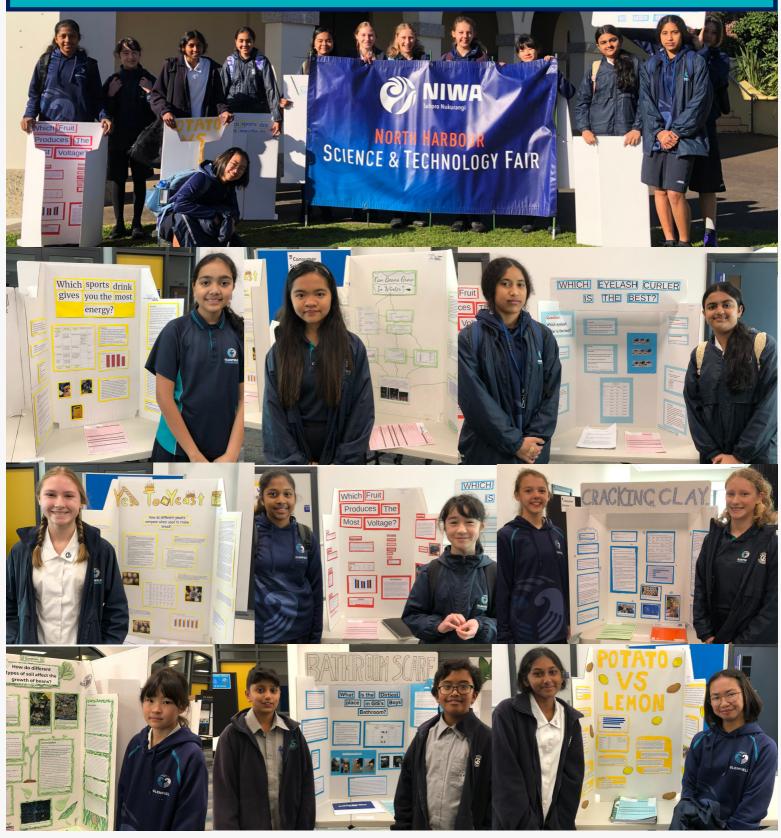
## Honours Roll -

## Congratulations to these students who were on the Honours Roll for outstanding effort and achievement in class.

Nicholas R33	Aiden R33	Gauri R10	Denise R10
Shenuka R32	Olivia R9	Isra R9	Haidar R2
Shimea R2	Abbigail R1	Georgia R1	Sri R13
Vhaugn R11	Lisa R4	Aiden R11	Hailey R11
Dominic R7	Rylan R7	Elsie R3	Elyse R3
Aurelia R4	Geneva R9	Siwon R13	Joy R4

## Science Fair

Our Science Fair students have spent the last couple of terms conducting experiments on topics of interest. Last week, they shared their outcomes and findings at the NIWA Science Fair held at Massey University. 7 of our learners will be receiving recognition for their projects at the prizegiving on 19th September! Thank you to Mrs Prince and Miss Cappell for all of your help in preparing students for this opportunity!



#### ePro8

Our teams worked hard in the EPRO8 challenge with Team 1 (Emilie, Aurelia, and Lisa) showing determination and perseverance to almost complete a challenge to the end. They were faced with some very tricky mathematics and electronics tasks. Team 2 (Eshaan, Jerry, JJ, and Aidan) placed 6th overall demonstrating great teamwork and partially completing two challenges.



### Sports Results





#### Waterpolo

VON 17-3 WON 7-6





Congratulations to Olivia and Kayleigh who competed in the Auckland cross country champs last week! It was a tough track and they did a great job!

Kayleigh also competed in the 3km cross country run at the AIMS games in Tauranga on Sunday 2nd September and placed 34th out of 129 competitors!

Well done Kayleigh!

#### Rugby League Zone Day

All girls did amazing in this event and their tries were endless to count. Everyone did their ultimate best and we enjoyed watching them play. They showed good sportsmanship and always encouraged each other.



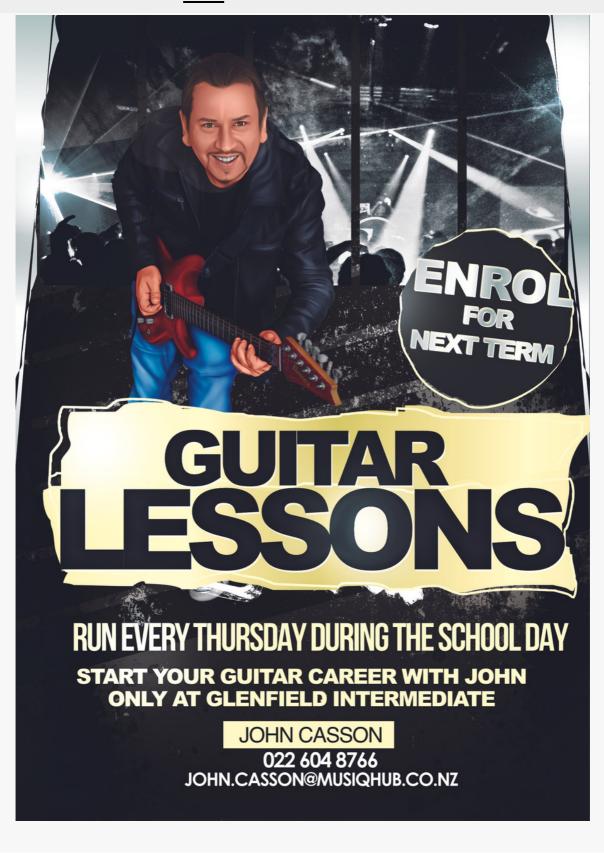
Arie, Kayleigh, Jovana, Fuli, Meleofa, Nashaia, Lusiola, Bailey, Grace, Ellamei

Journalist: Charlene and Kasey

## Guitar Lessons

We are excited to be able to offer guitar lessons from term 4. If you would like more information please contact John on 022 604 8766 or email John.casson@musiqhub.co.nz

You can view John's video here



#### Notices

Glenfield College is now open for 2024 enrolments, you can enrol your year 8 student online via this link

https://portal.gc.ac.nz/index.php/enrolment



## WARNING

Over the school holidays GIS is having our two bottom basketball courts fully excavated and relaid. The area will be fenced off but there will be heavy machinery on the school grounds and moving through the school carpark area.

Please avoid the area during the holidays and take extra care if you are in the school carpark area during this time.

#### Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori

Māori Language Week is also called 'Te Wiki o te Reo Māori,' it aims to inspire New Zealanders to speak the Māori language proudly. Māori Language Week is part of a larger effort to revitalize the Māori language. New Zealanders — and indeed, the global community — are encouraged to learn the language and experience the rich culture of the region. Events are held across the country to mark this observance and showcase the beauty of New Zealand.

#### **HOW TO OBSERVE MĀORI LANGUAGE WEEK**

#### Learn some new words

Make an effort to learn at least a dozen Māori words before the week is up. You can also label rooms and furniture in your home. To make it more fun, get a friend to join you in learning. This way you can practice communicating in Māori.

#### **Correct your pronunciation**

Many of us just say the words without even trying to pronounce them correctly. If you're not sure how to pronounce a word, ask a Māori friend or look it up online. There are several videos up on YouTube that can help you through this.

#### **Watch television**

Watch a Māori children's show with your children and encourage them to repeat the words and phrases. They should get to explore the different cultures of the world.



We will have fry bread for sale for \$1 during
Monday lunchtime as part of our
celebrations! We encourage students to bring
their gold coin and an eco friendly container
to put it in!

