

# Glendowie Primary School



## Newsletter

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### IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2 2012

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 Art Gallery Trip
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 7/8 Rugby Eastern Zone Tournament
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 Botanical Gardens trip
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	BoT Annual and General Meeting
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Room 4 Trees for Survival planting trip
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Police Visit
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5/6 Soccer Bay Suburbs Tournament
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	School Assembly hosted by Year 4
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Queen's Birthday Holiday</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Individual Photos
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	School Assembly hosted by Year 7 Parents' Association Meeting
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5/6 Rugby Bay Suburbs Tournament
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Mid Year reports sent home
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Science Roadshow
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Interviews
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Nigel Latta guest speaker PA evening
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Last Day of Term 2

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## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

I am constantly humbled about the wonderful community spirit we have here at Glendowie Primary School. I would like to thank our Parents' Association for their baking, decorating and selling of delicious cupcakes at the Churchill Park School Fair last weekend. All the funds raised from the cupcake stall were donated to the Churchill Park School Fire Fund. Thank you also to the children from Glendowie OSCARS who entertained the fairgoers with dancing and cheerleading on the entertainment stage. It is wonderful to see our 'I Care' philosophy out in the community.

### Property

There is a lot of action happening around our new building project. The initial stages of getting buildings out of the ground are always time consuming and thwart with problems especially as our site has piling issues. I will keep you informed on time lines as they become available. We are still hoping to be ready for the start of 2013.

### Dental Clinic

The dental clinic will be demolished this month. This will start next **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May** and will take approximately 3 weeks to complete. During this time we will close the hall car park and for safety reasons, we will close the foyer access at the front. Access to the hall will be from the side hall door on the court. OSCARS will use the side door during this time.

### Safety

It has been brought to my attention that parents are shifting the signs that are put out in the Church and Kindergarten car park. These signs are needed to direct cars to leave a thoroughfare so that cars can move and also to ensure that only cars collecting children from the church kindergarten are parked in the kindergarten parks. We are very appreciative of the Glendowie Presbyterian Church for allowing us to use their car parks and want to ensure that we don't abuse their generosity by any misuse of this privilege. Our road patrollers, who place the signs, get very concerned and they report car registration numbers of offending vehicles to me.

### Board Meetings

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees will occur on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** at 6.30pm in the boardroom. The monthly board meeting will follow the Annual meeting. The agendas for both meetings are available from the school office on the Friday prior to the meetings. The Chairperson and Principal's Annual Report will be published on our school web site after our Annual meeting

## Information from the Office

**Homestay Family Required:** We urgently require a homestay family which will take a mother and her six year old daughter from China from approx. early June until late August. They could both stay in the same room. The payment will be \$400 per week. The student will be attending Glendowie Primary School. If you can help please could you urgently advise the Office

**Rental Home Wanted:** We have a family who require a 2 bedroom flat, either unfurnished or partly furnished. This house does not need to be in zone, but does need to be close to school. Contact the office if you can assist.

## School Choir

Well done to all the children who auditioned for our school choir and congratulations to the 34 students that were successful. Choir lessons are every Friday morning from 8.30am – 9.15am in the music room. We are very lucky to have **Mr Neil Shroff** as our school choir master and look forward to hearing the choir perform.

## Student Leadership 2012

Last term we announced who our student leaders were for 2012 at the school assembly. Our Student Leaders were chosen by the teachers and Principal from the Year 7 and Year 8 classes because of their leadership qualities and their ability to:

- Show commitment and enthusiasm.
- Be confident enough to do what is right and best for who they represent.
- Be co-operative to help solve issues and come up with sensible solutions.
- Show empathy and integrity in their everyday actions.
- Be open minded and caring enough to respect, tolerate and celebrate everyone's differences and strengths.
- Be an excellent communicator and listener, someone that students are comfortable talking to and approaching to discuss what's on their mind.

Well done to the following students who have been selected as our student leaders this year:

Student Councillors: **Julia** and **Tessa**

Media Team: **Aldric, Alice, Emily, Chelsea, Vhivanesh, Nathaniel, Annabel, Jack, Alvaro** and **Alexander**

Sports Captains: **Scott** and **Aziza**

Sports Leaders: **Dylan, Kaitlyn, Sam, Hamish, Freda**

**Madeleine, Darien, Beja, Levi, James** and **Samuel**

Property Leaders: **Roman** and **Benjamin**

Enviro Leaders: **Benjamin** and **Teegan**

Travel Wise Leaders: **Pooja** and **Ella**

## Librarians

We thank the following students for committing to be a Student Librarian.

Their role includes supervising students, providing library and computer activities during lunchtimes and maintaining our school library area.

**Taj, Nathaniel, Jacob, Ebba, Bonnie, Dylan, Ella, Tamilla, Michelle, Benjamin, Diana, Daniel** and **Kiana**.

A very special mention goes to **Kiana, Nathaniel** and **Benjamin** who have been librarians for more than 2 years.

## Sports News

**Baseball:** Congratulations **Henry** for being selected to represent New Zealand in the Asia- Pacific Regional Finals of the Little League Baseball World Series Tournament being held in Taichung, Taiwan in July. There are 12 International teams competing for a position at the World Championship in Pennsylvania. Good Luck Henry and the New Zealand Little League team.

**Soccer:** Our Year 7 and 8 teams represented our school this week at the Eastern Zone Soccer Tournament. They showed some wonderful talent and skill on the field. Thank you to **Mr Shroff** and **Mr McNally** for coaching the children and preparing them for the tournament. Thank you to the parents that helped as we cannot take part in these activities without parental supervision.

## Taking Action

**Molly** and **Samantha** Year 6 students from Room 27 will be having a cookie and lemonade stand on **Tuesday 15th May** after school on the courts. The girls are raising money for the child cancer fund. Prices range from \$1 - \$3 Please come and support the girls in their fundraising efforts.

## Enviro Group

### Reminder about Voting for the Unpackit Awards:

Our school is now registered for you to vote in the 'Unpackit Awards'. Please go to [www.unpackit.org](http://www.unpackit.org) to submit your vote. When voting our school receives 20cents per vote just by selecting Glendowie Primary when you submit – that's awesome! So far we have only had 10 people vote, so please let your friends, family and colleagues know so that they can all vote Let's support our community and get voting!

### Did You Know?

Did you know that having our school newsletter reduced in size and double- sided makes a huge financial saving for our school and reduces our environmental footprint as well?

Our newsletter is also available to be read on our website: [www.glendowieprimary.school.nz](http://www.glendowieprimary.school.nz)

### Trees For Survival

The young plants from our 'Trees for Survival' unit have been collected and taken to the farm where Room 4 will go to help plant them on **Friday 25th May**. Room 4 have been very busy along with our Enviro Group transplanting over 300 native seedlings into root trainers to start the process for 2013. Well Done Room 4!

## Parents' Association

**Runathon:** We had amazing weather and the children all did so well running around the course for our annual runathon. A reminder that all sponsorship money should be in by next week please. There is a fabulous display in the boardroom window of all the prizes that will be awarded to each class soon.

**Entertainment Books:** These cost \$65 with the school receiving \$13 per each book sold. Reminder notices have been sent home to the families that have either not returned the book or haven't paid but would like to. Please return either the books or the payment to the office on Monday.

**Nigel Latta Evening:** Nigel Latta from the 'Politically Incorrect Guide to Parenting' series will be at Glendowie Primary School on **Wednesday 27th June**. This will be a hilariously informative evening with lots of brilliant parenting advice. This event will be our main fundraiser for the year and we are really excited about being able to host Nigel Latta as our guest speaker. Doors open at 7pm and there will also be raffles and silent auctions on sale. If you are able to donate a prize or help with sponsorship please contact Stephanie Watson 021 660 149

**Churchill Park Fair:** A huge thank you to the committee members that baked, decorated and sold delicious cupcakes at the Churchill Park School Fair. All profits were donated to their Fire Fund.

**PA Meeting:** Our next meeting is on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm** in the staffroom. We warmly invite all parents to join in be a part of our fun committee. Come one, Come all!

## Community Notices

- **Sacred Heart College Rowing presents: Celia Lashlie – Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men** Come and hear Celia's challenging suggestions for parents and for women in particular to rethink the way they interact with the men in their lives - their sons and their husbands - if they want to see their sons become the good men they want them to be. When: **7.30pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2012** at Glendowie Primary School. Purchase tickets from the Glendowie Primary School office or online [www.shcrowling.co.nz](http://www.shcrowling.co.nz)
- **GKR Karate:** Karate classes for the whole family each Tuesday and Friday evening in the Glendowie Primary School hall. Karate promotes self defence, discipline, confidence and fitness. For information please call Callum on 021 2999 560 or 09 947 6656
- **Rental Home Available:** 4 bedroom family and pet friendly home with two living areas on Hartland Ave. Rent is \$750pw email [fish&trill@hotmail.com](mailto:fish&trill@hotmail.com) or phone: 575 3114 or 021 921 790
- **Stow Austin Studio:** We have places available for 5 - 6 year olds in our modern dance programme. We are based in St Heliers. For more information, visit our website [www.stowaustinstudio.co.nz](http://www.stowaustinstudio.co.nz) or phone: Marie 0275456778
- **Always wanted to learn the Guitar?** Guitar lessons with award winning local musician will have you playing in no time! Please phone Peter for details: 575-9228 / 021 479 182
- **Art Classes:** Colourage is a new art studio at Roberta Ave that has art classes for children after school and also adult painting classes. Let your child experience art in a relaxing, yet inspiring and stimulating learning environment. Visit [www.colourage.co.nz](http://www.colourage.co.nz) or phone 575 9123 or email [info@colourage.co.nz](mailto:info@colourage.co.nz)