



NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 10
Thursday 18 September 2025



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PRINCIPAL'S POST

E mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa. Ko tōku tūmanako, kei te pai koe me tōu whanau.

Kia ora families,

A great big thank you to all our families and whanau who helped us to raise funds for a new school sports shed. Your support has made our fundraiser a wonderful success.

We raised \$11,491.60.

We would also like to express our gratitude to the following companies and groups who donated money, vouchers and sports equipment towards our Mathathon fundraiser.

*Majestic Textiles, Toshiba, The Warehouse New Lynn, Educational Essentials Ltd
Crest Cleaning, Cima & Nilesh, Rubbish Direct, Yahweh Church Group
Mrs P Schicker*

Thank you again to everyone for your kind generosity and support.

We hope our tamariki have a good rest over the holidays. Keep safe throughout the holidays and we will see you all refreshed on Monday 06 October.

*Naku noa, na
AnnMaree Molloy
Principal*

SCHOOL NOTICES

Te Wiki o Te Reo Assembly

We will have an assembly for Te Wiki o Te Reo tomorrow Friday at 12.15pm in the school hall. Followed by a Disco at 2.00pm to end Te Wiki o Te Reo week.

GOLD COINS FOR DRINKS & LOLLIES

BASKETBALL AND NETBALL TE ATATU CLUSTER TOURNAMENTS

Some of our students represented Glendene School at the Te Atatu Cluster Tournaments this term. Congratulations to our Basketball and Netball teams. You played with great courage, enjoyment and it was Gecko Way all the way!!

NO SCHOOL FEES FOR 2026

At our Board of Trustees meeting held 30 July 2025, our board voted that Glendene School will **not have school fees for 2026**. Please support our upcoming Glendene School Math-a-thon fundraiser this term.

SCHOOL OFFICE - HOLIDAY HOURS

The school office will be closed throughout the holidays due to renovations being done around the school. If you have any concerns, please email the school office at office@glendene.school.nz

WELCOME TO GLENDENE SCHOOL

A big welcome to the following students and their families to Glendene School:

Rua (Room 2) - Cohen

Glendene School Board of Trustees
(new board have now taken office)

Mr John Hitchings

Mrs Rita Ah Kau

Mr Kieran McDowell

Mrs Jackie Tiai

Ms Silia Mainu'u

Principal - AnnMaree Molloy

Staff Trustee - Ashley Williams



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SCHOOL DENTAL UNIT AT GLENDENE SCHOOL

The dental unit will be at Glendene School throughout the holidays. If you need to contact them on 021 423 665 or by email ARDS.Teuila@waitematadhb.govt.nz

GLENDENE SCHOOL OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS

For all enquiries, please contact the school office via the following:

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Mobile: 02108475283

Email: office@glendene.school.nz

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Glendene School - School Board Elections

Parent Election Results Declaration (no voting election required)

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

**Rita Ah Kau, John Hitchings, Kieran McDowell
Silia Mainu'u, Jackie Tiai**

Our newly elected Board of Trustees will take office from Term 4, 2025

**Signed: Cecilia Vincent-Apiata
Returning Officer**

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KIERAN MCDOWELL

Dear Glendene School Community,
My name is Kieran, and I am excited to stand as a candidate for the Glendene School Board of Trustees. As a father of two —Caleb, who currently attends

Glendene School, and Luca, who will begin in 2028—I have a strong and personal commitment to ensuring the continued success and growth of our school and community.

With experience as a parent and an understanding of the unique needs of neurodiverse learners, I have developed a deep appreciation for how schools operate and support their students. I firmly believe that every child should have access to a supportive and enriching educational environment, and I am dedicated to advocating for resources and strategies that promote student achievement and well-being.

If given the opportunity, my focus will be on supporting our students, parents, staff, and local community in upholding the values of Glendene School and fostering an environment where all can flourish.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to the potential of working alongside the school and board, to enhance the educational experience for every student at Glendene School. Your support and your vote are greatly appreciated.

Kieran



RITA AH KAU

Talofa and warm greetings to you all,

My name is Rita Nanai Ah Kau, and I am currently a teacher at Elim Christian College, Mt Albert. Prior to this, I spent five wonderful years teaching at Lupesina Aoga Preschool. I hold a BSc, PGDip. in Applied Science, and a Graduate Diploma in Teaching, all from the University of Auckland.

I have lived in West Auckland for over 20 years. I completed my secondary education at Kelston Girls' High School, after my family made a significant move from Ōtara in South Auckland. I am a proud mother of three daughters, all of whom attended Glendene School.

Since joining the Glendene School Board of Trustees in 2021, it has been an honour to contribute to the governance and growth of the school. I am deeply committed to supporting our tamariki and wider community, and to upholding the school's values while working collaboratively to achieve its vision and strategic goals.

In my spare time, I enjoy reading, dancing, attending community Zumba classes, spending quality time with my family, and meeting new people. Thank you.

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JACKIE TIAI

I am a dedicated and community-minded professional with almost a decade of experience in serving our local community through being an active leader in ministries within church and housing support,

tenancy management, and community engagement development at work. My duties and experiences have consistently focused on improving outcomes for vulnerable whanau/aiga and empowering communities to thrive for a better and brighter future through proactive leadership, cultural awareness, and service delivery. I bring a calm, strategic mindset to complex challenges we face and pride myself on clear communication, teamwork, and self-leadership. I am eager to contribute to the Board of Trustees to support governance and decision-making that creates meaningful, inclusive, and lasting impact for our community with our tamariki/tamaiti in the heart of it all.

In hopes for an opportunity to develop a brighter future for our whanau/aiga, I have successfully contributed to the community through my employment, church and other groups. This best explains who I am as a person, my passion and thrive, focus and mindset - which is always community and people at the heart. Outside of all this at home, I am a mother to my girls who loves singing and dancing and a supportive wife to my husband who is a pro-cricketer representing our beautiful Samoa and is also a Senior Housing Support Manager at Kainga Ora and leader for our Deacons ministry at church.

Thank you,
Fa'afetai Lava!



JOHN HITCHINGS

Hi. My name is John Hitchings. My children went to Glendene and I have retained my love of the school.

I bring an institutional knowledge to the board. An experienced set of hands. As a semi-retired person I have more time available to devote than the average person.

I have a great desire for the highest possible educational achievement for all students.

I strongly support keeping the school grounds open to the community. I have a keen interest in property matters too. Please do make the effort to vote in the Board elections.

Kind regards,
John



SILIA MAINU'U

Talofa lava,

My name is Silia Mainu'u, and I'm proud to be of Samoan descent. My daughter Katara is a student at Glendene Primary School, and we feel lucky to be part of such a supportive and

caring school community.

I currently work in Customer Relations for a New Zealand-owned business, and outside of work, my family and I enjoy watching Rugby League and love outings around Auckland — we're always looking for new places to explore together!

I would be honoured to serve on the Board. I'm passionate about helping ensure that all our tamariki have access to the best education and opportunities possible, and I'd love the chance to contribute in any way I can.

Fa'afetai lava.