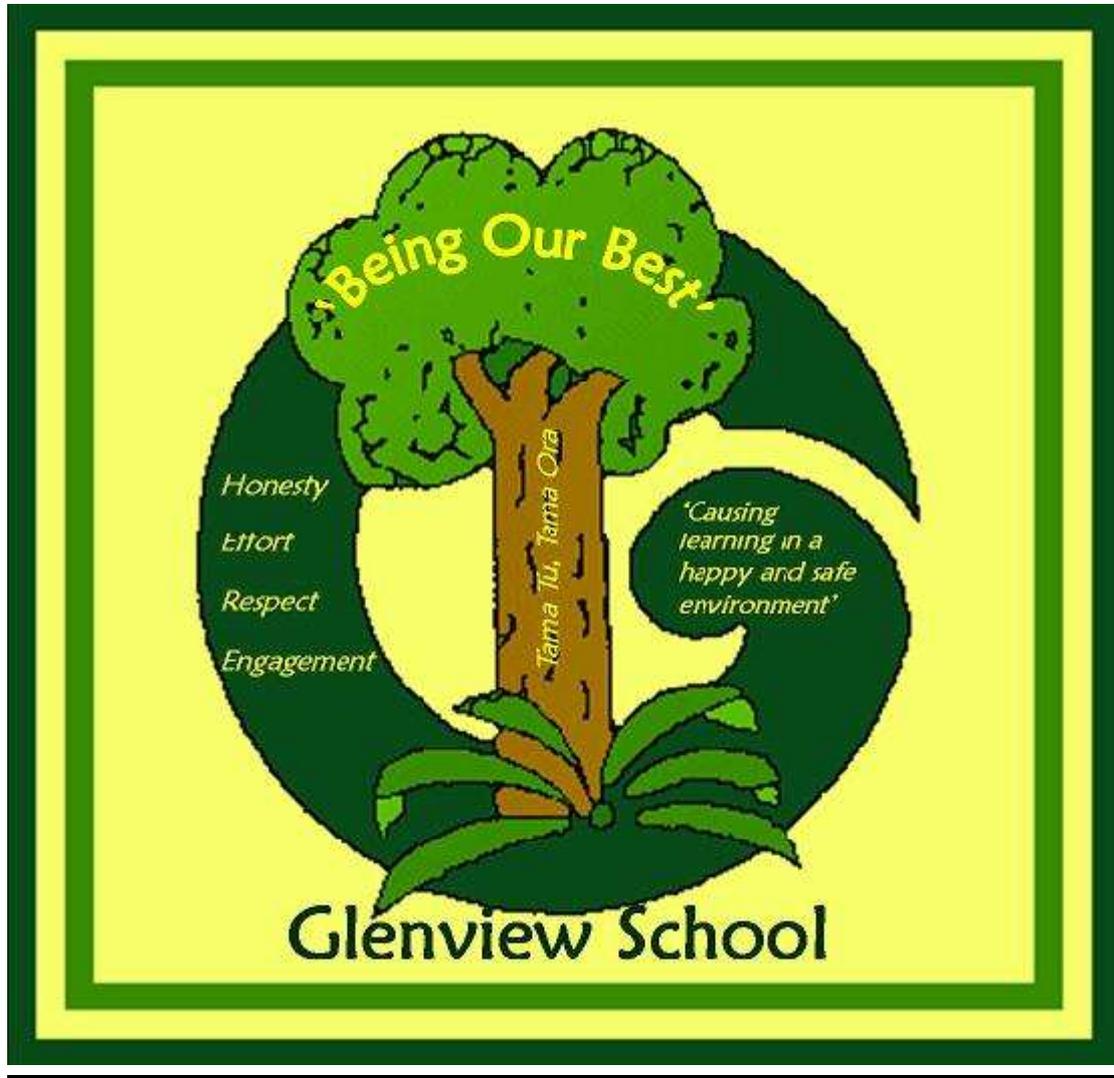


# GLENVIEW SCHOOL



**Honesty Effort Respect Engagement**  
**we go!**

Welcome to your first year at school. This booklet is to help you get settled into our learning environment.  
*So ..... Here we go on the pathway to success!*



## **Getting Ready for School**

*Please pre-enrol your child so we know you're coming. Bring the birth certificate and immunization records of your child for verification purposes. Also if a B4 Check has been carried out bring this document. The office staff will help you fill out the required forms and ask you to sign a consent form agreeing to regular school activities.*

*Once pre-enrolled you can organize one or two pre-visits to help your child become familiar with the school environment, their classroom and teacher. We also hold a Here We go meeting for information and a tour of Glenview School POD's  
Your child will be placed in one of the Junior Year One and Two POD's (Pukeko A and B, Tuatara A, B and C and Kakapo A and B) and will have an allocated home room and teacher.*



## *The Big Day!*



*Bring your child to the office between 8.30 and 8.45 a.m. on their first day. Stay for a brief time even if your child seems upset (they truly settle quickly)! Feel welcome to ring if you are concerned about how he/ she is settling.*

*What to bring each day...* *play lunch, lunch (including a drink), sunhat, spare clothes (underwear, pants or skirt, t- shirt )in case of a mishap, and of – course a schoolbag. Please ensure the schoolbag is large enough to hold belongings e.g. a book bag.*

*The school stocks stationery packs and payment for this can be made at the office. We do have Eftpos.*

## **Encouraging Independence!**

*Developing independence is an important goal in the first year at school.*



### How can you help?

- *Let your child come into school by themselves once they have settled*
- *Expect them to be responsible for their bag and belongings (carrying and hanging it up etc.)*
- *Let them be in charge of choosing their home reader, and changing this independently every day*
- *Let them put their book-bag away each day*
- *Giving them time to do all they can for themselves*



### **Helpful Hints About School Life**

*Assemblies are held on alternate Fridays at 9.00am. All parents / whanau are welcome. These are advertised in the school e-newsletter. If your child is receiving a certificate you will be notified beforehand.*

*School Boundaries are in place for safety reasons. Junior children are not allowed on the park, middle/senior playground or the car-park. Please help us to reinforce these rules by discussing them at home and following them at school e.g. not walking through the car-park. The Junior playground is **out of bounds** before school and after 3pm for all children including pre-schoolers.*

*Lunches can be bought on Fridays before school at the hall foyer. Please put money in a named envelope with the order written on the front.*

*There are two breaks daily. Teachers supervise eating for the first 10 minutes. Cut small lunches and discuss with your child what is for first break and what is for second break. Ensure your child, can un-wrap the food provided. High sugar, salt and colour content foods are discouraged at school. Yoghurts are also difficult for little children to eat so we prefer these **NOT** to be part of lunch. Children are asked to take all uneaten food home with any packaging.*

*Supervision is provided at each break. Please encourage your child to seek help from the 'duty teacher' if they have any problems. Duty teachers circulate and wear 'high viz' vests.*

*Lost Property is situated in each area of the school. Please name all clothing.*

*Homework is sent every day. Please check your child's book bag for a daily reader and the Home book for basic sight words he/ she is learning to recognize (and later spelling words for writing practice). A poem book will be sent home once a week for sharing. A library book is sent home each week. Please return the Home book to school each day. Remember this is expected to be an enjoyable sharing time with your child.*

*Medicine. If you send medicine to school please go to the office before school starts to organize a consent form and make arrangements for administering with office staff. This includes asthma pumps. These can be kept in the classroom as long as a consent form has been completed at the office.*

### **Working Together in Partnership**

*There are several ways you can help to prepare your child for school.  
**We find they get off to a great start if they can...***



- *Use the toilet independently (and wash/ dry hands)*
- *Recognise their own clothing (please have these named)*
- *Dress themselves into togs / clothes quickly during swimming season*
- *Follow simple instructions*
- *Use a tissue correctly*
- *Tell an adult if they are troubled about something/ someone*
- *Put their own reader and book bag away*
- *Recognise their name*

- *Turn the pages of a book carefully*
- *Sit and stay focused for a short time (e.g. listening to a story)*
- *Play and work alongside other children*

***Once they are at school learning is also enhanced by helping your child to...***

- *Recognise and write his/ her name*
- *Share stories together with lots of talk*
- *Recognise and name basic colours and shapes*
- *Rote count and recognise numbers to 10*
- *Point to words in a book (1 to 1 as they read)*
- *Turn the pages in a book and have it around the correct way*
- *Use scissors and a glue stick*
- *Hold a pencil correctly*
- *Keep school a positive experience by sharing successes! We are here to help you if you have any concerns. Please come and talk to us.*

***This is by no means a required list of skills before children start school. Children develop at different rates and times, so don't worry if they don't have some of the skills above.***

***Other ideas which help prepare for school success...***

- *Read to your child daily. This is the beginning of your child learning to read. Talk about the story too!*
- *Lots of valuable reading skills are learnt through reading and re-reading favourite books. Visiting the library is a great way to encourage a 'love of books'*
- *Participate in active pastimes like walks, visits to the playground, family games. Such activity contributes to your child's development and experiences.*
- *Expect your child to be tired during the first few weeks of school and plan for 'low key' after school activities*
- *Modelling is a powerful tool. Children copy adults and therefore seeing you read, write, compute, draw etc sends an important message that these skills are both necessary and enjoyable for everyday life.*

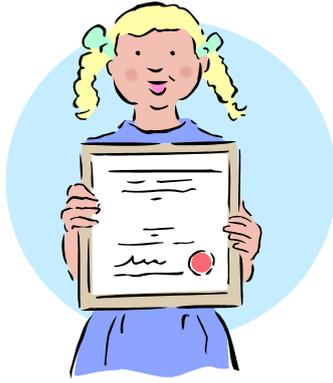


***School is a partnership with home. We aim to build a strong partnership so....***

*Send your child every day unless he / she is sick. The first year is very important for success at school. Lots of learning happens and research shows children with consistent absences fall behind quickly. Be here and be on time! If your child is sick please inform us by phone or text with an explanation. The Ministry of Education expects 94% attendance for each child during a year*

*Share any concerns with us. Make an appointment with the teachers first and if necessary this can be followed up with the POD Leader, AP's and / or the Principal. Questions regarding teaching programmes or other children are best discussed with the teacher rather than with or in front of your child.*

*We get in touch to share information about your child's Entry Survey on transition, his / her 5 Year 6 Month Survey (after six months at school) and 'After First Year at School' Observation Survey (usually at 6.0 years old). We set goals and discuss how you can help.*



*Come and help in the classroom (once your child has settled) or with school trips, making resources etc. See the class teacher about any help you can offer.*

*Talk to your child about what they have been learning at school. Be supportive and positive!!!!*

***Together we will work towards 'being our best'  
HERE at Glenview School!***





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*Thanks for taking time to read this booklet.  
Please don't hesitate to come and see us if you have  
any further queries.*