



## TAKE ME TO YOUR TEACHER

SAY g'day to your new classmate. Glendal Primary School students Dimi and Ahavaran welcome a NAO humanoid robot, which will be used in the school's robotic studies.  
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## SCHOOL'S ROBOT IN A CLASS OF ITS OWN

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IT MAY sound out of this world, but Glendal Primary School students have a humanoid robot in their classrooms.

The NAO robot – yet to be named – has arrived from France to take the students' STEM knowledge to the next level.

Grade 5 students will program the robot and take it into Prep classrooms so they can ask it questions, hear it respond and even see it pick up things.

Principal Deborah Grosseck said the school had a long history of teaching robotics and buying the

robot – worth at least \$12,000 – was the natural next step.

The school teaches robotics and coding, with numerous competitions and clubs to keep the students stimulated.

STEM co-ordinator Chris Gilligan said the students would have to fully program the robot.

"The students will have to wire the blocks together and do all the details themselves," she said.

"The humanoid acts, speaks like a human and engages all the children.

"It challenges oneself and find out answers along the way."



Dimi, Ahavaran and the robot. Picture: STUART MILLIGAN