

# GLENITI



## Dress as Your Favourite Sportsperson Fundraiser





## FROM THE SWIVELY CHAIR

Kia ora e te whānau,

There is a lot happening around the school once again this week! Tinaku have completed their two week swimming programme at CBay and all of our students are currently training every day, as preparation for the school cross country gets into full swing. It's great to see so much energy and determination during these daily training sessions.

Yesterday, we had a New Parent Afternoon Tea. It was a pleasure meeting some of our newest families and officially welcoming them into our Gleniti School community.

Today we are holding a Mufti Day to raise funds for the new Aorangi Stadium, and the "Favourite Sportsperson" costumes are incredible.

Thank you for supporting our budding sports stars and this exciting project.

Lastly, a quick reminder that Friday the 15th May is a short day option. Classes finish at 12:35 PM, though supervision has been offered for any students who need to remain at school until the usual time.

Have a great week!

*Vicki McFarlane*

Acting Principal

## WELCOME

Welcome to the following student who has recently started at Gleniti: Mac Small R1

## ECO LEADERS HUI

Last Wednesday four of our students (Daniel, Elliot, Felicity and Samuel along with staff member, Nadine Berry, attended the Eco Leaders Hui held at the Eco Centre.

The students learnt about worm farming and native plants that help feed and shelter our local biodiversity. Our students also got the chance to weave their own weed mat using cabbage tree leaves (harakeke). Our students next plan is to form our own Eco Group at Gleniti School.



# GLENITI SCHOOL PĀNUI



## PINK SHIRT DAY

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Friday the 15th of May is Pink Shirt Day here in Aotearoa. Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. Children are welcome to support this cause by coming to school in anything pink. This is an optional non uniform day and there is no donation required.

*Speak Up Stand together*  
**KŌRERO MAI  
 KŌRERO ATU  
 MAURI TŪ  
 MAURI ORA**  
*Stop bullying*

**PINK SHIRT DAY** FRIDAY 15 MAY

Mental Health Foundation  
 Wharangi 10, Wharangi area

## PARKING

We have had a few instances lately of people parking over the yellow lines and driveways again. A reminder that this is not okay and it is a parking offence to do so. Please be mindful of our neighbours as they enter and exit their properties.

**Reminder:  
 Please, No  
 Parking on  
 yellow lines  
 or over  
 driveways**

## 2026 GREAT KIWI ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE COMPETITIONS - YEARS 5-8



The University of Canterbury is offering your child the opportunity to participate in KIWI English, Mathematics and Science competitions. These competitions take place annually and are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and closely align with the New Zealand Curriculum. For further information, please consult the CAM website [www.canterbury.ac/nz/cam](http://www.canterbury.ac/nz/cam)

The competitions are open to Year 5-8 students and students can enter one or more subjects. Each competition will provide/caregivers with an individual student report of their child's overall performance. The supervised online tests will take place in the last 3 weeks of Term 2. The competitions are administered at school under exam conditions and supervised.

All participating students will receive a certificate and a prize will be awarded to the top student nationally in each competition.

The cost for a student to participate is \$9.90 per competition entered. Entry forms are available through the Hero app. All entries need to be received with payment before Thursday 14th May (eftpos/internet banking or cash). PLEASE NOTE NO LATE ENTRIES CAN BE ACCEPTED. Please contact Gill at the School Office if you have any enquiries or email [gillt@gleniti.school.nz](mailto:gillt@gleniti.school.nz)



# GLENITI SCHOOL PĀNUI



## PRINCIPAL AWARDS



Hazel, Rory, Tarian, Matt, Ollie

Mila, Harvey, Matilda and Henry (absent)



Jakob, Loughlin, Ama, Eli, Evie, Maddy, Henry  
Luca, Kyle, Cruze, Ivy, Archie, Sophie, Brodie  
Sophie, Lilah





## TERM 2 UPDATE: EARLY CLOSURE - FRIDAY THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY ARRANGEMENTS

Kia ora e te whānau,

As mentioned at the end of last term, we have an important Professional Learning Development (PLD) afternoon for our teaching staff on Friday 15 May. This is a critical session where our kaiako will be working with external facilitator Sarah Thomas from Cognition Education. They will be diving deep into Formative Assessment and Moderation, ensuring we are fully prepared and consistent with the new Curriculum requirements.

To make this happen, we have the following arrangements in place for that afternoon:

### **Year 7 & 8 Students**

It is a normal school day for our senior students.. They will attend their regular TTEC session in the afternoon as per usual and finish at 3pm.

### **Year 1–6 Students**

- Morning: Normal classroom programmes will run until the 12.35pm lunch break.
- 12.35pm Onwards: Parents are welcome and encouraged to collect their children at the start of lunchtime for an early start to the weekend.
- Supervision: We understand that an early pickup isn't possible for everyone. Students who cannot be collected will remain at school for a modified supervision programme overseen by our capable team of Learning Assistants.

### **What we need from you**

To help us jump into this with the right numbers and keep everyone safe, please let us know your plans.

- Action: Please email the school office as the Hero Survey has now closed to advise if you will require childcare if you have not already completed the Hero survey.

We appreciate your responsibility (Kawenga) in getting those forms back to us promptly.

Thank you for your continued support as we invest this time into upskilling our staff to better serve our tamariki.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Vicki McFarlane  
Acting Principal, Gleniti School





# Important Dates 2026

## Upcoming events

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May: Pink Shirt Day - optional

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May: 12.35pm finish for students in Year 1-6 (Year 7&8 will still attend TTec and will finish at 3pm)

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May: Year 5-8 Cross Country at Ashbury Park

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Teacher Only Day - School Closed for Instruction

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May: Year 0-4 Cross Country held at school

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June: Kings Birthday Public Holiday - School closed

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June: NYLD House Leaders Event

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June: South Canterbury Cross Country - Note change of date

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June: Jump Jam

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July: Student Led Conferences -Students Learning from home

## Public Holidays

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April -ANZAC Day observed

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Kings Birthday

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Labour Day

## Teacher Only Days

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> of July - Student Led Conferences - Learning from home

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November

## Term Dates 2026

Term 2 - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 3 July

Term 3 - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Term 4 - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December



# GLENITI SCHOOL PĀNUI



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Gleniti Scout Group Kea Section

for girls & boys  
Ages 5 - 8

Come along for fun and  
adventure

Term 2 starts

Monday 4 May

3.30pm - 4.45pm



Afternoon tea supplied

For more information

Please contact Rose ph 027 605 8419

Old Boys Rugby Club Under 7's Rippa Rugby team are still looking for one or two more players for this season. If your child is aged 6 or 7 and is interested in playing, please phone Gabby Hale on 0274280595



Join the South Canterbury Society for Deaf Children for a

## FREE SIGN LANGUAGE LESSON

In celebration of NZSL Week 2026

We are proud to offer the opportunity for a FREE NZ Sign Language Lesson

**When: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

**Where: Timaru District Library  
Children's Library**

**Time: 10:30am**

*This lesson is for the whole family!  
Parents, Grandparents, Children of any age welcome.*

*Hands up if you're ready to sign with us!*

## NZ Sign Language Week 2026

**FREE NZSL Taster Classes**  
available to the South Canterbury community

Join us in celebrating NZ Sign Language Week 2026 with the South Canterbury Society for Deaf Children! We're offering **FREE** Sign Language taster classes led by a qualified interpreter—perfect for anyone keen to learn something new. Hear inspiring stories from local parents of deaf children in our community, and help us celebrate 20 years of New Zealand Sign Language as an official language of Aotearoa.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May**  
Time: 6:30pm  
Venue: Highfield School Timaru

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May**  
Time: 6:30pm  
Venue: Highfield School Timaru

Numbers for each workshop are limited. Email us to secure your spot: [scsdchildren@gmail.com](mailto:scsdchildren@gmail.com)

*Hands up if you're ready to sign with us!*





## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS!



*Unleash your passion. Build your skills!*



Venue: Sir Basil Arthur Park, Racecourse Road  
Tuesday and Friday - 4pm to 5:15pm

Contact Leigh - [leigh@southernfootball.co.nz](mailto:leigh@southernfootball.co.nz) or  
02109047546 for enquiries

