

1 APRIL 2026

GLENITI

Rippa Rugby Champions!



**PCT POLICE
CHALLENGE 2026**



FROM THE SWIVELY CHAIR

Kia ora e te whānau,

Week 10 and as we wrap up, what a good Term 1 it has been. It's great to lead this week's Newsletter with some wonderful cover photos of our Year 8 students competing in the recent PCT (Police College Training) and our Year5/6 Ripa Rugby Champions!

After 46 days of rich learning, it's been a community effort to get through all that has been packed into the start of 2026. From the adventures at Year 6 Raincliff Camp and Year 7 & 8's up at Aoraki / Mt Cook to the swimming sports, trips, performances and concerts, our ākonga / students have shown what it means to give their best and demonstrate our Gleniti ARCHER values in action every day, Ngā mihi nui - thank you for your valued support to help make all this possible, and to our staff team for their hard work planning, preparing, delivering, assessing and reporting. It is great to see our tamariki thriving and succeeding as a result of everyone's efforts.

Looking ahead, there is plenty to be excited about in Term 2. We are at the final stage of our school-wide re-cladding project with just the Admin block to go. A huge thank you to Dayle Henderson (our Property Manager) for all his work, together with the team, moving and setting up temporary spaces in the Hall for the office and leadership team, as well as staffroom and resource spaces. See the map over for further details about this.

A few dates to keep handy:

- Term 2 Starts: Monday, 20 April
- ANZAC Day Observed (School Closed): Monday, 27 April
- Optional early finish afternoon: Friday, 15 May
- Year 5-8 Cross Country (Ashbury Park): Tuesday, 19 May
- Year 1-4 Cross Country (onsite at kura): Tuesday, 26 May
- King's Birthday (School Closed): Monday, 1 June

On a personal note, at the end of the term I am heading off on study leave for the next 24 school weeks. With the academic year underway, the school is in great heart and will be well led in the capable hands of Vicki McFarlane, who is stepping up as Acting Principal. I'll look forward to being back in early Term 4 to see the progress our ākonga / students have made, and to hear their stories!

Enjoy the upcoming break with your tamariki and stay safe if you're travelling!

Mark Creba

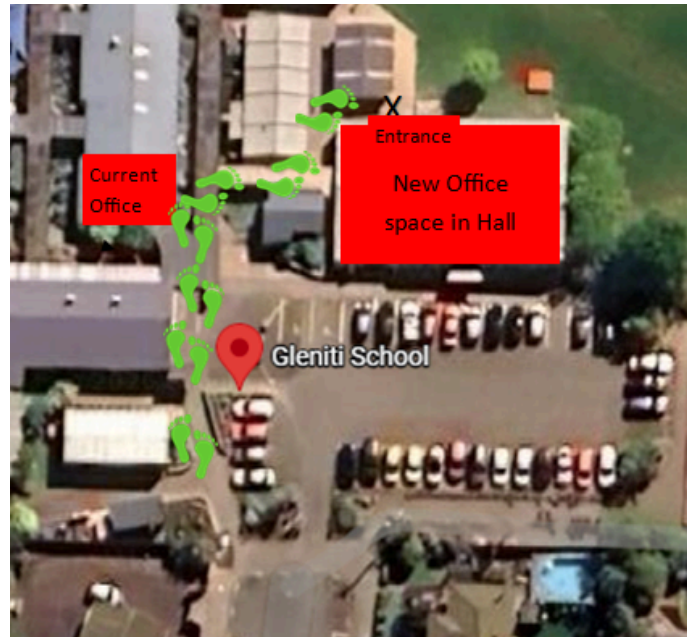
Tumuaki / Principal

WELCOME

Welcome to the following students who have recently started at Gleniti: Katalaya R1 and Mabli R3.

OFFICE NOW LOCATED IN THE HALL MEETING ROOM

Recladding work on the Admin/Office block will commence in the school holidays. From today the Office will now be located in the Hall Meeting Room. Access will be via the doors that open out towards the Sports Shed and Field. Please be mindful when visiting the Office as you will be walking between fenced off areas.



PYJAMA DAY - TOMORROW



Our students have been successful in filling up a Kahikatea token rewards box and opted for a Pyjama Day. This will be held on the last day of Term, Thursday the 2nd of April



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SPORT RESULTS

Rippa Rugby

On Wednesday the 25th, we took 20 students to Ashburton to compete in the Subway Cup. The day began with pool play, where both teams showed outstanding skill, determination, and teamwork in every match. The Gleniti Stingers had an impressive run, winning four out of their five games to secure a place in the final. The Gleniti Force team also performed strongly, winning three of their five matches, but unfortunately just missed out on qualifying for the final. In an exciting Year 5/6 final, the Stingers (Carter G, Jaxson G, Karter, Jordan, Deegan, Ata, Charlie, Sailor, Felicity, and Ellie) faced Longbeach and delivered a fantastic performance to come away with the win, taking home the Subway Cup! Kai pai to all of our students who represented our school with pride, you did an amazing job!



SC Triathlon Results

Year 5/6 Boys: Carson Dunn #23, Sol Muff #46, Teifi Hogan #58. Overall team placing 11th equal

Year 5/6 Girls: Poppy Norton #33, Kiara Marais #39 - no overall score as there were not 3 members.

Year 7/8 Boys: Arlo Muff #12, Oscar Williamson #20, Archie Harkness #28. Overall team placing 5th

Year 7/8 Girls: Ella McCully #20, Stevie Emmerson #27, Lexie Millar #33. Overall team placing 8th

PCT Challenge

On Tuesday the 31st of March, four of our Year 8 students proudly represented Gleniti at the annual Physical Competency Course run by the police. Oscar Williamson, Sophie Dunn, Neave Inkster, and Sendhil Nair worked together to tackle a challenging course filled with obstacles that tested their strength, teamwork, and perseverance. They showed fantastic determination and supported each other every step of the way. Finishing 8th out of 16 teams is an outstanding achievement and a result we are very proud of. Well done Oscar, Sophie, Neave, and Sendhil for representing Gleniti with such effort and positivity!

South Canterbury Swimming Sports


A huge congratulations to all our swimmers who competed at the South Canterbury Swimming Sports last week. We had some fantastic results with a number of our students finishing in podium positions.

10 Year Old Boys	11 Year Old Girls	11 Year Old Boys	11 Year Old Relay	12+ Girls
Eli Sparrow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd Place 50m Free 1st Place 25m Backstroke 3rd Place 25m Free 1st Place 50m Backstroke 1st Place 50m Breaststroke 2nd Place 25m Butterfly 	Sophie Dunn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd Place 50m Backstroke Jenny Liu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd Place 50m Breaststroke 	Minpyo Kim <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd Place 25m Breaststroke 3rd Place 25m Free 1st Place 50m Breaststroke 	Sophie Dunn Aubrey Winter Elsie Wilkes Minpyo Kim <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd Place 	Kenzie Dickson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd Place 25m Breaststroke






ANZAC POPPIES



POPIES FOR SALE

On behalf of the RSA, we will be selling ANZAC poppies at school again this year. Gold coin donation for a poppy. These will be taken around the classrooms during the first week of Term 2.



SCOOTER TRACK DAMAGE/ ACCESSING SCHOOL GROUNDS AFTER HOURS

We ask that parents please be mindful if their children are coming to play at school after hours, in the weekends and holidays. Last week a group of children brought spades and other equipment to dig out the island between two portions of the scooter track with the intention of making bike jumps. Another area of the track itself had also been dug out. While we appreciate their ingenuity, we do not appreciate the damage and health and safety nightmare that they have created. We would appreciate it if you could speak to your children about respecting property that does not belong to them. If intentional damage to our scooter track continues to occur we will have no option but to revoke the use of bikes on the track and having our school grounds open to the public to use.



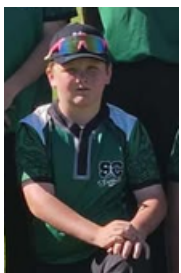
ASBESTOS REMOVAL

The final stage of asbestos removal will be completed on the admin block during the school holidays, therefore the school grounds will remain closed for the holiday periods.

SCHOOL GROUNDS
CLOSED FOR THE
HOLIDAYS

Gleniti School will be closed to the public again these school holidays (with the exception of the HitPlay Holiday Programme) as the next round of cladding removal and the roof replacement on the Admin Block is being completed.

SOUTH CANTERBURY REPRESENTATIVE



Congratulations to Fletcher Green who was selected to represent South Canterbury in the U16 boys softball team who played in the David Pot Waaka Trophy Tournament on Sunday.



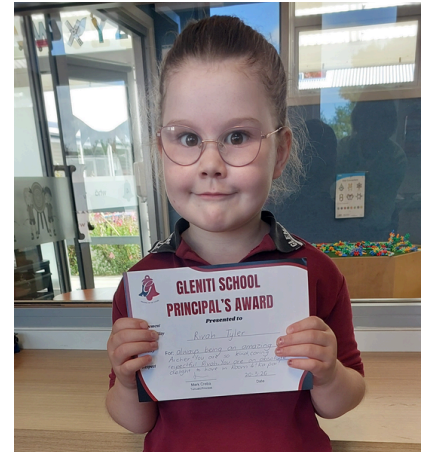
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PRINCIPAL & ARCHER AWARDS



Ferdinand, Roxy, Adalyn, Ada, Evie, Cohen, Finn



Rivah



Nel, Chloe, Sendhil, Matare, Chase



Lucas, Joel, Emmett, James



Ryan, Hugo, Beatrix, Monica



Fletcher, Archie, Thea, Zac,



Summer, Benji, Hadlee, An Ge, Lexi, Frankie





Important Dates 2026

Upcoming events

- Thursday 2nd April: Pyjama Day Reward - wear your pyjamas to school
- Monday 20th April: Friday 1st May: Team Tinaku Swimming
- Monday 27th April: ANZAC Day - Public Holiday observed - School Closed
- Tuesday 19th May: Year 5-8 Cross Country at Ashbury Park
- Tuesday 26th May: Year 0-4 Cross Country held at school
- Monday 1st June: Kings Birthday Public Holiday - School closed
- Tuesday 9th June: NYLD House Leaders Event
- Tuesday 9th June: South Canterbury Cross Country
- Monday 27th July: Student Led Conferences -Students Learning from home

Public Holidays

- Monday 27th April -ANZAC Day observed
- Monday 1st June - Kings Birthday
- Friday 10th July - Matariki
- Monday 26th October - Labour Day

Teacher Only Days

- Friday 22nd May
- Monday 27th of July - Student Led Conferences - Learning from home
- Monday 24th August
- Monday 16th November

Term Dates 2026

- Term 1 - Wednesday 28th January - Thursday 2nd April
- Term 2 - Monday 20th April - Friday 3 July
- Term 3 - Monday 20th July- Friday 25th September
- Term 4 - Monday 12th October - Thursday 10th December



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

TIMARU DISTRICT LIBRARIES

UNDER THE BIG TOP

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
7TH - 17TH APRIL 2026

Check out our website and Facebook for more details.
Holiday programme calendars out soon!

Mood Hygiene and Regulation in Children

DR PIP REIHANA
APRIL 28TH AT 7:00 PM
GRANTLEA DOWNS SCHOOL HALL

\$15 per person
All proceeds to go towards the junior playground
Email office@grantleadowns.school.nz for tickets
OR scan the QR code or click the link below to purchase a ticket through Trybooking.

[Click here to purchase a ticket](#)

WAIMATE THEATRE COMPANY'S
production of

DARE TO DREAM JR.

A DISNEY MUSICAL REVUE

Book online
humanitix.com
or in person
Value Village
10am - 6pm Monday to Friday
10am - 2pm Saturday & Sunday

27-29 March
@ REGENT THEATRE,
WAIMATE

Tickets only \$25

Disney's Dare to Dream Jr.
Presented by Waimate Theatre Company
Waimate Regent Theatre
7pm Friday 27 March, 2pm & 7pm
Saturday 28 March, 2pm Sunday 29 March
Tickets \$25 available now at:
<https://events.humanitix.com/waimate-theatre-company-presents-disney-s-dare-to-dream-jr>
or in person from Value Village
A group of young dreamers arrive for their first day at a fictional Disney Imagineering Studio, where they discover that dreams really can come true. Featuring music from beloved Disney films, this family-friendly show is full of heart, humour, and plenty of magic.



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OK!

GET BUCKETS

BNZ KIWIIHOOPS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Register using the link or QR code below

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2026 MUD Festival

Get Muddy, Get Moving, Challenge Your Friends

Saturday 11th April
Rosewill Hall

Nominate an outstanding young person today!

Youth Impact Awards
South Canterbury

Brought to you by ...

Mid-South Island Women's Refuge & Family Safety Services

Nominations Now Open

Hosted by the Y, Refugee Settlement Services, the Tongan Society SC and the Timaru District Council this is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on youth aged 12-24 in SOUTH CANTERBURY who give back, inspire others and make our community a better place.

Nominations Close : **24th of April**

- Community Contribution Award
- Leadership in Action Award
- Creativity & Expression Award
- Sportsmanship & Mentoring Award
- Care & Advocacy Award
- Environment & Sustainability Award
- Disability Excellence Award
- Cultural Champion Award
- All Round Good Sort Award

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IMPACT ART AWARDS

FORMERLY V.O.I.C.E ART AWARDS

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AWARDS EVENING AT THE YOUTH IMPACT AWARDS | 22ND MAY | CAROLINE BAY HALL

EXHIBITION 11TH - 22ND MAY | Y 7-9 SOPHIA ST TIMARU

CASH PRIZES FOR WINNERS!

Entries close 8th May – Must be delivered to The Y, 7-9 Sophia Street

Entry Criteria:

- Open to those in South Canterbury aged 12 - 24
- Judging gives preference to works based on the Youth Week 2026 theme: *Our voices matter, we deserve to be heard – Taringa whakarongo, ki te reo o ngā taiohi.*
- Entries must be ready for display. Image entries on paper must be mounted.
- No limit to size of exhibit or entries.

Categories:

- Image: Painting/Mixed Media
- Image: Drawing/Printmaking
- 3D Works: Sculpture/Installation
- Digital Media: Photography/Design & Image
- Creative: Writing/Poetry/Rhyme
- Emerging Disability Artist Award

For more information:
Contact Jo: jo@ymcasc.org.nz or 027 225 2527

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Methven Scarecrow Trail Saturday April 4 - Sunday April 19

Awesome school holiday activity
Only \$15 - eftpos or cash please
Info & Maps available from the
Methven ihub & Methven Four Square



If you are interested in following the progress on the Aorangi Stadium upgrade, you can scan the above code for a fly through video.



(Fly-through)

TIMARU



DISTRICT COUNCIL

Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe
o Te Tihi o Maru



OPEN DAY Roncalli College



SUNDAY 3 MAY 2026

Student guided tours available from the College Hall

10.30am - 1.00pm

Our Mission: To Seek Truth and Peace; To Strive for Success

Our Vision: To develop people of Faith and Character who are inclusive, embrace diversity, value learning and uphold their own and others' mana through strong connections to the catholic and wider community.

