

GLENITI



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GLENITI SCHOOL PĀNUI



FROM THE SWIVELY CHAIR

Kia ora e te whānau,

Our cover page tells the story - we are celebrating Spring here at kura! With beautiful daffodils in the garden, trees in blossom, and the days getting warmer it is great to see ākonga / students enjoying games and imaginative play during breaks as well as in learning programmes.

A busy fortnight since our last newsletter, we've been excited to send leaders to the Eco Centre Leaders Hui, as well as see the mahi / work of our seniors recognised with prizes at the NIWA Central South Island Science & Technology Fair. A huge congratulations to the prize winners (see further details below). The annual Staff v Students Netball game was a thrilling encounter - good to see the teachers return to form and take the win! Students have been writing and presenting speeches as part of our English programme. Well done to Henry Brunton who represented us with distinction at the regional Year 5&6 competition. All the best to our Year 7&8s who will compete in today's Senior School competition, with the winner going on to line up against the region's best at their Lions speech finals next week. Ngā mihi - thank you also to Hami Goldsmith and the Aorangi Golf Assoc. for the fun and engaging golf skills / have-a-go lessons being offered to Team Māhuri and Rākau ākonga. From first time beginners to those who have played a few rounds its been great to see students learning the basics of putting, chipping and driving.

In Staff News - we are sad to farewell Mr (Nick) Allen at the end of this term. After three years here at Gleniti and becoming a key part of our senior school, we will really miss Nick but wish him and Nadine all the very best as they head off on their OE and to work in England. Mrs (Georgia) Lines has been granted maternity leave for next year - a super exciting time for her and her husband. Our very best wishes Georgia! With the Board's approval, I have also been fortunate to be granted leave during 2026 to complete research for a Masters degree. A big thank you to Mrs (Vicki) McFarlane who will step up from Deputy to Acting Principal for 24 weeks from the start of Term 2. As a result of these changes, we are excited to welcome Mr (Luke) Robb to our team from the beginning of next year. Luke is a great young teacher with four years experience at Pleasant Point Primary School who we know will add value here at kura. Our congratulations also to existing staff members who have been appointed to permanent, or fixed term classroom teaching roles for next year: Mrs (Rowan) Wheeler, Mrs (Elizabeth) Morrison, Mrs (Shannon) Scott and Mrs (Debbie) Preston. Well done, and thank you team.

Coming Up - House Sing Off, Te Wiki o te reo Māori, Market Day, PTA Meet and Greet, Artarama (congrats to those involved). Lots to look forward to!

Mark Creba

Tumuaki / Principal

WELCOME

Welcome to the following new students who have recently started at Gleniti: Tabata Herrera Roque R17

FRIDAY FOOTPATH FRENZY

This week's walking school bus will meet on the corner of Mountainview Road and Murchison Drive at 8.30am, Friday the 12th of September.

YEARS 3-8 TOUCH RUGBY

If your child is interested in playing Tough Rugby this year, please complete the permission form that was emailed home last Friday or collect a hard copy from the Office. Permission slips must be returned to the Office, no later than Friday the 12th of September.

OUT OF ZONE PLACES FOR 2026

Out of Zone places for Timaru schools in 2026 will be advertised in the Courier Newspaper this week. Gleniti will be offering 10 out of zone spots for students in Years 0-1 only. At this stage it appears nine of those spots will go to siblings of our current students as part of the priority order for placement. This means possibly only one space may be available for all other applicants. If you have friends or extended family wishing to apply, please stress the importance for them to have a Plan B in place. More information is available on our website.

PLAYING AT SCHOOL AFTER HOURS

A reminder that children must leave the school grounds by 3.15pm each day unless they have a sports practice immediately after school. Children may return to play but they must have checked in with their parents first.

HOUSE SING OFF

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Friday 12th September

Come to school dressed in your house colours





MARKET DAY

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School Market Day – Tuesday 16th September

As part of our learning in Technology, Māhuri and Rākau have been busy planning, designing, and making their own products. This includes packaging for food items, creating advertisements, and even making toys.

To celebrate their hard work, we are having a School Market afternoon. Each class in Māhuri and Rākau will be running a stall, offering a range of items such as popcorn, handmade toys, lollies, and many other tasty treats and creations.

 Date: Tuesday 16th September

 Location: Back courts

 Time: 1.45 – 2.30pm

We warmly invite the whole school to come along and support our students by shopping at the stalls. Children will need to bring along a small amount of money to spend at the market if they wish to purchase anything.



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IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 12th September

House Sing Off

Come dressed in your house colours

Tuesday 16th of September

School Market Day

Wednesday the 17th September

South Canterbury Tackle 10's Rugby Tournament

Thursday 18th September

Year 7-8 Lion's Speech Competition

Thursday 18th September

Y7/8 Waimataitai/Grantlea/Gleniti sports exchange

Last day of term Friday 19th of September

Term 4

First day of term - Monday 6th of October

Monday 6th of October - Friday 17th October

Mahuri Swimming at CBay

Monday 27th of October

Labour day - Public Holiday - School Closed

Monday 10th of November

Teacher Only day - School closed for instruction

Last day of term - Friday 12th December

FIRST DAY OF 2026
WEDNESDAY 28TH
OF JANUARY

PRINCIPAL & ARCHER AWARDS



Owen, Billie, Delilah



Ivy, Priya, Madeline, Adalyn, Ferdinand



Mason, Pippa, Fabian, Sendhil, Mason, Addison, Elijah, Quinn
Tiya, Beatrix, Matt, Lilly, Nikolai, Samar, Theo



Ada, Jax, Ashton, George, Monica, William



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TIMARU DISTRICT SPEECH COMPETITION 2025

Congratulations to Henry Brunton who came first in our Y5/6 school speech competition and represented Gleniti School at the Timaru District Speech competition held at the Timaru Town and Country Club.

Henry's speech was very entertaining and he received a \$20 Whitcoulls voucher and a certificate. What an awesome achievement!

There were 13 speakers from throughout the Aoraki region.

Henry spoke about "Why siblings were invented to test our patience"

There were some amazing speeches and Henry's speech was excellent, well delivered and he received many compliments from the audience.

Awesome work Henry, we are very proud of you.



ARTARAMA 2025

Artarama 2025 will be held this year at 278 Stafford Street Timaru - in the former Unichem building. (due to works being undertaken at the Aigantighe Art Gallery).

Artarama showcases artwork from South Canterbury school students from around the district.

The exhibition will run from 22nd September - 12th October and will be open to the public for viewing.

Prizes will be awarded by age group and category, with Judges' Choice prizes in each category and one overall People's Choice award for the entire exhibition.

Age groups: Years 1-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, and Year 13.

Categories:

Years 1-10: Painting, Drawing, Mixed Media, Sculpture

Years 11-13: Painting, Drawing, Digital Art, Sculpture

Prizegiving will take place on October 12th at 1pm and all prizewinners will be notified.

Congratulations to the following students who have had artwork submitted.



Matilda Lindsay
Evan Flack
Harvey Harkness
Thea Mitchell
Sophie Kerr
Brodie Albert
Max Sondak

Arwen Liew
Henry Brunton
Lilly May Pope
Jenny Liu
Ellae Cahill
Izzy Pope

Chelsea Brown
Frankie Morrison
Cohen Derrick
Lucca Lyons
Heidi Brown
Alice Lowe

Lacie Gamage
Lily Condon
Lily Taylor & Charlotte Ewen
Pippa Davies & Noa Johnson
Adam Pearce
Addison Dickson

PTA MEET AND GREET



LOST PROPERTY



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NETBALL: STAFF VERSES STUDENTS



Our annual Staff verses Year 8 Netballers took place last week and what a game it was! The staff just held in there to take out the win. It is always a great way to bring the school together with divided loyalties on the sideline.

NIWA CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR

Congratulations to the following Gleniti Students who won prizes at the NIWA Central South Island Science and Technology Fair held at Boys High at the end of August. A special congratulations to Thenuli and Paige who finished second overall. With over 130 entries, Gleniti Students had some great results and took home some amazing prize money. Well done kids!

Students	Category	Placing	Prize
Thenuli Wariyapperuma/Paige Pehi	2 nd Place Overall	2 nd	\$600.00
Thenuli Wariyapperuma/Paige Pehi	Technology & Innovation	1st	\$200.00
Thenuli Wariyapperuma/Paige Pehi	Innovation & Invention – Arowhenua Award	Special award	\$100.00
Stevie Emmerson/ Neave Inkster	Year 7 – Class 1	1st	\$300.00
Leo Caspritz/ Will Barber	Year 8 – Class 2	4th	\$150.00
Sophie Walker	Scientific Drawing	1st	\$100.00
Austin Galbraith/Baxter Wilkes	Ecan Junior Award	2nd	\$200.00
Austin Galbraith/Baxter Wilkes	Water Prize	Opuha Junior	\$100.00
Eleanor Froud	Barkers Award	Special award	\$90.00



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Sep/Oct School Holidays

Come join us at HitPlay - for the September School Holidays, our team can't wait to see you!

For more information call 03 423 2270 or 021 222 7770 or email info@hitplay.co.nz **HITPLAY GLENITI** - 22 Heath Street, Timaru

hitplay

Pricing

Standard Day
8:30am - 5:00pm \$50.00

School Day
8:00am - 3:00pm \$40.00

Early Drop Off 7:30am
Late Pick Up before 6pm
Pricing online



What to Pack



Food for the day and a drink bottle with water
We are happy to refill water bottles

Outside - a warm jacket and sun hat
Inside - the kids are welcome to bring slippers or spare socks

Medicine - This must be signed in and in a labeled zip lock bag
Sunblock - only if your child is unable to use ours.

Bikes & Wheels



Bikes, scooters and all wheel related things are welcome. All children MUST have a helmet. Please keep wheels home on trip days or if expected to be wet.

» [Download subsidy forms from our activities](#)

Book now hitplay.co.nz

Healthier air starts at home

Help reduce air pollution and protect those most at risk - our tamariki, persons 65 and older and those with pre-existing conditions.

Let's clean up the air in Timaru.
Small changes can make a big impact:

- ✓ Burn dry, seasoned wood
- ✓ Upgrade to a more efficient heating option
- ✓ Avoid burning rubbish and treated wood
- ✓ Maintain your chimney and burner

Find better burning techniques here:



Visit warmercheaper.co.nz for tips on cleaner heating
Together, we can make the air in Timaru better for everyone.



West End Lawn Bowling Club

Have a Go Days

Looking for something fun, free, and a little different these holidays?

Come down to our "Have a Go" days.
Suitable for Year 4-8 students

25TH SEPTEMBER & 2ND OCTOBER 2025

1:30-3PM

WEST END LAWN BOWLING CLUB

9A Maltby Avenue,
West End, Timaru

**Bowls supplied
No experience needed**

Grab some friends, and roll into a relaxed day of outdoor fun!
A family outing - just turn up and have a go
Enquiries to Ross on 021 0274 231

Lovelock Kids Mile

25th October 2025

START

Register Online
timarutent.co.nz

Levels Raceway Timaru





COMMUNITY NOTICES

Pleasant Point Cricket Club

Pleasant Point Cricket Club has 3 all girls teams from Year 4 to Year 10 playing in A2, B1 and B2 grades of the SCCA JAB Saturday morning competition.

The two older teams (year 7-10) train together at Ashbury Park on Wednesdays after school.

If any girls are keen on taking up cricket or have played a bit and would like to be in an all girls team Call

Robbie Rankin 0274040387

Dave Fennessy 027 220 5592

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WIN
FOR YOUR CLASS
AND SCHOOL

Entries close 05 September 2025.
A parent/caregiver must enter
on behalf of the student.
Terms and Conditions apply.

ILLUMINATE
EXPERIENCE MORE THAN JUST LIGHTS

**TREAT YOUR CLASS
AND FAMILY TO A
NIGHT AT ILLUMINATE**

- TIMARU
- BOTANIC GARDENS
- 2 - 14 AND 19 - 21
SEPTEMBER
- OPEN 5:45PM TO
9:30PM EACH NIGHT

Win for Your Class. Win for the School.

Dear parents and caregivers,

Illuminate is coming back to Timaru, and we're excited to share that our class has the chance to win a very special prize - but we need your help to make it happen!

Thanks to Illuminate and Chance Voight Investment Partners, every student in one lucky class from participating schools will win:

-A family pass (four tickets) to attend Illuminate Timaru

-A goodie bag with light-up gifts and branded merch

PLUS: A \$1,000 donation to the winning school!

It only takes a minute to enter.

Just fill out the entry form using the link:

<https://www.chancevoight.com/sponsorship/illuminate-light-and-sound-experience-timaru/school-family-pass/form>

Parents must enter for their children. One entry per student, and the more entries our class receives, the better our chance of winning.

Entries close: Friday 5th September at 12pm

Even if we don't win, every school that takes part will receive an exclusive discount code to share with students as a thank you for participating.

Thanks so much for getting involved - we'd love to see our class take the spotlight and the school win big!

**SOUTH CANTERBURY
AERO CLUB**

**TIMARU
RUN** WALK

**THE RUNWAY
2025**

**FROM 5PM SATURDAY
18TH OCTOBER**

**WALK OR RUN THE RUNWAY AT
RICHARD PEARSE AIRPORT**

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE, SPOT PRIZES,
STATIC AIRCRAFT DISPLAY & RAFFLE**

WALK/RUN STARTS 6:30PM

ADULT \$15 | CHILD \$10 | TEAM/FAMILY \$50
TICKETS [SCAEROCUB.CO.NZ](https://www.scaeroclub.co.nz)



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Holiday activity

MISSION: Predator Free

Thursday 2nd October

10 – 11.30am

\$5 per child – prebook

Become a nature detective by making a tracking tunnel to monitor what's in your backyard and learn how you can protect New Zealand's native animals.

BE A PREDATOR DETECTIVE

South Canterbury Eco Centre

More information + bookings:
www.scecocentre.org.nz/events/

Limited places

A joint event with:

SOUTH CANTERBURY ECO CENTRE

TOWARDS PREDATOR FREE 2030
TUIA TE TAIAO
TIMARU

PEOPLE - NATURE TOGETHER WE FLOURISH
TUIA TE TAIAO
PREDATOR FREE TIMARU

PREDATOR FREE TIMARU

We visited your school

What is our vision?
Hearing the call of tui and bellbirds in our backyard.

Predator Free Timaru is a community-led project to restore our native birds and other taonga species. Our initial focus is around the Scenic, where we're creating a halo - a protective ring of traps in "every third" backyard surrounding the reserve.

This effort will help reduce predator numbers and give our native wildlife a real chance to thrive.

Donated Topflite feeder

With the support of Topflite, we are proud to donate a Topflite Nectar Feeder to your school.

As Sir David Attenborough said,
"No one will protect what they don't care about, and no one will care about what they have never experienced."

By watching native birds visit for sugar water, tamariki are building a connection to the very wildlife they help protect through trapping.

How can you help?

- Trap your backyard – we sell traps
- Attend our events – trap successfully!
- Share your data – record what you catch
- Feed the birds – especially in winter
- Explore – see the difference for yourself
- Tell your friends!

Together, we can bring the birds back – one backyard at a time.

@predatorfreetimaru
timarupf@gmail.com

Sign up to our newsletter
www.scecocentre.org.nz

SOUTH CANTERBURY ECO CENTRE
Te Pokapū Taiao o Aoraki

Conservation Week

More info www.scecocentre.org.nz/events/

Sat 30th	Working Bee – Eco Centre Teamwork, connection, progress in our landscaping – rewarded with that satisfied feeling over a cuppa!
Sun 31st	iNaturalist Bioblitz Discover Timaru's hidden biodiversity by recording your nature sightings on iNaturalist and exploring the Scenic Reserve together. Families welcome.
Wed 3rd	Eco Leaders Hui – 1 spot left Empower your student leaders to become kaitiaki of the future – a hands-on, action-packed day of environmental action, collaboration, and sustainable solutions.
Thurs 4th	Eco Talk – Wilding Free Mackenzie Learn about their community-led work to remove invasive wilding pines and protect the unique landscapes, water, and biodiversity of the Mackenzie Basin.
Fri 5th	Trapper Natter with Predator Free Timaru Social catch up with Predator Free Timaru – whether you trap, are curious, or have questions. Bar snacks are on us!
All Sept	Timaru Trapper Takedown Catch the biggest possum or rat during September and be in to win prizes. Adults and kids categories + spot prizes for sharing your catches!

TIMARU TRAPPER TAKEDOWN!

Weight Competition

SPOT PRIZES

KIDS + ADULTS

Proudly sponsored by:

FULLSTOP

What does your weigh?

Share with Predator Free Timaru in September and be in to win

Be a part of

TIMARU'S BIOBLITZ

with

iNaturalist

Join the iNaturalist BioBlitz for Conservation Week!

Be part of citizen science, help uncover Timaru's incredible biodiversity, and discover more about the nature around you.

2pm Sunday 31st August

Meet at the pond in the Scenic

Families welcome

SOUTH CANTERBURY ECO CENTRE
Te Pokapū Taiao o Aoraki

PEOPLE - NATURE TOGETHER WE FLOURISH
TUIA TE TAIAO
PREDATOR FREE TIMARU

More information www.scecocentre.org.nz/events/



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»» JUNIOR CRICKET



2025/26 SEASON

YEAR 1 TO YEAR 8

FRI NIGHT & SAT MORNING

REGISTER NOW



FAIRLIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUPPORTING THE JOURNEY - DISCOVERING THE POTENTIAL

SKI RACE

SEPTEMBER 5TH 2025

Entry Fee \$20

(BOYS & GIRLS)

- YEAR 3/4
- YEAR 5/6
- YEAR 7/8

Sausage sizzle
Please bring cash




SKI & SNOWBOARD HIRE
RETAIL SALES



FOR ENTRY FORM AND FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE VISIT

www.fairlie.school.nz



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'Break a leg', kids!

Don't miss this terrific school holiday event – iticket.co.nz

PLANT SALE AND BAKING SALE. ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH. 347 WAI-ITI ROAD
9AM 13 SEPTEMBER.
A WIDE VARIETY OF PLANTS AND BAKING



CBay learn2swim

September Holiday Programme

23 - 26 September 2025

**40 minute lessons
\$60.00 per child
5+ years**

Book now!



cbaytimaru.co.nz/swim-school
Caroline Bay Trust Aoraki Centre



**Whānau Games at
Te Aitaraiki - Celebrate 50 years of Te Reo Māori!**

Join us for a day full of laughter, fun, kēmu (games) and kai (food) as we celebrate Te Wiki o te Reo Māori's 50th Anniversary! Gather your rōpū (group) and rēhita mai tō tīma (register your team) – minimum 4 players (limited spots available!) for our Whānau Games – fun for tamariki (kids) and pakeke (adults) alike.

👉 Rēhita your tīma (team) by emailing us at: kiaora@teaitarakihi.co.nz

📅 When (Āhea): Saturday, 20 Mahuru (September)

🕒 Games kick-off (Timata ngā kēmu): 10:15am (arrive by 9.45am)

🍽️ Lunch (Tīna): Hāngi – gold coin koha (donation)

🎭 Entertainment (Whakangahau): Te Aitaraiki Kapa Haka Rōpū & Kaumātua Kapa Rōpū

🌟 12pm – Te Wā Māori (Māori Moment) 🌟

We'll stand together to acknowledge the moment the petition was presented to Pāremata (Parliament) in 1972 to revitalise te reo Māori and recognise it as an official language of Aotearoa. Keep an eye on our Pukamata (Facebook) page for more details!

You don't have to play to join in – come along, cheer on the tīma, enjoy the kapa haka, share some kai, and soak up the awesome whānau atmosphere.

★ Games + Kai + Culture + Whānau = One epic day you won't want to miss!



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SOUTH CANTERBURY AMATEUR ATHLETICS CLUB

www.scathleticsclub.co.nz





EST. 1871

South Canterbury Amateur Athletics Club

Community - Coaching - Confidence.

Take that next step on your athletics Journey.

SCAAC offers a Run Jump Throw programme that teaches children aged 6–10 the essential fundamentals of athletics in a fun and supportive environment.

Starts @ 5:30pm every Wednesday from September 17th 2025
Martin Field, College Road, Timaru (Timaru Girls High)

To Register or For more information Contact us at
scathleticsclub@gmail.com or visit our website scathleticsclub.co.nz



BUS BAND HOLIDAY SESSIONS



ELSY our Mobile Music Studio will be at various locations during the school holidays. For **WHERE & WHEN** she will be, check
<https://www.facebook.com/mrsasmusicschoolnz>

Children join with others for a half hour FUN pop music experience on a variety of instruments.

\$10 for child per 30 minute session





mrs A's
music school



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

COMMUNITY dental service



Tips for Healthy Teeth

- Brush twice a day with fluoride toothpaste
- Choose healthy snacks,
- Choose water or milk first,
- Have regular dental check-ups

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

The Community Dental Service will be closed for the upcoming school holidays

Closed from: Friday 19th September,
Reopening on: Monday 6th October.

Six of our community dental clinics will be open during this School Holiday period:

Aranui (240 Breezes Road)
Burnside (96a Memorial Avenue)
Kaiapoi (65 Raven Quay)
Hornby (2 Hei Hei Road)
Ashburton (38 Elizabeth Street)
Timaru (18 Woolcombe Street)

If your child is experiencing any dental pain/discomfort, you can call us on 0800 846 983 and/or email: comm dental@cdhb.health.nz and one of our clinicians will contact you.

TIMARU TEN
25th October 2025
Levels Raceway Timaru
418 Falvey Road, Washdyke, Timaru

Run your first 10km or improve your time on NZ's smoothest flattest course.

Register Online

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≡ Frontrunner 5km
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