

# GLENITI



Welcome to  
Term 3

# GLENITI SCHOOL PĀNUI



## FROM THE SWIVELY CHAIR

Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome back to Term 3 - the Spring term! As we pass the mid-Winter mark, and look forward to days getting longer (and hopefully warmer), daffodils, lambs and other signs of Spring - we also look forward to another term of great learning here at kura / school. From Science Fair to supermarket trips, House challenges to ski / skate days, speech competitions to jazz band visits - there is lots to get excited about. A big welcome to our eight new students who started their Gleniti journey this week. Nau mai, haere mai - welcome to our school whānau.

We kick off the term with Friday Footpath Frenzy starting this week, Mid Year Interviews on Monday and Book Fair and Book Week next week (see further details on all of these events in this Newsletter). Triennial Board of Trustees elections are also coming up with our process aligning with the recommended national dates - nominations by Wednesday 6 August and Wednesday 10 September as the election day. Three parent representative spaces are up for election this cycle, so this is an important time and opportunity if you (or someone you know) feel the timing is right to contribute to this key governance role at our school. Please feel free to make contact with either myself or one of our current Board of Trustees members (see details / link on our school website) if you would like further information on the role. Election Pilot (SchoolEd) are managing our online election process this term, and will be emailing / posting home initial information about the election including nomination forms this coming Friday 18 July.

A reminder at the start of the term about continuing to be vigilant and modelling responsible behaviour for our tamariki / children at the school gate. Thank you to everyone who is following the 'Kiss n Go at the P5' guidelines for the Heath St entrance. This helps traffic safety and flow, and is really appreciated. Please remember to use the Kea crossing if you arrive / leave kura via Spring Road. It is vital both parents and children use this controlled crossing and do not exit straight across the road from alleyway (a practice that is both dangerous, and bad role modelling for our unaccompanied junior students). Thank you for your support in this space.

Looking forward to a great term ahead!

*Mark Creba*

Tumuaki / Principal

## WELCOME

Welcome to the following students who have recently started at Gleniti: Cassidy Hayward R3, Luca Powdrell R17, Chloe Marais R2, Ollie Whiteley R2, Mia Green R4, Harley Green R10, Jack Xu R9 and Justin Fu R14

## PRINCIPAL & ARCHER AWARDS

Congratulations to our Principal and Archer Award recipients from the end of last term



Ajla, Evie, Kasen, Tarian, Thea, Georgia, Archie, Lucian



Kyle



Kiara, Lucas



Pippa, Billy, Lincoln, Timothy, Harrison, Michael, Matthew  
Emma, AnGe, Frankie, Harvey



Cooper, Adam, River, Sophie, Nel, Lily  
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## 2025 YEAR 5-8 SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

The University of Canterbury is offering your child the opportunity to participate in the KIWI Spelling Bee competition. This competition takes place annually and is designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students. The competition is administered by the Centre for Assessment and Monitoring (CAM) at the University of Canterbury. The Kiwi Spelling Bee competitions are open to all Year 5-8 students. The Spelling Bee assesses aspects of English grammar, spelling, and vocabulary relevant to the student's Year level. The online Spelling Bee will take place in the last three weeks of Term 3. Each competition will provide parents/caregivers with an individual student report of their child's overall performance. In addition, all participating students will receive a certificate, and prizes will be awarded to the overall top student with the highest speed and accuracy. For more information, please visit [www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam)

Students will need to have their own headphones/air buds to listen to audios throughout the competition.

Entry forms are available from the school office. Cost is \$9.90 and can be paid by cash, eftpos or online banking. Last day for entries is Wednesday 30th July. No late entries will be accepted. Please contact Gill Taylor on [gillt@gleniti.school.nz](mailto:gillt@gleniti.school.nz) if you have any further questions.

## FRIDAY FOOTPATH FRENZY

It's Friday Footpath Frenzy term!

For all of Term 3, on Fridays, our students are encouraged to arrive at school in an active way (ie. walking, scootering or biking)

Each Friday, we will have a "walking school bus" led by several staff members. The locations on each date are provided for you in advance this year for ease of planning.

Debbie Preston and Elizabeth Morrison - Wave Team

Week/ Date	Location of meeting place for walking bus. Leaving at 8.30am each time
1 Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Gleniti Road – opposite Cedar Place
2 Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> of July	Hunter Hills Drive – opposite Lazarette Loop
3 Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> of August	Corner Mountainview Road and Murchison Drive
4 Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> of August	Gleniti Road – opposite Cedar Place
5 Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> of August	Hunter Hills Drive – opposite Lazarette Loop
6 Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> of August	Corner Mountainview Road and Murchison Drive
7 Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> of August	Gleniti Road – opposite Cedar Place
8 Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> of September	Hunter Hills Drive – opposite Lazarette Loop
9 Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> of September	Corner Mountainview Road and Murchison Drive
10 Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> of September	Gleniti Road – opposite Cedar Place





## IMPORTANT NOTICE: PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES MONDAY 21 JULY

Kia ora whānau,

We are looking forward to connecting with you at our upcoming 15-minute Parent-Teacher Conferences on Monday, 21 July. These annual mid-year conferences are always a valuable opportunity for you and your child (if possible) to connect individually with your child's kaiako / teacher, discuss their progress, and celebrate their achievements.

### Monday 21 July: An Instructional Day 🏠🍎

Please note that Monday, 21 July will be counted as a compulsory instructional day for all ākonga / students. Our Learning Teams and class teachers have organised comprehensive learning activities to ensure all students continue their progress, meeting the Ministry of Education's 'Open for Instruction' guidelines. This means there will be organised teaching and learning activities sent home at all year levels, which may include where appropriate optional online learning components.

We understand that whānau will have varying circumstances on this day, including potentially children in care, with grandparents, or with limited device access. Please be assured that the work set for students has been developed with reasonable expectations for working parents and diverse home environments in mind.

### Learning from Home: What to Expect 🏠📚

To ensure a smooth learning experience, class teachers will send home specific learning work and instructions this week prior to Monday Parent-Teacher conferences. Please look out for these important resources in your child's school bag or via email. Activities and expectations will be age-appropriate across the school for example

- **Junior Kākano Learning Team (Years 0-2):** Your child will bring home a reading book and a specially designed booklet. This booklet will contain six engaging activities for them to complete throughout the day, directly linked to their reading. These activities are designed to be hands-on and accessible for our youngest learners.
- **Māhuri Learning Team (Years 4-6):** Students in the Māhuri team will receive an electronic and/or paper task board. This task board will clearly outline their learning activities for the day.

### Booking Your Conference 📞✅

Information regarding how to book your 15-minute conference slot was sent home last term via email but you can [Click here for bookings](#). Please note bookings for timeslots close this coming Friday at 9.00am.

The format for interviews with parent and child will cover goals set in term 1, progress and current levels of achievement, new goals for Terms 3 & 4, and discussion about how parents can help to achieve the next steps in learning at home.

As mentioned last term, the Parent Portal has information for parents to prepare for these conferences and can be accessed here [Preparing for parent-teacher interviews](#)

We look forward to meeting with you on Monday and appreciate your support as we effectively manage this important reporting day for students and staff. Ngā mihi nui.



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## ANNUAL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY - FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025



This is a great fundraiser for our School Library and we will receive 30% value of books sold. This is used to purchase books for our library.

### The Book Fair will be open on the following days and times:

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	8.30-5.00pm	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	8.30-9.00am	3.00-4.00pm
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	8.30-9.00am	3.00-4.00pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	8.30-9.00am	3.00-4.00pm
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	8.30-9.00am	

We will need parent help to make the Fair as successful as past years. If you can help on any of the above days and times, please fill in the slip below.

If you have any questions, please email Gill Taylor [gillt@gleniti.school.nz](mailto:gillt@gleniti.school.nz) or phone the school office.

### School Book Fair

I am able to help at the Book Fair. Please circle time

Tuesday 22nd July	8.30-9.00am	3.00-4.00pm
Wednesday 23rd July	8.30-9.00am	3.00-4.00pm
Thursday 24th July	8.30-9.00am	3.00-4.00pm
Friday 25th July	8.30-9.00am	

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## BOOK WEEK 2025 - INCLUDING DRESS UP DAY

In Week 2, Term 3 we will be celebrating Book Week at Gleniti School! The Scholastic Book Fair will be in the library and we will be having a Dress Up as your favourite book Character day on Friday 25th July. The children will be able to enter a colouring competition and Design a Book Cover. Prize winners will be able to select a book from the Book Fair. We would like lots of Dads/Grandparents, Aunties/Uncles or any other whanau to come and read to our classes. Please contact Mrs Taylor in the school office or your Class Teacher if you can help out.



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## IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 21st July

Parent Teacher Interviews 8.30-5.30pm

Monday 21 July - Friday 25 July 2025

Book Week and Scholastic Book Fair

Thursday 24th July

Year 7½ Ski/Skate Day

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of July

Book Character Dress Up Day

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> of July

Year 7&8 Aoraki Maths Competition

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July

Team Rākau Science Fair - Classroom Exhibition

Tuesday 12 August

School Photos

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August

Teacher Only Day

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August

Central South Island NIWA Science & Technology Fair  
held at Timaru Boys High

Last day of term Friday 19th of September

Term 4

First day of term - Monday 6th of October

Last day of term - Friday 12th December

## Teacher Only Days, Student Led Conferences & Public Holidays

School will be closed for instruction on the following days:

Monday 21st July - Parent Teacher Interviews

Monday 18th August - Teacher Only Day

Monday 27th of October - Labour Day

Monday 10th of November - Teacher Only Day



## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are being held on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of August. A reminder that children must be in correct uniform for school photos.

If you are in need of new polo shirts, these are available from the Office at all times during the year and are \$40 each. If you would like to try on polos for sizing, next Monday during Parent Teacher Interviews would be the perfect time to do this. The Office will be open from 8am until 4pm.

## GLENITI SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REVIEWS

Gleniti School uses SchoolDocs to review and update our policies and procedures. In term 3 we are reviewing topics in the Health, Safety, and Welfare Policy section.

### Term 3 policies

- Child Protection
- Abuse Recognition and Reporting
- Food and Nutrition
- Safety Checking
- Police Vetting
- Missing Student Procedure

- All reviews are open to board members, staff, students, and the school community (parents/caregivers/whānau).
- Anyone can review any policy/procedure that has a review button.

To view all the policies up for review, click on the link attached.  
<https://gleniti.schooldocs.co.nz/>



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## GLENITI SCHOOL BOARD OF ELECTIONS - ONLINE

Every three years all public schools in Aotearoa hold elections for their School Boards, and this is going to happen again in 2025.

The School Board is a key part of our school. They do a lots of important things behind the scenes that may not be visible, and are really important to keeping our kura functioning well. Board responsibilities include writing our strategic plan, consulting with our community about things that matter, making sure our finances are being spent wisely and ensuring that we are giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi within our school. Our board is made up of five parent elected positions, the Principal / Tumūaki and a staff rep elected by the staff.

For Board elections, the Board needs to appoint a Returning Officer, who is responsible for the running of the election and we have appointed Election Pilot as the Returning Officer for this election, and also opted for the election to be provided online. Election Pilot / SchoolEd have been assisting schools with elections for over 20 years and have been the only election provider accredited by the Ministry of Education to provide online election services since this option started in 2022. Things like the nomination and voting forms will be sent to you by email directly by Election Pilot. If we don't have an email address for you don't worry, because SchoolEd Election Pilot will send these out to you by post so you don't miss out.

There are a number of rules around School Board elections that need to be followed and the main ones are the Education and Training Act 2020 and the Education (Board Elections) Regulations 2022. Your name and contact details have been provided to Election Pilot to enable them to deliver elections services for our kura as required by legislation. They will use your contact details for the provision of election services for Gleniti School only and your details will be deleted 60 days after the election date as required by legislation.

If you have any questions about the election process, then the best people to talk to are the team at SchoolEd Election Pilot. You can contact the Returning Officer directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or [election@electionpilot.nz](mailto:election@electionpilot.nz).

We will continue to keep you updated through the various stages of the election process, and our election date is Wednesday 10 September.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES





## AIDAN

*Drama Class*  
8-16yrs

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Term Three  
Starting  
This Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July  
4-5pm  
17 Beswick Street

Secure your place now  
Please email  
[aidan.theatre@gmail.com](mailto:aidan.theatre@gmail.com)







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### JOIN US AT WISHCON!

**Fun for the Whole Family!**  
Discover a day packed with board games and trading card games like Pokémon, perfect for all ages. Jump into hands-on demo sessions that spark creativity, teamwork, and strategic thinking.

**Under 5: Free | Child:\$5 | Adult 13+:\$10 | Fam of 4:\$25**

**Get Creative!**  
Kids can join in our colouring competition - a great way to show off their artistic flair and win cool prizes.

**Meet Star Wars Heroes!**  
Get up close with members of the 501st Legion, the famous Star Wars costuming group - an experience kids and fans alike will never forget!

**Dress Up and Win!**  
Come along in your best cosplay or dress-ups - there are spot prizes throughout the day for costumes that show off your imagination.

**All proceeds go to Make-A-Wish New Zealand**

Bring the kids, bring your friends, and make some fantastic memories together with games, creativity, and fun!

**Contact:**  
[Wishcon.co.nz](http://Wishcon.co.nz) [wishcontimaru@gmail.com](mailto:wishcontimaru@gmail.com)

**THE SHINY SQUAD**

**MANA & MEEPLES**

### SCAAC JUNIOR JUMPSTART PROGRAMME

**SOUTH CANTERBURY AMATEUR ATHLETICS CLUB**

### Fun - Fitness - Fundamentals

#### An Introduction to Athletics

For Ages 4-10

Join us for an exciting journey into athletics!

From running and jumping to throwing and teamwork, your little athlete will get to explore the joy of movement in a safe, inclusive, and high-energy environment.

**Venue: Martin Field, Timaru, Time: 4pm till 5pm, Every Wednesday**

**Limited to 100 \$50 Club Donation**

- ✓ 6 WEEK PROGRAMME
- ✓ LEARN BASIC FUNDAMENTALS OF ATHLETICS (RUN/JUMP/THROW)
- ✓ DEVELOP COORDINATION AND CONFIDENCE
- ✓ MEET NEW FRIENDS
- ✓ LED BY EXPERIENCED, FRIENDLY COACHES!
- ✓ NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED
- ✓ ALL YOU NEED TO BRING IS YOUR WATER BOTTLE

**Starting August 6th**



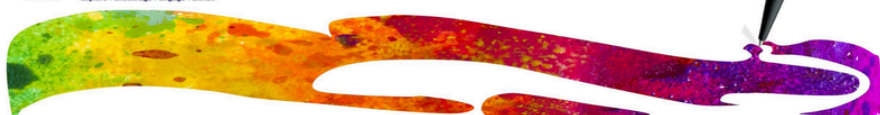
## Ursula Moray Williams Creative Writing Competition 2025

Open to local children aged between 5 and 18 years.

Entry forms and guidelines are available at Timaru District Libraries or may be downloaded from our website [www.timarudistrictlibraries.co.nz](http://www.timarudistrictlibraries.co.nz)

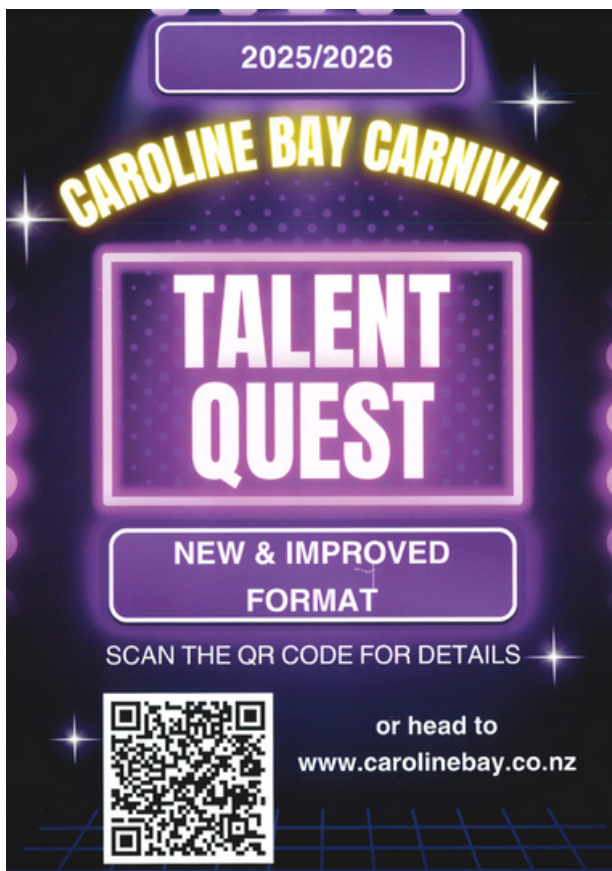


Entries close at 6pm, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2025.





## COMMUNITY NOTICES



We are excited to announce significant updates to the structure of the Caroline Bay Carnival Talent Quest. In an effort to create a more inclusive and dynamic competition, we have removed the traditional Junior, Intermediate, and Senior divisions and introduced a fresh new format based on performance categories: **Dance, Singing, and Band/Music Performances**.

This change ensures that all participants, regardless of age or group size, have an equal opportunity to showcase their talent and compete for top honors. The updated format allows for greater diversity in performances, ensuring a more vibrant and engaging event for both contestants and audiences alike.

### Key Changes:

- **No Age Restrictions:** Performers of all ages are welcome to participate.
- **No Group Size Limits:** Whether performing solo, in a duo, or as a large ensemble, all are encouraged to join.
- **Three Main Categories:**
  - **Dance Performances** – Open to all styles and group sizes.
  - **Singing (with backing tracks)** – Open to soloists and small vocal groups.
  - **Live Music (Bands & Soloists)** – Featuring musicians who play instruments and/or sing live.
- **Revised Competition Schedule:** Auditions, Semi-Finals, and Finals will be structured to allow every act a fair chance to perform and compete.

By implementing these changes, we hope to foster a more inclusive, competitive, and exciting platform where all performers, regardless of experience or background, have the chance to shine. We look forward to seeing the incredible talent that will take the stage under this new format!

Thank you for your continued support. Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

## Talent Quest Finals & Concert

- **Date & Time:** Sunday 4th January at 7:00 PM
- **Finalists from all categories will perform to compete for top honors.**
- **Judging criteria will include technical skill, stage presence, creativity, and audience engagement.**

This event aims to celebrate talent across multiple performance disciplines, providing a platform for artists of all ages and skill levels. We look forward to an exciting and diverse showcase of talent!

### Section 1: Dance Performances

This category is open to dancers of all ages and group sizes. Whether performing solo, as a duo, or as part of a larger ensemble, participants are encouraged to showcase their creativity, technique, and stage presence. Any dance style is welcome, including but not limited to ballet, hip-hop, jazz, contemporary, tap, and cultural dance forms.

#### Schedule:

- **Auditions:** Saturday 3rd January at 9:00 AM
- **Semi-Finals:** Saturday 3rd January at 2:00 PM

Finalists from the semi-finals will move on to the **Talent Quest Finals/Concert** on Saturday at 7:00 PM.

### Section 2: Singers with Backing Tracks

This category is for vocalists who perform using professionally recorded backing tracks. Soloists and groups are welcome to participate. Performers are encouraged to demonstrate their vocal range, emotion, and stage presence across various genres such as pop, rock, classical, country, and musical theatre.

#### Schedule:

- **Auditions:** Saturday 3rd January at 3:30 PM
- **Semi-Finals:** Saturday 3rd January at 7:00 PM

Finalists from the semi-finals will move on to the **Talent Quest Finals/Concert** on Sunday at 7:00 PM.

### Section 3: Live Music - Bands & Soloists

This category welcomes musicians who perform live, either as solo instrumentalists, singers who accompany themselves, or full bands. Any musical genre is permitted, including rock, jazz, folk, country, and classical. Participants should bring their own instruments and ensure their setup aligns with the venue's technical specifications.

#### Schedule:

- **Auditions:** Sunday 4th January at 9:00 AM
- **Semi-Finals:** Sunday 4th January at 2:00 PM

Finalists from the semi-finals will move on to the **Talent Quest Finals/Concert** on Sunday at 4th January at 7:00 PM.

