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FROM THE SWIVELY CHAIR

Kia ora e te whānau,

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Week 10 and our final Newsletter for Term 1. From camps, trips, sports events, teacher only days, parent interviews, new learning teams and classes on the move to students away to leadership conferences and new learning areas it will have been a full eleven weeks of learning and action by the time we reach the end of the term next week. Ngā mihi nui - a huge thank you to our staff who are doing a great job of continuing to support our ākonga / learners to thrive and succeed while navigating changes of space and curriculum. In terms of spaces - the school-wide recladding project is well underway with Rooms 1-4 almost complete. We are looking forward to being able to resume learning in these rooms from the start of next week. Rooms 5-8 are now preparing for their time in the temporary classroom spaces as we work our way around the school over an 18 month project time period. From next week Room 8 will begin the process of relocating to the temporary classroom space in the Library, Room 6 to the Hall Meeting Room, and Rooms 5 & 7 into the temporary classroom spaces inside the Hall. A big thank you to Mr Henderson - our property manager for all his work together with Mrs McFarlane coordinating and managing these classroom moves.

Well done to all our students and teams who did a fantastic job at the recent inter-school PCT Challenge, Rippa Rugby competition and South Canterbury Swimming Sports. We are super proud of your achievements, and excited to have teams who have made it through and will now compete next week at the regional Mid/South Canterbury/North Otago Subway Cup for Rippa. Go well!

Student safety and traffic congestion at the school gate are important issues that we are working through at the moment. On Monday it was good to meet with a stakeholder group including the Timaru District Council roading and parking team, Police, and Active Transport from WAVE/Health. It was good to revisit the work that had been done since 2018 to address concerns, as well as discuss possible solutions to current issues. In line with my letter emailed home March 21, please continue to ensure that you are observing parking rules, being vigilant with regard to student safety, and where possible encouraging active transport – walking, biking and scooting to school to help as we look at short and longer term solutions to the safety and congestion challenges around the start and end of the school day.

As Team Rākau look forward to Museum trips, teachers review the term and begin to plan for Term 2, and our students represent us at Leadership Conferences and interschool events, may we all look forward to finishing this first term well and enjoying some whānau time together over the term break. Kia pai to ra!

Mark Creba

Tumuaki / Principal

TOUCH RUGBY WINNERS TITANS

Our apologies to the Titans who we omitted to mention in the last newsletter. These superstars beat their opposition in the Year 7/8 B Grade Touch Final a few weeks ago. An amazing result, well done kids!



WELCOME

Welcome to the following students who have recently started at Gleniti: Mia Chen R5 and Yarina Chen R8

SOUTH CANTERBURY BLUELIGHT YEAR 7&8 PCT CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Thenuli, Isla, Theo and Zac who represented Gleniti at the PCT challenge last week.

As a team they completed in a timed obstacle course against other schools. Some of the obstables included having to climb over walls, jump through windows and drag a fake body. They finished 9th out of 18 teams. Great effort kids! Well done!



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HOCKEY COACHES AND SUPERVISORS URGENTLY REQUIRED

We have had over 140 children sign up to play hockey this year. Ideally, we are looking at entering 18 teams but we do not have enough coaches or supervisors for our teams. Before we can finalise teams, we urgently need more helpers, this may be yourself, a grandparent or an older high school student. If you can help please contact mel@gleniti.school.nz or office@gleniti.school.nz. Fair Play forms will be going home with the kids this week to complete or you can download a copy of the form <u>here</u>.

PARKING ON YELLOW LINES AND OVER DRIVEWAYS

Parking over driveways and on yellow lines continues to be a problem, especially on Heath Street. We again request that you refrain from doing this. Please find alternative parks on the other end of Heath St, Spring Road, Poplar Street or even Gleniti Road. A reminder also that the 5 minute parks are for quick drop offs and pick ups only and you should not be parking there for long periods of time as this is adding to the issue.



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - GROUNDS CLOSED

A reminder that the school holidays begin at the end of next week. The first day of Term 2 will be Monday the 28th of April.

The school grounds will again be closed these holidays as Stage Two of the cladding removal takes place.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS



Evie Nash, Davis Zhang, and absent Bianca Skinner

HOME & SCHOOL

The Home and School AGM is being held in the Staffroom on Monday the 7th of April at 7.30pm. We urgently need new parents to come on board. All welcome, we would love to see you there!

LOST PROPERTY





RIPPA RUGBY COMPETITION

Last week we had a bunch of Year 5 - 8 students that went off to Fraser Park for the annual Rippa Rugby tournament. On Tuesday it was the Year 5 & 6 competition, which was met with nice conditions for the day. Both teams played amazing and displayed great sportsmanship. The Gleniti Thunder narrowly missed the finals after some very tight pool games. The Gleniti Heat made the final against Waihi and won by two tries. What a game that was!

On Thursday it was the Year 7 & 8 competition but they were given an additional challenge to their day, the rain. Although the field was incredibly slippery and it got awfully cold, both teams played out of their skins and showed great determination and perseverance. The Gleniti Grizzlies came away with two wins, a draw, and a loss. The Gleniti Timberwolves won all of their games and took out the top place in their pool.

Both the Gleniti Heat, and the Gleniti Timberwolves are heading away to the Subway Cup next week to go against teams from South Canterbury, North Otago, and Mid Canterbury. We wish them both the best of luck.

A huge thank you to all of the parents that lent a hand with travel and helped out during the day. Events like this couldn't happen without your support.







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GLENITI PARENTS - FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION...THE IMPACT EXCESSIVE SCREEN TIME ON STUDENTS' LEARNING

Our teachers are noticing some students are tired, easily frustrated and often struggling to focus or learn in class.....and this is often on a Monday after a weekend of online activity.

We wonder.....Is it time to review or create a safe screen plan for your whānau?

Over the holidays we encourage parents to consider their child's screen time and ensure a balance of screen and non-screen pursuits. We remind parents to check the age restrictions and appropriateness of the game being played at home. In order to help with this: we want to share a couple of key resources, strategies and supports which might help your family create a safe screen plan in the future.

Please click on the links to find out more: http://www.kidshealth.org.nz/screen-time www.mentalwealth.nz https://netsafe.org.nz/parents-and-caregivers

SOUTH CANTERBURY SWIMMING SPORTS

Last Friday 19 students participated in the South Canterbury Swimming Sports event held at Cbay. Special thanks to Mrs Johnson, Ms Kwon and Mrs Langton for supporting the team on the day. A huge Congratulations to the following students who placed in their events:

Suzi Kim - 9 Year Old Girls

1st 25m Breaststroke 1st 25m Backstroke 3rd 50m Freestyle

Suah Kwon - 10 Year Old Girls

3rd 25m Breaststroke 2nd 50m Breaststroke

Eli Sparrow 9 Year Old Boys

1st 50m Freestyle 2nd 25m Freestyle 1st 50m Backstroke

10 Year Olds Relay

3rd- Suah Kwon, Minpyo Kim, Archie Harkness and Sophie Dunn

Minpyo Kim 10 Year Old Boys

- 1st 50m Freestyle
- 1st 25m Breaststroke
- 1st 50m Breaststroke
- 2nd 50m Backstroke
- 1st 100m Freestyle Junior Boys
- 1st 100m Medley Junior Boys
- 2nd 25m Butterfly Junior Boys







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GLENITI SCHOOL PĀNUI 🧳

INTINERANT LESSONS

We are delighted to be able to offer both singing and instrumental lessons at Gleniti School starting in Term 2.

We are excited to have Ella Thomas from Ella Thomas Vocal Studios who is taking singing lessons on a Friday from 11.30 -1.30pm. Ella will be working in the room behind Room 16 with individual students or small groups.

We are also excited to have Jannette Aldridge from Mrs A's Music school who will be taking instrumental small group lessons from 11-12.30pm on a Friday. Jannette will be working with students in her music bus parked at school.

Jannette will be available on Friday the 11th of April during lunchtime for any students who would like to trial learning an instrument. Please contact her to book a time.

If you are interested in itinerant music lessons at Gleniti School, please see the information attached about the Ella Thomas Vocal Studio and Mrs A's Music school.

Please contact Ella and Jannette directly using the email addresses provided to find out more information regarding prices, available time slots and policies.

EMAIL Ella at - vocalstudio@yahoo.co.nz Email Mrs A Jannette@mrsasmusicschool.co.nz

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at school - Odette Franklin

Please click <u>here</u> to read Gleniti School's policy for Itinerant Teachers

BUS BAND Mrs A's Music School

Video link: <u>https://youtu.be/pyqQBTVYeVw</u>

Bus Band ignites the musical passion in young people. The group lessons focus is on rhythm. We play drums, keyboards, ukes and guitars and we sing.

Instruments are ready to roll and don't have to be carted to school

You can try a few instruments before you settle on one It's in school time, on Friday mornings once a week. It costs less than one to one lessons.

lt's fun

We're independent and even have our own power

Go to our website to enrol

https://www.mrsasmusicschool.co.nz/enrol

OR



- We have all the equipment and instruments on board. You get to experience Keyboards, Ukelele, Guitar, Bass, Drums and Singing. You can try a few instruments before you settle on one.
- It's in school time, Primary school students pop out of class for 60 minutes per week and for the first few terms in a group minimum 8 maximum 6.
- As students become more competent it will be time to advance to one to one lessons at the studio after school.



PRE ENROL AT www.mrsasmusicschool.co.nz/enrol

Igniting musical passion and fun

GROUP LESSONS INSTRUMENTS PROVIDED VARIETY OF GENRES





The Ella Thomas Vocal Studio is a singing, music, and performance school for children and teenagers aged 5-18. We specialise in Musical Theatre, and Classical styles, however students are encouraged to learn a variety of singing styles including pop, folk and foreign language. Students learn in a supportive and confidence building environment. Lessons are tailored to each individual's ability, age, and interests.

Students Learn: HEALTHY SINGING TECHNIQUE PERFORMANCE SKILLS MUSIC THEORY AURAL & SIGHT SINGING SKILLS A RANGE OF REPERTOIRE Student Opportunities: END OF YEAR RECITAL PERFORMANCES SINGING EXAMS MUSIC THEORY EXAMS SINGING COMPETITIONS OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT TRIPS

Ella Thomas: AIRMTNZ, BA (Minor in Music Education & Performance)

Originally from Timaru, Ella performed in many productions for the South Canterbury Drama League (some highlights include The Sound of Music, Jesus Christ Superstar, Beauty and the Beast, and Oliver!) and it was this foundation that gave her the skills and confidence to continue her singing training at a tertiary level. Ella trained in Vocal Performance and Music Education at the University of Canterbury under the vocal tutelage of Dame Malvina Major, Vernon Midgley, and afterwards with Marie Landis; performance training with Elric Hooper; and also studied Musical Theatre in Melbourne, Australia at APO Arts Academy. Upon returning to Timaru

Ella decided to share her love of singing and performing through teaching and thus the Ella Thomas Vocal Studio was born. Ella has been teaching singing since 2013 and has had excellent results helping her students to build self-confidence and healthy singing technique, with several of her students being accepted to study singing at a tertiary level. She is a member of NEWZATS (New Zealand Association of Teachers of Singing), and is an Associate Member of the Institute of Registered Music Teachers New Zealand.

Ella also enjoys Music Direction and has been the Musical Director for numerous South Canterbury Drama League productions including 'Showstoppers' 2014, and 'Fame Jr.' 2013 and also Roncalli College's production of 'The Addams Family.' Ella has most recently directed 'Disney's Finding Nemo Jr', 'The Last Five Years' and musically directed "Thoroughly Modern Millie', 'Curtains', 'Seussical Kids' and 'Hairspray Jr' for the SCDL Junior section, as well as 'The Addams Family' a second time for Ashburton Variety Theatre; and 'Heathers', 'Broadway Melody', 'Legally Blonde', and 'Showstoppers 2' for the SCDL. 2023 Also saw the 10th Birthday of ETVS, which was celebrated with a concert in voting current and past students to perform. In 2024 Ella was the musical director for 'Tuck Everlasting', and also directed the classic story 'Anne of Green Gables', and 'Honk! Jr.' As well as supporting her wonderful group of students through their many opportunities for competitions, performances and exams in 2025 she is currently musical director for Fame Jnr and is taking a group of students to New York City in June/July for workshops and professional development.

https://www.ellathomasvocalstudio.com/ EMAIL Ella at - vocalstudio@yahoo.co.nz

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IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 9th April Year 5/6 Rippa Rugby Subway Cup Final

Thursday 10th of April Year 7/8 Rippa Rugby Subway Cup Final

Thursday 10th of April Year 8 Grip Leadership Conference

> Friday 11th April Last day of Term 1

Term 2

First day of term: Monday 28th of April Last day of term Friday 27th of June

Term 3

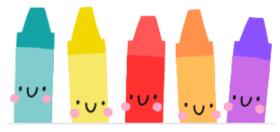
First day of term - Monday 14th of July Last day of term Friday 19th of September

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 26th of May - Teacher Only Day Monday 2nd of June - King's Birthday Friday 20th of June - Matariki Monday 21st July - Student Led Conferences Monday 18th August - Teacher Only Day Monday 27th of October - Labour Day Monday 10th of November - Teacher Only Day



GREAT KIWI EXAMS

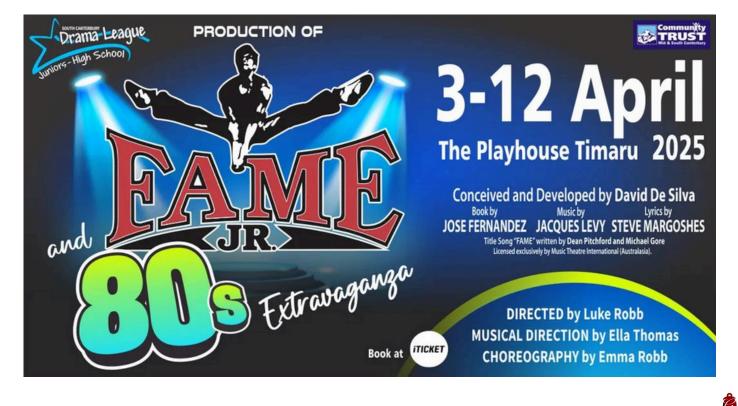
The University of Canterbury is offering your child the opportunity to participate in the KIWI English, Mathematics and Science competitions. These skills-based competitions take place annually and are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and closely align with the New Zealand Curriculum. For further information, please consult the CAM website www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam/. The competitions are open to all Year 5-10 students in English, Mathematics and Science. Students can only register for the year level they are currently in. Each student can enter in one or more subject. Each competition will provide parents/caregivers with an individual student report of their child's overall performance. These are available through your school. The supervised online tests will take place in the last 2 weeks of Term 2. The competitions are to be 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. Entry forms are available from the school office. Last day for entries is the 7th of May.

If you have any enquiries, please email Mrs Taylor in the office gillt@gleniti.school.nz



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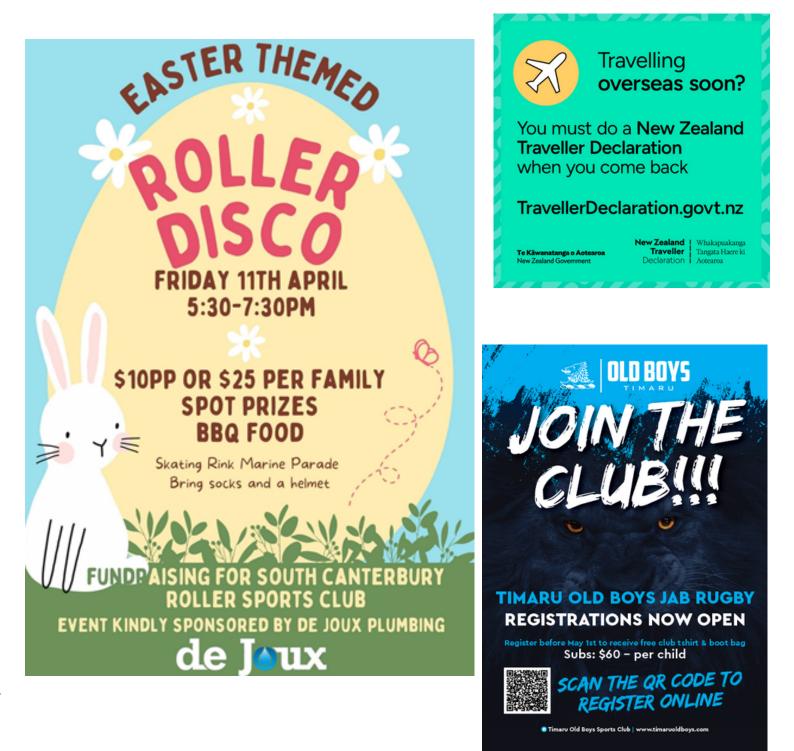


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COMMUNITY NOTICES

WANTED: Celtic JAB Rugby Year 8 (U13) Team are needing 2-3 more players to join their team this season.

No rugby experience needed. Message Charlotte 0212135304 for more information.





Team to wear same colour top. Bring good footwear and a drink bottle.

For location, please check map in Programme available at the gate or map posted at the Office.



The Hockey South Canterbury Holiday Programme is back for 2025!

Hockey South Canterbury will be holding a Holiday Programme for children aged Years 1-8 in the first week of the school holidays

Dates: Wednesday 16th April and Thursday 17th of April. Session Times each day: Years 1-2 10.00am-11.00am Years 3-6 11.30am-1.00pm Years 7-8 1.30pm-3.00pm

Cost:

\$10 per session for years 1-2

\$15 per session for years 3-6

\$15 per session for years 7 & 8.

Payment is in cash on the day. Players will check in for their session and pay at the desk inside the turf gate.

Players can register for one or both days. Please note: there are limited places per session and will be first in, first served basis.

Programme: Wednesday consists of Skills and Mini Games; Thursday consists of games.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER: https://forms.gle/MducCZMSTRnQtKEk6

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: Friday 11th April



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

During the school holiday period we will be providing limited dental care at some of our clinics.

Could the following be included in your newsletters please or sent directly to parents' mailboxes?





Tips for Healthy Teeth

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

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

Closed On: Friday 18th April, Monday 21st April & Friday 25th April Reopening on: Monday 28th April

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

Burnside (96a Memorial Avenue) Woolston (11 Hopkins Street) Rangiora (163 Ashley Street) Northcote (24 Tuckers Road) Timaru (18 Woollcombe Street)

Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora If your child is experiencing any dental pain/discomfort, you can call us on **0800 846 983** and/or email: <u>commdental@cdhb.health.nz</u> and one of our clinicians will contact you.



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