

GLENITI



After 15 months as a classroom, the Library has officially reopened!



GLENITI SCHOOL PĀNUI



FROM THE SWIVELY CHAIR

Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome back, Gleniti families! It is a privilege to step into the role of Acting Principal while Mark completes his 24-week study leave. I am fortunate to have the support of wonderful staff and am looking forward to interacting with our ākonga and whānau in this role. We have an action-packed term ahead! From the excitement of mid-term Cross Country to our beautiful Matariki celebrations at the end of term, there is so much to look forward to. This sits alongside our usual high-quality teaching and learning programmes and the much-anticipated re-opening of our fantastic Library.

Please note that while our Admin Block has relocated to the hall due to recladding, it is business as usual for our tamariki. Don't forget our optional early finish afternoon for staff PLD on Friday, 15th May; check this newsletter for specific details. If you need anything, please reach out via email at vickim@gleniti.school.nz, by phone (686 0082), or by booking an appointment through the office. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Acting Principal

Vicki McFarlane

Tumuaki / Principal

OFFICE NOW LOCATED IN THE HALL MEETING ROOM

Recladding work on the Admin/Office is well underway which means the Office is now 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.



STUDENT COUNCIL MUFTI DAY

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DRESS AS YOUR FAVOURITE SPORTS PERSON
 RAISING FUNDS TO BECOME A COMMUNITY WALL SPONSOR OF THE
 NEW AORANGI STADIUM DEVELOPMENT
 GOLD COIN DONATION
WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY



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WELCOME

Welcome to the following students who have recently started at Gleniti: Alana Phillips R3, Marlie Shore R4 and Finn Blackham R4

ANZAC DAY

A reminder that ANZAC Day public holiday will be observed on Monday the 27th of April this year. School will be closed for instruction on Monday.



POPPIES 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.



NEW PARENTS AFTERNOON TEA

Gleniti School, New Parents Afternoon Tea

Please join us for an afternoon of tea, treats, and wonderful company as we host an afternoon tea to welcome new parents to our school community.

Tuesday 5th May at 2.15pm
in the Hall - entry via current Office



We look forward to seeing you.

KAPA HAKA AND CHOIR

Ka pai to our wonderful Choir and Kapa Haka group for their incredible performance at the recent Citizenship Ceremony that was held on the 30th of March. We have received a flood of positive feedback from those in attendance, highlighting just how much of an impact our students made. In fact, we've already been invited back to perform again later this year! We couldn't be prouder!





TERM 2 UPDATE: EARLY CLOSURE - FRIDAY THE 15TH 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 complete the Hero survey which will be posted on Hero later this week.
- Details: Indicate whether your child(ren) will be collected at 12.35pm or staying for supervision.

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





NOTICE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kia ora koutou,

Our school is incredibly proud of the rich learning opportunities and additional teaching support we provide for our tamariki. However, current operational funding does not fully cover the extra resources, programmes, and classroom support that make such a positive difference to student outcomes.

Home and School does a fantastic job supporting the school for specific resources. To provide a boost and keep up the level of support offered at the school, we are looking to establish a small, focused fundraising group to organise and deliver one significant fundraising event this year.

We are seeking expressions of interest from parents, caregivers, whānau, and community members who would be willing to contribute ideas, skills, or time to help make this event a success. You do not need prior fundraising experience – just enthusiasm and a willingness to collaborate.

The group's purpose will be clear and time-bound:

- Plan and deliver one well-organised event
- Raise targeted funds for additional learning resources and teaching support
- Strengthen community connection through positive engagement

If you are interested in being involved, please email the school office by Friday the 1st of May. An initial meeting will be held to confirm the scope, roles, and event concept.

Together, we can ensure our students continue to benefit from the enriched learning environment they deserve.

Ngā mihi nui,

The Board of Trustees





Important Dates 2026

Upcoming events

Monday 20th April: Friday 1st May: Team Tinaku Swimming

Monday 27th April: ANZAC Day - Public Holiday observed - School Closed

Tuesday 5th May: New Parents Afternoon Tea 2.15pm in Hall

Wednesday 6th May: Student Council Non Uniform Day - Dress as your favourite sports person

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

Tuesday 19th May: Year 5-8 Cross Country at Ashbury Park

Friday 22nd May: Teacher Only Day - School Closed for Instruction

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

Wednesday 10th June: South Canterbury Cross Country - Note change of date

Monday 27th July: Student Led Conferences -Students Learning from home

Public Holidays

Monday 27th April -ANZAC Day observed

Monday 1st June - Kings Birthday

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 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

South Canterbury & North Otago Music Exchange 2026

Combined with the Timaru School of Music



At Roncalli College Hall 9:30 till 2:30pm May 6th, (Wednesday) 2026

Meet music students from all over the district!



Talk to your instrument teacher or music teacher to sign up

Available to students learning woodwind, brass and string instruments

Details on the back of this page

Programme:

- Big group rehearsal
- Sectional workshops
- Afternoon concert



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.

OPEN DAY SUNDAY MAY 3RD, 10AM



Open Day commences at 10am with the Principal's Address in the Nora Dickie Hall followed by Student Led Tours.

For us to run this event smoothly - we encourage you to REGISTER at <https://www.timarugirls.school.nz/open-day>

We pride ourselves on our rich diversity, our strong values and our high standards.



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