

GLENITI



**Check out our amazing new
Kapa Haka uniforms!**



GLENITI SCHOOL PĀNU



FROM THE SWIVELY CHAIR

Kia ora e te whānau,

Three weeks into our final term of 2025, it's been a busy but exciting start with Learning Teams involved in swimming lessons at C-Bay, Art walks in town, forest adventures at Peel Forrest, visitors to school, plus planned (and unplanned) fire and earthquake drills. We are also really proud of our new Kapa Haka uniforms that have just arrived at school. Ngā mihi nui - a big thank you to Mrs Latu for all her work organising these.

Tomorrow, regrettably school is closed as teachers, principals and support staff across the motu / country go on strike in an effort to advocate for pay and conditions to a) attract and retain quality staff in our schools, b) support the increasing number of ākonga / students with diverse learning needs, and c) challenge the government to uphold Te Tiriti o Waitanga / the Treaty of Waitangi and Te Reo Māori in the curriculum. For our Gleniti team who work hard each day to enable our students' success, the decision to strike is a big one that is not made easily. Thank you for your support and understanding as we seek the best long-term outcomes for our ākonga / students.

On Monday, Vicki McFarlane (Deputy Principal) and I attended the first of three national Ministry of Education curriculum roadshows across New Zealand. It was great to see the progress that other schools like ours are achieving with structured literacy and maths programmes. The Ministry also announced further significant curriculum changes for both the English and Mathematics learning areas - the third revision of these documents in the last two years. Nationally, concern is being expressed about the pace of curriculum change and ongoing revisions, alongside the expectation that kura / schools will be implementing these new documents from the start of next year. Our thanks for the leadership of Mrs Jones, Mrs Evans (Literacy lead teachers) and Mrs Armstrong (Maths lead) for all their mahi / work supporting kaiako to unpack the changes.

In line with the ongoing curriculum changes and shift in emphasis from Phases of Learning to Year Level achievement outcomes, we have reviewed our 2025 three team school structure and decided to return to four Learning Teams for 2026 - Kākano (Yr 1-2), Tupu (Yr 3-4), Māhuri (Yr 5-6) and Rākau (Yr 7-8). Along with end of year assessment and report writing, kaiako are starting work now on class lists and planning for next year.

A reminder that hats are a compulsory part of our school uniform this term. Ākonga will be required to play in shade spaces if they do not have one during breaktimes. Students are allowed bare feet or shoes on (not socks) to play, but must be wearing shoes when leaving school.

Mark Creba

Tumuaki / Principal

STRIKE TOMORROW 23RD OF OCTOBER & LABOUR DAY MONDAY 27TH OF OCTOBER

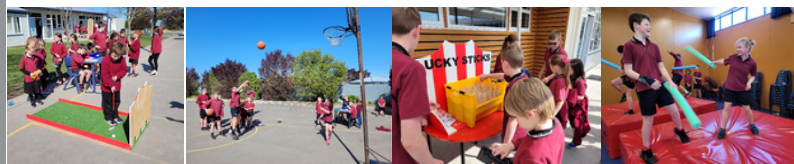
A reminder that school will be closed for instruction tomorrow as a result of Teachers, Principals and Support Staff taking Strike Action.

School will also be closed on Monday due Labour Day Public Holiday.

STUDENT COUNCIL 50 CENT GALA

The Student Council is holding a 50c Gala on Thursday 20th November from 1.00-2.30pm. There will be various stalls that the students are able to partake in, i.e. Hit the Cans, Lucky Stick, Chocolate Wheel, Cake Walk etc. Each activity is 50cents to take part in. In some stalls, students can earn points which can be used towards their class prize pack. Please note that the Gala is for Gleniti School students only and junior students will be helped by their teachers.

Any donations for prizes would be greatly appreciated, i.e. coloured pens, felt pens, stationery, balls, vouchers etc. Any enquiries, please contact Mrs Taylor in the school office. Thank you for your support!



END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

Last week we advertised our School Wide End of Year Celebration for the 11th of December. Unfortunately, we made an error advertising this being a school wide event. Due to the seating capacity at Timaru Girls High School being limited to 500 people, we are having to amend our original plan but, we hope to notify parents of the final arrangements for our End of Year Celebrations by the end of next week.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos are coming home with children today. Please check their bags if these have not been handed to you.



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YEAR 5-8 ATHLETICS DAY

An invitation is extended to all parents and supporters to attend the annual Gleniti School Athletic Sports to be held on **Tuesday 28th October** at Aorangi Stadium (pp day 11/11).

Children will need to make their own way to Aorangi Stadium to meet their teacher at 9.00am. Please be ready to pick up your child by 2.45pm from the stadium.

Grade	9.15am 800m Finals	Round 1 9.45am	Round 2 10.30am	Round 3 11.15am	12.00p m 200m Finals	Round 4 12.45p m	Round 5 1.30pm	House Relays 2.15pm
A 11+	*	Shot Put	Baseball Throw	High Jump	Lunch	Long Jump	100m	*
B U11	*	Baseball Throw	High Jump	Long Jump	Lunch	100m	Shot Put	*
C U10	*	High Jump	Long Jump	100m	Lunch	Shot Put	Baseball Throw	*
D U9	*	Long Jump	70m	Shot Put	Lunch	Baseball Throw	High Jump	*
E U8	*	70m	Shot Put	Baseball Throw	Lunch	High Jump	Long Jump	*

***Please note, due to the large number of Senior boys this year, our 12+ year olds will be spread out over the boys C and D grades. Please ask your son which group he is attached to and follow the timetable accordingly.**

All students will need to bring their own lunch, drink bottle, sunhat, jersey and plenty of sunscreen to wear.

All pupils should wear:

- Plain black shorts
- School top or sports top
- Sports shoes
- Regulation school sunhat

House Leaders are to wear their House Tee shirts instead of the sports top.

MEDICATION:

Please note if your child requires any medication i.e. for diabetes, asthma, bee stings, hay fever etc you will need to send this along with them on the day.

We look forward to seeing you all. Any postponements will be put on the Gleniti School and Gleniti School Parents Facebook pages.

The results from our School Sports will be used to select the pupils who will compete in the **South Canterbury Primary School Athletics** competition at a date to be advised.



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CYBERSAFETY PRESENTATION

Kia ora, e te whānau

We want our school and our community to be a safe place for all children. Our Tamariki are growing up in rapidly changing times, and the risk, frequency and severity of online harm are increasing. We need to tackle this as a community.

As such, in collaboration with Barton Rural, Beaconsfield and Grantlea School we have organised Filmmaker, Author and Speaker Rob Cope, Producer of the documentary "Our Kids Online" to come and give what promises to be a humorous and eye-opening evening talk to our parent community.

His talk will cover:

- Cyberbullying - How bullies can reach our kids 24/7
- Social media - How social media is affecting the mental health in 3 out of 5 children. FOMO, depression, anxiety
- Gaming and the developing brain - An oversupply of dopamine leading to dopamine deficiency, synaptic pruning, and the underdevelopment of social skills and empathy
- Naked Selfies - The pressure to send nudes from intermediate up through high school
- Online predators - The methods they use, how to spot them
- Online porn vs healthy sexuality - How consuming online pornography as a child or teen can create a sexual template where violence, aggression, and dominance are seen as normal and consent can become very blurry.

Solutions

- Filters - Which filters are best and how to install them
- Smartphones - How to lock down a smartphone to make it a safe phone
- Boundaries - How to put good boundaries in place around device use
- 3 golden rules - The 3 golden rules that will keep your kids safe
- Talking to your kids - How to have difficult conversations with your kids
- Challenging our own phone and device usage - Reconnecting as a family.

Here is a promotional video for you to watch Our Kids Online Parent Evening.

The talk will be held at Grantlea School Hall on Wednesday the 5th of November from 6.30pm-8.30pm. Please note this talk is for adults only and is not suitable for children or teens to attend. It is strictly an R18 event.

We request that at least one representative from each family attend, and hope you are able to prioritise this within your busy lives. This topic is too big for us not to pay attention.

Included in your ticket is a one-year complimentary subscription to "Parenting in an Online World 101" from Rob and team at Our Kids Online. This is a cybersafety parenting course, designed specifically for NZ families. It usually costs \$99 per family. Course details can be found here [Parenting in an Online World 101](#)

Tickets available here [Parents Ultimate Guide to.. Eventfinda](#)

The Ultimate Parents Guide to...
Understanding our kids **Online World** and how to keep them safe.

18+

- Cyberbullying
- Social Media
- Gaming
- Online Predators
- Online Porn
- Smartphones
- Filters
- Boundaries

Come and hear Filmmaker & Author Rob Cope in what promises to be a hilarious, straight talking Parent to Parent talk
Watch the promotional video here - [Our Kids Online Parent Evening.](#)

WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2025 | 6.30PM - 8.30PM
GRANTLEA DOWNS SCHOOL
65 GRANT ROAD, TIMARU

Tickets can be purchased for
\$10.25 at Eventfinda or
by scanning the QR code



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PRINCIPAL AND ARCHER AWARDS



Rhyatt, Cassidy, Ella, Matilda, Eva



Cooper, Monica, Hugo



Thenuli, Olly, Aylheen, Harlow, McKenzie



Emily



Eloise, Willa



Bianca, Xixi, Eva, Jakob, Kenzie, SunSun, Pippa, Aubrey, Beatrix, Lucy
Theo, Evie, Retal, Ethan, Matilda, Freda

CONGRATULATIONS ALICE - ARTARAMA WINNER



Congratulations Alice! Alice was chosen as one of the Year 4-6 winners at the recent Artarama exhibition on Stafford Street. Her parsnip print is on the left. Alice made this artwork by first creating a dyed background and then creating foam print blocks for the leaves and parsnip. Then she inked it with two shades of ink and printed the veggie onto the background. -Awesome artwork Alice! Congratulations also to all of our artwork exhibitors. How wonderful to have so many awesome art pieces on display!



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IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 23rd October

Proposed Strike Day - School Closed

Monday 27th of October

Labour Day - Public Holiday - School Closed

Tuesday 28th of October

Year 3-8 Athletics Day

Thursday 30th October

Top Team - Whole School Event

Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th November

Year 7½ Boys Cricket Tournament

Thursday 6th November

Year 7½ Girls Cricket Tournament

Monday 10th of November

Teacher Only Day - School closed for instruction

Wednesday 12th November

New Parents Afternoon Tea

Thursday 13th of November

Crazy Hair Day - Student Council Non Uniform Day

Thursday 20th November

Student Council 50c Gala

Tuesday 25th November

South Canterbury Athletics Day

Monday 8th of December

Reports and 2026 Class Placement Letters go home

Tuesday 9th December

2026 Class Transition Afternoon

Wednesday 10th December

Year 8 Leavers Dinner

Thursday 11th December

End of Year Celebration - Timaru Girls High School Hall - 6.30pm start

Last day of term - Friday 12th December

First day of 2026 - Wednesday 28th of January

NEW PARENTS AFTERNOON TEA

Gleniti School, New Parents Afternoon Tea Party

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.

12th November 2025 at 2.15pm



We look forward to seeing you.

NON UNIFORM DAY



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

**SPOOKY
SKATING DISCO**

DJ DARYL • SPOT PRIZES • BBQ FOOD
• BRING SOCKS AND A HELMET

\$10 PP OR \$25 PER FAMILY

31 OCT | DOORS OPEN AT 5:30-7:30pm | **SKATING RINK MARINE PARADE, TIMARU**

**SCULPT IT
FUN DAY**

Welcome to our Kids Sculpt it FUN DAY! where we turn imagination into wonder and passion! A true sensory experience.

Why Choose Us?

- ✓ Experienced Instructors
- ✓ Hands-On Learning
- ✓ Fun & Engaging
- ✓ Small Class Sizes

23RD OCTOBER 25
Gleniti Primary
22 Heath Street, Gleniti
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Full funding may apply (low income earners or youth).

Online or In-person St Lukes, Auckland
Learn More: anxiety.org.nz/counselling
Call: 09 846 9776
Email: reception@anxiety.org.nz



Anxiety NZ is a registered charity supporting mental health and wellbeing in Aotearoa. Please note: This service is not suitable for people in crisis, or with complex or high-risk mental health needs.

AnxietyNZ
HERE FOR YOU



Feeling stressed or anxious?

Wāea mai ki a mātau
Give us a call

Free 24/7 National Helpline
0800 ANXIETY
0800 269 4389

Our 0800 ANXIETY Helpline supports people across Aotearoa New Zealand 24/7* every day of the year

(*Please note that midnight to 8am is for callers experiencing severe anxiety only)

Please call if you, or someone you know, may benefit from:

- Brief interventions to help reduce stress or anxiety
- Anxiety management support, advice, encouragement
- Education about anxiety and associated issues
- Information about other support services
- Coping strategies for stress, panic attacks, social anxiety, OCD, etc

Further information at www.anxiety.org.nz/help/line

Anxiety NZ is a non-profit charity providing mental health support, treatment, and education for a resilient and thriving Aotearoa since 1980. Connect with us for 1:1 therapy, peer groups, or mental health resources, at reception@anxiety.org.nz, 09 846 9776, [Facebook/anxietynewzealand](https://www.facebook.com/anxietynewzealand), [Instagram/anxietynztrust](https://www.instagram.com/anxietynztrust), or at

www.anxiety.org.nz

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WAIMATE RODEO CLUB YOUTH BULL RIDING
SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER
WAIMATE RODEO GROUNDS
5TH CANTERBURY

Ages 5-18 (years 0-13) 📌
Bucking machines, technique coaching 📌
Jnr Steers, Novice Steers, 2nd Division Bulls 📌
Great low key day to come along and have a go! 📌

OPEN TO EVERYONE!
COACHING FROM 10AM
JACKPOT AFTER LUNCH
SAVE THE DATE!
Entry form to follow on our FB page

