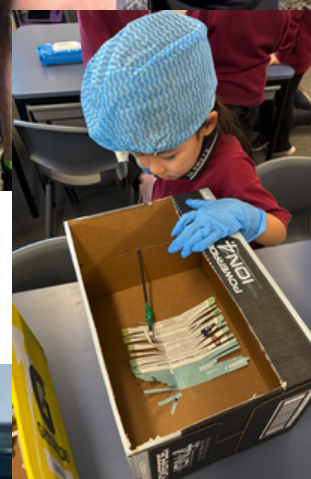


GLENITI



GLENITI SCHOOL PĀNUI



FROM THE SWIVELY CHAIR

Kia ora e te whānau,

Term 2 Week 7 and with just one week of Winter remaining it's been great celebrating our tamariki's achievements (as well as all the work of parent and teacher coach / managers) with sport over the last two terms. Ngā mihi nui - a big thank you to everyone who has supported us with this over the last few months. On August 14th we were fortunate to host Bluestone School for a rugby sports exchange and the whole school enjoyed an afternoon of sunshine watching great competition. Well done to our Gleniti team who took the final honours!

Team Kākano have been enjoying some wonderful school visitors over the last few weeks as part of their 'Heroes' unit. Thank you to our parents and school community who have been fantastic supporters in this space. Such amazing real-life 'hands-on' learning opportunities. Ākonga / students were also privileged last week to visit Mountainview High School for their 'Joseph' musical production.

Senior students are busy writing and practising speeches working towards class presentations and the annual Lions regional competition. We are also excited about opening our doors next Tuesday for the 'Open Day'. Please be encouraged if you have a moment to pop in, or join us for the morning and stay for a cuppa as kaiako / teachers and students share their spaces and learning.

With Spring just around the corner, lambs in the paddocks and flowers starting to appear in the garden, don't forget to support Daffodil Day this coming Friday. Our thanks to the Cancer Society for the wonderful work they do as heroes in our community. Daffodils and a chance to donate / support this valuable work is available from our school office. Kia pai to ra.

Mark Creba

Tumuaki / Principal

WELCOME

Welcome to the following new students who have recently started at Gleniti: Quintin Henwood R17 and Ivhy Milmine R17

FRIDAY FOOTPATH FRENZY

This week's walking school bus will meet on Gleniti Road, opposite Cedar Place at 8.30am, Friday the 29th of August.

NETBALL UNIFORMS

All netball uniforms to be returned to the Office by this Friday please.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photo order forms went home with children on Monday. Please check bags if you have not seen these yet. Orders due into the Office by Friday 5th of September. We are hoping to do mop up photos of those children who were absent on Photo Day sometime this week.

PRINCIPAL & ARCHER AWARDS



Mila, Ethan, Oliver



Rawan, Willa, Eloise, Mason, Karter, Jemma, Azaiah, Harris



Carter, Reet, Freya, Fletcher, Sienna, Tommy, Jashan, Mackenzie, Dylan
Xiayoung, Georgia, Oliver, Lilly, Nikolai, Cruze, Isla,




Alex, Jeb, Evan



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HEROES IN OUR COMMUNITY



JUNIOR KAKANO TOPIC


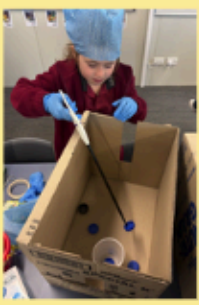






HEROES IN OUR COMMUNITY



NOT ALL
Heroes
WEAR
CAPES

On Monday, Junior Kakano were lucky enough to have some of our parents who specialise in the medical field come and share their expertise with us as part of our Heroes in the Community Topic. The children explored various stations including heartbeat and anatomy model, temperature and dressings, and key hole surgery boxes. So much fun!

Last week we were visited by Constable Rigby and Sergeant Hind who brought along their new Police Search and Rescue vehicle. A huge thanks to Dr Luke, Dr Jo, and Nurse Tracey, Constable Rigby and Sergeant Hind for all your time and effort.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As mentioned in our last newsletter, Election Pilot (SchoolEd) as our Returning Officer for our recent Board of Trustee Elections, were pleased to hereby declare the following Parent and Staff representative duly elected, Jacques Marais, Belinda Skinner, Kathy Shu (parents) and Emmi Ward (Staff Rep). A short introduction from our new parent representatives can be found on the following page. We would like to acknowledge and thank Deborah Bruce who has filled the Staff Rep position for the past 9 years for her service to the Board.

Our current Board of Trustees:

Heather Geddes - Presiding member
 Kathy Shu - International students
 Jacques Marais - Health & Safety
 Mark Creba - Principal
 Julia Traylor - Human Resources
 Brad Davies - Property

Jacques Marais - Health & Safety
 Belinda Skinner - Finance
 Emmi Ward - Staff representative



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BOARD OF TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Jacques Marais

Hi, I'm Jacques Marais. My wife, Leanne and I have three young daughters aged 9, 5, and 3. Two of them are currently attending Gleniti, with our youngest not far behind. We're invested in the school community and its future. We live locally, and I work as the Chief Financial Officer at an earthmoving company. I'm putting my hand up for the Board of Trustees because I care about the direction our school is heading and want to play an active role in helping it thrive, not just for my kids, but for all children in our community. What I can contribute: Financial and Strategic Skills: As a CFO, I deal with budgeting, forecasting and financial planning every day. I can bring that financial lens to help ensure our school's resources are managed wisely and sustainably. Community Focus: I believe in open communication, teamwork and common sense. I value different perspectives and would bring a collaborative, down-to-earth approach to the table. Passion for Education: As a parent, I want the best for all our kids – great teaching, safe spaces to grow and a school culture that supports learning and wellbeing. Schools are the heart of our community. I see joining the board as a chance to give back and contribute where it counts, whether it's through financial oversight, strategic planning, or simply being available to help where needed. I'm keen to be involved and contribute to the school's needs in a practical, thoughtful way.



Kathy Shu

My name is Kathy Shu, and I am standing for re-election to the Gleniti School Board of Trustees. It has been an honor to serve as a co-opted member over the past two years, where I have focused on supporting our international students and fostering an inclusive school environment. Originally from Shanghai, my family and I settled in Timaru in 2015, and it has become a place we are proud to call home. As a parent, I have a deep connection to Gleniti School where my eldest son Dan attended for eight years, and my youngest Davis is currently in Year 2 (Room 7). Professionally, I lead the procurement team at Vendella in Washdyke. With over 20 years of experience in international trade, I've worked with many people from all over the world and from all kinds of backgrounds which have helped me understand the value of diversity and collaboration. I'm also the President of the South Canterbury Chinese Society, where I work closely with Multicultural Aoraki and Welcoming Communities to strengthen our region's cultural connections. If re-elected, I will continue strengthening support for our international students and their families, promoting inclusive practices that celebrate diversity, and working closely with staff and parents in our school learning and new curriculum implementation. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. I am honored to continue this important work for our school community.



Belinda Skinner

Hi, I'm Belinda Skinner. My husband Ben and I have two children at Gleniti – Bianca (Year 3) and Freddie (Year 1). I work at Turley Farms, a cropping farm out of Temuka, as Chief Financial Officer, where I oversee Finance, Health and Safety, and Human Resources for the group. I report directly to the board and attend all board meetings. I'm currently a director of Yap Orchards, a recently developed apple orchard in Rangitata, and Chair of Seedlands Ltd, a seed dressing plant based in Washdyke. I've previously served as an observer director at Dairy Holdings, a large commercial dairy business. In 2024 I was selected for, and attended, the Fonterra Governance Development Programme. These roles have given me a solid understanding of what effective governance looks like. I'm passionate about education, and I look forward to supporting Gleniti in continuing to thrive and develop as a great school for our children's future.



GLENITI SCHOOL PĀNUI



IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 27th - Friday 29th August

Central South Island NIWA Science & Technology

Fair held at Timaru Boys High

Thursday 4th September

Year 5-6 Lion's Speech Competition

Friday 12th September

House Sing Off and House Colours

Non Uniform 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 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

DAFFODIL DAY



HOUSE SING OFF



GLENITI SCHOOL OPEN DAY

GLENITI SCHOOL OPEN DAY

All current and future Gleniti Whānau are welcome to have a look around our school between 9am and 12pm on

SEPTEMBER 2ND 2025

OUR TIMETABLE FOR THE DAY IS:

9-10.30AM - CLASS INSTRUCTION
10.30-10.55AM - MORNING TEA. VISITING PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO BE IN THE PLAYGROUND WITH THE CHILDREN OR HAVE A COFFEE WITH THE STAFF IN THE STAFFROOM.
10.55AM-12PM - CLASS INSTRUCTION

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU



GLENITI SCHOOL PĀNUI



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Saturday, August 30th at Scottish Hall

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: wishcontimaru@gmail.com
Wishcon.co.nz

Logos: MANA & MEEPLES, THE SHINY SQUAD, WISHCON

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

Logos: SOUTH CANTERBURY AERO CLUB, QR CODE

ECO Youth ~ CAMP ~

Water Testing, Trapping, Planting
Invasive species eradication
games, chilling, bird id's
and great food

SOUTH CANTERBURY ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

Logos: ECO, SOUTH CANTERBURY

This is going to be the camp of the year. Water testing, trapping, planting, invasive species eradication, bird ID's, chilling, games and great food.

Where you ask - Peel Forest Lodge!

Contact Chris for more information 0220847450
or biodiversity@scecocentre.org.nz

ART IN MOTION

Wearable Arts - South Canterbury

Saturday 27th September 2025

Tickets On Sale Now - \$30

Available on our website:
www.artinmotionsc.com

Powered by Humanitix

Two Shows Only 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Caroline Bay Hall, Timaru

Image: A person in a colorful, ruffled costume.



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Every lunch is a chance to win!

Win one of **three \$50 Kindo Credit Prizes** each week

Every lunch order enters you into next week's draw. And every lunch puts you in the running for the Grand Prize drawn at the end of Term 3.

The winner chooses their reward:
A Family Memory Maker with Chuffed Gifts (valued at \$549)
OR \$500 grocery vouchers
OR \$500 Kindo Credit

Family Memory Maker

- 45+ experiences
- Options for 2 adults, and 2 to 4 kids
- Valid for 2 years

Valued at \$549!

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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

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ILLUMINATE
EXPERIENCE MORE THAN JUST LIGHTS

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!

NEW TO TENNIS OR MAKING A COMEBACK?

Give tennis a go for **FREE**
HIGHFIELD TENNIS CLUB
 & PARTICIPATING CLUBS NATIONWIDE

Phone Fiona Jackson for more information 027 772 7900

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

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



FOR ENTRY FORM AND FURTHER
DETAILS PLEASE VISIT
www.fairlie.school.nz



**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 tūi 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.

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](https://www.predatorfreetimaru.org.nz)
timarupf@gmail.com

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.

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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!

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

[More information www.scecocentre.org.nz/events/](http://www.scecocentre.org.nz/events/)

