

GLENITI



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FROM THE SWIVELY CHAIR

Kia ora e te whānau,

Term 4, Week 9 and with just seven school days to go for 2025 we can look back on a great year of learning. It has been lovely to read through end-of-year reports this week (being emailed home on Monday) and see the great progress that our ākonga / students have achieved. In the midst of a year of change and challenge with new curriculums (and revisions), and a school-wide recladding project in progress we are super proud of our tamariki and their many achievements.

Ngā mihi nui - a huge thank you to Mrs Taylor and the Student Council for November 20th's 50c Gala. What a wonderful afternoon of fun and excitement! Thanks too to the PTA for their support. Tino pai to mahi - great work everyone!

Keep an eye out on Monday for emails home with an overview of our 2026 School Organisation, your child's end-of-year report and class for next year. We are also looking forward to celebrating our Year 8 Graduates at next week's Leavers Dinner, as well as at the Year 6-8 Senior Prizegiving / Celebration Assembly. With the stadium out of action, and nowhere to host our whole school community - alongside your survey feedback from last year supporting change in this space, we are trialling a different structure this year with the evening event at Timaru Girls High School and daytime celebrations here at school (see further details).

As always, huge thanks for all your support this year as parents and whānau. Very best wishes for the upcoming break when we get there!

Mark Creba

Tumuaki / Principal



STUDENT COUNCIL MUFTI DAY RAISING FUNDS FOR STREET CATS SOUTH CANTERBURY

We held a very successful Mufti Day raising \$600 for Street Cats. Thank you to everyone who donated so generously for a great cause. Pictured is Estelle, Paige & Charlotte who went to Pet Central to get a photo with "Possum" one of the cats up for adoption.



STUDENT COUNCIL 50C GALA

The students had a fun afternoon enjoying all the stalls organised by the Student Council! The weather was hot and the ice blocks at the end were well received by everyone (thanks to the PTA for supplying these). Thumbs up to Renee in the office who sat under the Dunking Machine and got very wet, much to the delight of the children! We raised \$1618 which is being used to buy 4 new bench seats for the lunch area.

Special thanks to our former pupils who came and helped out on the stalls: Emily Phimister, Reuben & Flynn Wheeler, Matthew & Emma Armstrong, Cameron Hunter, Jack Houstoun & Henry Jorgensen. Your enthusiasm & guidance was much appreciated by everyone.

We wish to acknowledge the generous support of ASB Bank Timaru who donated balls, sports bags, caps and drink bottles, Carly and the team at Butler Electrical, Hayley & Andrew Griffiths from New World and Kaye from Subway who supplied vouchers for prizes. Also, the Cunningham-Beynon, Dirkzwager, Gresham, Morgan and McRae families who kindly donated prizes.



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TRANSITIONING TO A NEW LEARNING TEAM

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

To support those students who are transitioning from one Learning Team to another, we are continuing this year with our normal transition process.

The details are outlined below:

Beginning of Week 10 (Monday 8th December): End of Year reports are emailed home, along with a 2026 Class Placement Letter, Overall School Organisation document and Stationery List.

Tuesday 9th December: Students have the opportunity to spend time in their new classroom from 1.45pm, with their new teacher and students who are not transitioning. They will meet their teacher and get to know a little bit about how things are done in that room.

Evening of same day - parent 'Meet the Teacher' evening. This will enable parents to meet their child's new teacher and hear about the new Learning Team. To cater for people who may have children transitioning to 2 new teams the timing is as follows:

4.30pm: Kākano Learning Team (Years 0-2) Room 2

5:00pm: Tinaku Learning Team (Years 3 & 4) Room 6

5:30pm: Māhuri Learning Team (Years 5 & 6) Room 9

6:00pm: Rākau Learning Team (Year 7 & 8) Room 14 (Hall)

There will be an opportunity to hear from the Team Leaders and teachers, followed by time to speak with individual teachers.

We're confident this process will allay any fears students may or may not have about the unknown, and make for a happy holiday and a positive start to next year.

Vicki McFarlane

Deputy Principal

SOUTH ISLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL TENNIS CHAMPS

On the 23rd, 24th & 25th of November, the annual South Island Primary School Tennis Champs took place at the Aoraki Trust Tennis Centre. Jaxson & Carter Goldsmith were competing in the Year 5 & 6 grade against different players from across the South Island. Both Carter & Jaxson competed in the doubles, as well as the singles competition. Jaxson played 4 singles matches and was placed 4th overall, and along with Carter in doubles they were placed 2nd. Unfortunately Carter got a stomach bug and had to pull out of the singles competition after 2 matches, but was able to play alongside his brother until the finals of the doubles. A huge congratulations to both boys for their efforts, as well as the support they showed each other with the unexpected sickness. We are all incredibly proud of you both.



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PRINCIPAL AND ARCHER AWARDS



Remi, Jake, Isaac



Sophia, Zac, Arwen, Arley, Ellie, Matilda



Brooke, Suzi, Pippa, Paige, Cameron, Hannah, Felicity, Sophia

Toby, Dean, Luca, Evaan, An Ge



Kai Qi,



Sophie

SOUTH CANTERBURY ATHLETICS

On Tuesday the 25th of November, 42 students met at Aorangi Stadium to participate in this year's South Canterbury Athletics. The conditions were perfect for the day and all students were eager to test their abilities against other competitors from the region. I want to congratulate all participants on their efforts during the day, you should be very proud of yourselves. Here are some notable results from the day:

Under 10 100m - Karter Manoa 1st
 Under 12 100m - Harry Cledhill 2nd
 Long Jump 11 & over - Nikora Karauria 1st
 Shot Put 11 & over - Dekan Fishburn 3rd
 High Jump 11 & over - Nikora Karauria 3rd
 Baseball Throw 11 & over - Dekan Fishburn 3rd
 Shot Put AWDID - Tymon Fitzgerald 2nd
 Shot Put Under 9 - Arwen Liew 1st
 High Jump Under 9 - Estelle Ross 3rd
 Boys Under 11 Relay - Lachie Cahill, Karter Manoa, Lachie Hampton, Archie Harkness 2nd
 Boys 11 & over Relay - Kaiya Salisbury, Harry Cledhill, Nikora Karauria, Zack Burdett 2nd
 Girls 11 & over Relay - Ella Harkness, Stevie Emmerson, Paige Pehi, Noa Johnson 2nd
 Also, a massive thank you to all parents who helped out throughout the day!



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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 8th December

Reports and 2026 Class Placement Letters emailed home

Team Mahuri Mural Celebration 9.15am

Team Rākau Big Day Out

Junior Kakano End of Year Trip

Tuesday 9th December

2026 Class Transition Afternoon/Evening

Wednesday 10th December

Year 8 Leavers Dinner

Upper Kakano End of Year Trip

Team Māhuri End of Year Trip

Thursday 11th December

Year 6-8 End of Year Celebration

- Timaru Girls High School Hall - 6.30pm start

Year 0-5 - End of Year Celebration to be held at school at 2pm

Last day of term - Friday 12th December

First day of 2026 - Wednesday 28th of January



Join us for a celebration as we reveal our breathtaking Murals

December 8th at 9:15

- Kapa haka group will open the ceremony
- Speech & acknowledgments by Mr Creba
- Enjoy refreshments while viewing the murals in more detail



Gleniti School End of Year Kākano and Māhuri Celebration

We warmly invite parents to come and join us for a casual end of year celebration.

Date: 11th December
2:00pm-2:40pm



Come and join us for a short celebration time in Learning Teams before joining together to sing a few Christmas carols.



2pm: Junior Kākano (Rooms 1,2,3,4,17): Room 1

2pm: Upper Kākano (Rooms 5,6,7): Room 6

2pm: Māhuri (Rooms 8,9,10,11,12): Outside Room 9



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