



FROM THE SWIVELY CHAIR

Kia ora e te whānau,

Term 3, Week 3 and we're underway with the Spring term and lots of great learning is happening. Ngā mihi - thank you for your support last week with our mid-year Parent-Teacher interviews. Kaiako / teachers really value these important times to connect with you and your child around their current progress and achievement, and to revisit / set next-step goals.

The term has started with excitement inside and out of the classroom including a wonderful Book Week, Year 7&8 Ski/Skate Day, and senior student's ready to present their Science Fair projects. It was fantastic to attend last night's Aoraki Maths Competition, and to see all of our teams competing well. A special congratulations to Gleniti A - our Year 8 team who won their competition. Tino pai to mahi! Great work!

A reminder that nominations for our upcoming Board of Trustees Elections close in 8 days. Please consider this important role in the life of the school, and/or encourage / nominate someone (with their permission!) in our school community who you think would be good for the role. The meeting commitment is not onerous, and it is a great way to be involved / support the continued growth and development of our kura.

Looking ahead - remember Friday Footpath Frenzy each week: a great way to look after our planet, encourage active, safe transport and connect with others. Next week we are looking forward to Mountainview High School's Jazz Band visit and performance, as well as a visit from the founder of Timestables Rock Stars and entering in the South Island Rocks competition. Good times!

Kia pai to ra! Have a great day.

Mark Creba

Tumuaki / Principal

AORAKI MATHS

Congratulations to our Year 7 and 8 Students who competed in the Aoraki Maths Competition held at

Timaru Boys High School last night. This evening is always an exhilarating, nail biting, heart pumping event.

A huge congratulations to Zachary Tong, Adam Pearce, Thenuli Wariyapperuma and Zack Burdett who finished first in the Year 8 event.



WELCOME

Welcome to the following student who has recently started at Gleniti: Ignacio Contreras Lugo R2

FRIDAY FOOTPATH FRENZY

This week's walking school bus will meet at the corner of Mountainview Road and Murchison Drive at 8.30am on Friday the 1st of August.

PRINCIPAL & ARCHER AWARDS





Peter, Isaac, Kenzie

Hudsor



Ayansh, Frankie, Miles, Ada, Josef



Chelsea, Liam, Jordan, Arley, Bianca



Aydin, Harley, Jemma, Lucy, Sophie, Izzy, Peyton, Heidi, Harper, Benji, Manaaki, Harper, Cohen, Bodhi, Joshu Tymon Gleniti School Newsletter 12/2025



BASKETBALL COACHES URGENTLY NEEDED

Thank you to everyone for returning the basketball permission slips in preparation for the Y3-6 basketball season. It is great to see a huge number of students keen to play this season.

The reason we are emailing is that out of the 90 kids that have signed up for this season, we have only had one parent put their name down for coaching. We are in desperate need for more, particularly for our six Year 5/6 teams. If we are unable to find enough coaches by Friday 1st August then we cannot enter teams in the competition.

If you are able to help out please let us know ASAP.

Nic Cleaver, Nick Allen, Vicki McFarlane, and Gill Taylor (Basketball Coordinators)



Congratulations to our students in Kiwi who won the PB4L challenge. This Friday the 1st of August these students are invited to come to school dressed in their Kiwi house colour - orange. An email was sent home to all those students in Kiwi.

Please note, all other students are to come in their uniform as normal.

ADVENTURE BASED LEARNING



Last week the Year 7 and 8 House Leaders and Councillors participated in 3 Adventure Based Learning activities (ABL) sessions facilitated by Noah Keesing. The 3 sessions focused on teamwork, communication and problem solving. The ABL - Adventure Based Learning describes the purposeful use of sequenced activities, including games, trust activities and problem solving or team challenges, for educational or developmental outcomes.

ABL activities can provide opportunities for participants to: Learn more about themselves and each other Enhance ability to communicate and work cooperatively. Overcome challenges - as individuals and/or in groups Increase their awareness of, and respect for, each other's strengths. Develop better relationships with each other (and others, e.g. teachers). Develop their confidence and self esteem · Experience different teaching styles and learning contexts. Develop their team leadership skills. Meet goals associated with the curriculum















IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 31st July

Team Rākau Science Fair - Classroom Exhibition

Tuesday 12th August **School Photos**

Thursday 14th August Bluestone vs Gleniti Year % Rugby Game

> Monday 18th August **Teacher Only Day**

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

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 & Public Holidays School will be closed for instruction on the

following days:

Monday 18th August - Teacher Only Day Monday 27th of October - Labour Day Monday 10th of November - Teacher Only Day



SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are being held on Tuesday the 12th of August. A reminder that children must be in correct uniform for school photos.

If you are in need of new polo shirts, these are available form the Office at all times during the year and are \$40 each. If you would like to try on polos for sizing, next Monday during Parent Teacher Interviews would be the perfect time to do this. The Office will be open from 8am until 4pm.

YEAR 7 AND 8 SKI/SKATE DAY

Last Thursday some of our Year % students travelled to Tekapo for a fun filled day of skating, tubing and soaking in the hot pools. The remainder of the students headed to Roundhill for a day of skiing. Thankfully the weather played its part and the kids had a great time. Many thanks to the parents who drove the children to Roundhill and helped on the day.





COMMUNITY NOTICES







WEDNESDAY 6th AUGUST @ 6:30pm

"Seen" is a powerful Australian documentary exploring how healing our own emotional wounds can transform the way we connect with our children. Over 74 mins, it weaves together real stories and expert insights from leaders like Maggie Dent, Nathan Wallis, Lael Stone, Dr Vanessa Lapointe. The film highlights how just 20 minutes of focused connection each day can reshape a child's brain and open the door to stronger, healthier relationships. This film is not available in mainstream cinemas, so we are thrilled Movie Max has recognised its value and is supporting this local screening. Tickets only \$20 and are only available to purchase online

https://seenthefilm.com/





COMMUNITY NOTICES





COURSE FOR PARENTS - BULLYING







COMMUNITY NOTICES

Winter Wellness

Early Childhood Centre/Kōhanga/School

Těná kotou katoa,

Cooler winter weather means more people are likely to get sick with colds, flu, and other respiratory illnesses, such as whooping cough. This increases the risk of these illnesses being brought into your home, workplace, centre or kura/school.

We recommend sharing the following information with staff, whanau and communities by email, social media or notice boards

Keeping your centre healthy

We also have advice on our website about keeping your centre healthy: Keeping your centre healthy – Health New Zealand | Te. Whatu Ora

This includes:

- Now to limit the spread of the virus
- ≥ how to recognise an outbreak and
- what to do about your outbreak

 resources for school whânau you may
 want to put some of these snippets on
 your website/Facebook page, or in your
 school newsletter. Please feel free to use
 the winter illness snippets (Resources –
 Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora) to
 help reduce the spread of influenc-like
 illnesses in your school community.

Messages for staff



It is important to keep your immunisation register, including staff, up-to-date.



Remind whānau to tell you when their tamariki receive immunisations. This will help us to quickly identify those that are most vulnerable.



Individuals who work with tamariki should get a flu vaccine to protect themselves and tamariki against infection



Whooping cough vaccines are free for pregnant women, all children under 18 years old and adults from 45 and 65 years. If you are not eligible for a free whooping cough vaccine, they can be purchased.



Have up-to-date contact details for whānau of tamariki in your centre/ Kōhanga/school in case you need to arrange for them to be picked up.



Support your staff to be immunised - bookings can be made via bookmyvaccine.health.nz.

Prevent the spread of illness in your centre/Kōhanga/school



Remind everyone that sick tamariki or staff should stay at home.



Ask whānau to let you know the reason for their tamariki being absent.



Regular cleaning of high touch surfaces e.g. door handles, counter tops, bathroom areas.



Good ventilation is an important way to reduce the transmission of respiratory viruses in indoor spaces where people gather and spend time



Encourage people to wash hands, cover coughs and sneezes, wear a mask if indoors in crowded areas.



Share key health snippets regularly with your community – there are tiles pre-prepared for newsletters, social media or websites. These can be found at Resources — Health New Zealand I Te Whatu Ora.

Vaccines to protect against illness

Increasing our immunisation coverage is the best way to protect our communities from illnesses this winter.

Influenza: The flu vaccine is available from 1 April every year. It is free for people who are pregnant, over 65 years old, and people at higher risk of getting very sick. Check with your healthcare provider to see if you are eligible.

Whooping cough: Whooping cough (pertussis) is a highly contaglous respiratory disease that is particularly dangerous for babies who have not been fully immunised. Immunisation during pregnancy is the best way to protect the baby until they can start their own immunisations at 6 weeks of age. Actearoa is experiencing a whooping cough epidemic, so now is a good time to get vaccinated.

Measles: New Zealand is at very high risk of a measles outbreak, due to our low immunisation rates and ongoing measles outbreaks overseas. It is important to get vaccinated, or if you are unsure if you are fully immunised, please contact your healthcare provider.

More information about eligibility for funded immunisations can be found at info.health.nz/immunisations.

If you have missed a vaccination, it's okay, It is free for tamariki to catch up on most vaccinations, and adults can catch up on lots too. Talk to your healthcare provider to make a plan.

You can also create a free, personalised routine immunisation schedule for your child: Create a child's personalised immunisation schedule.



Influenza (flu)

It is recommended that everyone over 6 months of age gets an annual flu



Bexsero (Meningococcal)

Pēpē and tamarīki should get their vaccine doses at 3 months, 5 months and 12 months.



Measles

All tamariki need two doses of MMR given at 12 and 15 months. If in any doubt that your tamariki have had both, talk with your GP.



Whooping cough (pertussis)

Pēpē and tamarīki should get their vaccine doses at 6 weeks, 3 months, and 5 months. Booster doses are offered at 4 and 11 years old.



COVID-19

Tamariki 5 years and older are able to have a vaccination.



leed more help?

For winter wellness advice from your local Public Health Nurse:

Public Health Nursing Service South Canterbury P: (03) 687 2320 | E: pubhealth@scdhb.health.nz

You can call Healthline for free, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on 0800 611 116. Talk to your General Practitioner (GP), pharmacist, hauora Māori provider, or Pacific health clinic.



Wearable Arts Comes to Timaru!!! Over 40 local, and national designs will take to the catwalk at Caroline Bay Hall, on 27th September 2025! TWO SHOWS ONLY!

1.00pm and 7.00pm

Competition Categories:

Carnival Delights

Made of Paper

Time-Travel

Avant-garde.

Tickets are available through the website artinmotionsc.com – or look on HUMANITIX for the event – \$30 per ticket

Limited seating, so don't miss out on this RED-CARPET EVENT for Timaru! Funds raised this year will go directly to Multiple Sclerosis South Canterbury.

Organised by the local team of Robyn Valentine, Fiona Pierce and Catherine O'Neil (Former Gleniti School pupil Sophie Valentine will be on the catwalk showing off her Mum's creations from Australian Wearable Arts 2024 and 2025. Come along and see what Robyn has been up to since creating all those Jump Jam costumes for Gleniti back in the day!)





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