

GLENITI





FROM THE SWIVELY CHAIR

Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome back to school for 2026. It's been fantastic over the last week to have all our tamariki back refreshed and ready for a great new year ahead. Whether you're a long-standing member of the Gleniti school whānau or this is your first year as part of our community, it's great to have you here.

Our overarching theme and anchor for this year's learning is "Mā te rongo, ka mōhio - From listening comes knowledge". With our ākonga / students, this year at kura / school we are hoping to learn about listening to each another, understanding our local stories, and in Term 1 strengthening the "vibe of our tribe". We want every student at Gleniti School to feel they belong and to know that their voice is heard.

Welcoming new faces - alongside our new ākonga, we're excited to have some excellent new kaiako / teachers joining our team this term. A big welcome to Luke Robb, Kacey Hislop, Maggie Knowles, Lara Swaney, Julia Lightfoot, and Nic Parmenter who is rejoining our teaching team. Please look out for them in Rooms 2, 5, 7, 16 and around our kura.

Upcoming Events / Dates for the Fridge - we're straight into a busy term. a) Waitangi Day: in the lead-up for this public holiday on Friday, classrooms are getting underway with learning about the day's significance, including investigating the history of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. b) School Picnic & Open Classrooms: mark your diaries for Wednesday, 18 February @ 5:30 pm. This is our traditional "Meet the Teacher" event with a relaxed Gleniti vibe. Connect with other whānau over kai, and then have a look through your child's learning space, and meet the team, while your tamariki enjoy a game outside with our House Leaders. c) Camps: it feels early to mention, but our Year 6 Raincliff Camp and Year 7/8 Aoraki/Mt Cook Camps are coming up fast in Week 6 and 8. Keep an eye out for permission slips coming home soon.) Goal Setting Interviews: we have our normal start-of-year interviews scheduled later this term in Week 7 (9 & 11 March). Watch this space for booking details soon.

We are excited to announce we are now using a new student management system this year called Hero. There is more information about Hero in the newsletter and it is vital all parents read this and log in as soon as possible.

Looking forward to a great term ahead, grounded in our ARCHER values - Manaakitanga (Caring) and Whakaute (Respect). Kia pai to ra!

Mark Creba

Tumuaki / Principal

WELCOME

Welcome to the following students who have recently started at Gleniti: Thomas Potter R1, Piper McKay R2, Oliver Lilley R3, Norah Peck R1, Theo McLauchlan R4, Riley Amies R3, Indie Jarvis R4, Madeline Spearpoint R1, Hudson Ashby R4, Aiden Van der Merwe R12, Lihan Van der Merve R12, Chloe Welbourn R16, Madeline Skinner R9, Ryah Te Rata- Taituha R11, Finn Pearson R2, Roxy Armstrong R17, Bailee Armstrong R12

NAMING ITEMS

Please ensure all clothing, especially hats and sweatshirts, lunch boxes, drink bottles, scooters and helmets are named.

UPDATING DETAILS

If you have recently moved, changed email address, cell phone numbers or had a change in family circumstances including changes to custody orders, please email the office to update your details.

ABSENCES TO THE OFFICE

A reminder that all absences must be reported to the Office before 9am each morning. If you are emailing a teacher about an absence, please cc the Office also as at times teachers are off site or unable to check last minute emails before 9am.

Absences can be telephoned in at anytime, emailed or completed through the Hero school app. The @school app will still be available until the end of the term.

HOUSE DAY - TOMORROW

Unsure of your child's House - log in to Hero to find it on the Homepage.





WELCOME TO HERO - IMPORTANT MUST READ INFORMATION

Gleniti School is excited to announce that we are now using Hero as our student management system. Hero will be our one stop go to for all school related information.

Via the Hero app, you will have access to:

- up to date reporting on your child's learning.
- community feeds, providing all our usual newsletter updates
- notices specific to your child/children
- permission forms for class trips and sports sign ups
- access to financial statements - all accounts will be loaded on here for you to keep track of
- class notices specific to your child/children
- term dates (School calendar coming soon)
- submit absences
- interview Bookings

By the start of Term 2 we will say goodbye to all our other communication streams including, @school, Skool Loop, Facebook and Seesaw. This means we need all our parents/caregivers to log in as soon as possible.

Who will have access to Hero?

- Parents/caregivers who have a current email address in our system.

How do you sign up for Hero?

Follow the instructions on the next page. It's really quite simple!

- download the app
- enter your email address
- select new user
- Select submit
- check your email
- follow the link

Trouble logging in?

- Your email address may not match what we have in our system or you share the same email address as your partner and they have already logged in. Please contact the Office with any concerns.

Where can you learn more about Hero?

- **click on the link for everything you need to know: Parent Guide | Hero**

You will notice there are no current feeds on the Community Link. This is because when someone new joins Hero they will not see past feeds. We will start running feeds from Monday so please do your best to sign in before then. We will run a survey in the feeds to check who has logged in.

You can change your notification setting to suit your needs. If you aren't someone who checks in regularly you can set email notifications to tell you there are new messages.

Will there be teething issues? YES!!!!

- With any big changes, there are always going to be things we don't quite get right the first, or second time but rest assured we will be doing our best. We have already checked through the student transfer and have fixed any errors we can see but with over 360 students we may have missed something. Please contact the office with any concerns or questions.





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READY, SET, SIGN IN!

Stay in the loop by following these steps

1 DOWNLOAD THE HERO APP

Once downloaded, click 'Sign In'

2 ADD YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Select 'Next'

3 SELECT "NEW USER"

Your account will be set up by your school using the email address that you provided when you enrolled your children, use this address to request a password.

4 SELECT "SUBMIT"

Hero will send you an email with a link to follow.

5 CHECK YOUR EMAIL

You should receive an email within five minutes.

6 FOLLOW THE LINK

This will take you to a secure page to enter your chosen password.

If you encounter problems logging in, please check with your school to make sure they have the correct details for you.



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IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 5th February

House Day - Wear your house colours to school

Friday 6th February

Waitangi Day - Public Holiday School Closed

Wednesday 18th February

School Picnic - 5.30pm on the field

Monday 2nd March - Wednesday 4th March

Year 6 Camp & Year 5 Kids in Action Days

Tuesday 3rd March - Friday 6th March

Room 14 and 16 Year 7/8 Camp

Monday 9th March 3.20pm - 6.10pm

and Wednesday 11th March 3.20pm - 5.40pm

Goal Setting Interviews

Monday 9th, Wednesday 11th, Friday 13th, Tuesday 17th,

Wednesday 18th and Friday 20th

Kakano Swimming - Years 0-2

Tuesday 10th March

Swimming Sports 9am -12pm Years 5-8

Friday 13th March

South Canterbury Triathlon

Monday 16th March

Teacher Only Day - School Closed for instruction

Tuesday 17th March - Friday 20th March

Room 13 and 15 Year 7/8 Camp

Friday 27th March

South Canterbury Swimming Sports

Thursday 2nd April

Last day of Term 1

Monday 20th April

First Day of Term 2

Term 1

28 January - Thursday 2nd April

Term 2

Monday 20th April - Friday 3rd July

Term 3

Monday 20th July - Friday 25th September

Term 4

Monday 12th October - Thursday 10th December

Teacher Only Day - School Closed for Instruction

Monday 16th of March

Friday 22nd May

Monday 24th August

Monday 16th November

Public Holidays

Friday 6th February

Monday 27th April - ANZAC Day observed

Monday 1st June - Kings Birthday

Friday 10th July - Matariki

Monday 26th October - Labour Day





LOST PROPERTY



ITINERANT SINGING AND MUSIC LESSONS

Itinerant Singing and Music Lessons at Gleniti School 2026
We are once again excited to offer both singing and music lessons during school time at Gleniti School. If you are interested in singing or music for your children this is an amazing opportunity just for you!

Ella Thomas (ETVS) will be continuing to teach singing on a Friday morning and Jannette Aldridge (Mrs A's Music) will continue to teach music on a Wednesday afternoon.

Please check out the websites below and if you are interested or would like more information please contact Ella Thomas for singing or Jannette Aldridge for Music.

<https://www.ellathomasvocalstudio.com/>

EMAIL - vocalstudio@yahoo.co.nz

TEL - 027 631 4818

<https://www.mrsasmusicschool.co.nz/>

0276864877

admin@mrsasmusicschool.co.nz

If you would like any further information please feel free to contact me at school

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AN AMAZING GIFT FOR OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY



At the end of last year as part of Team Māhuri's art topic, Room 11 wrote to many of our wonderful local artists and the students received some wonderful replies. It was a lovely surprise when artist Trevor Askin presented Henry Brunton with a reply to his letter along with his amazing book titled 'I'm a verb - Sculpture in Bronze' by Trevor Askin. This was gifted to our school library. Trevor was really impressed with the letter and questions he received. We are very appreciative of this amazing koha and we would like to thank Trevor for his generosity.

SIGNING STUDENTS OUT EARLY

If you are collecting your child/children at any time during the school day, you **must** call into the Office before collecting them from their classroom. You will be given a sign out slip from the Office to give to the class teacher to enable your child to be released from class.



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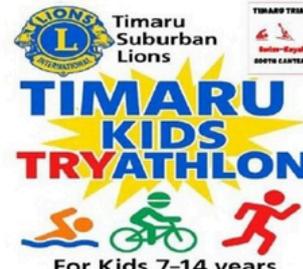
COMMUNITY NOTICES



Gleniti Scout Group
Come along for adventure & fun

Keas aged 5 - 8 years
Cubs aged 8 - 11 years
Scouts aged 11 - 14 years

Contact: Rose ph 027 605 8419 or
Ph 0800 SCOUTS



Timaru Suburban Lions
TIMARU KIDS TRYATHLON
For Kids 7-14 years

Sunday 22 February 2026
Caroline Bay & CBay Outdoor Pool, Timaru
Open For All Abilities- Come And Give It A Go!

Registrations: open now
Event starts at 10 am
facebook.com/TimaruKidsTRYathlon
email: entries@timarukidstriathlon.nz



Scan to Register



Sponsors: Be part of the action! become a TRIATHLON sponsor
Support our kids, support our community! Help make magic happen
Put your logo where the action is — become a TRIATHLON sponsor!

Register TODAY to secure your placement

Timaru 2026 Parenting Programme

The Incredible Years
Family Works will deliver the Incredible Years Programme in Timaru dependent on sufficient enrolments.
20 parents committed to attending is essential to ensure delivery of this incredible programme!

For Parents of: Children 3 - 8 years:

Tuesdays:
Starting 24 February 2026
6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

This 14 week programme will focus on practical step-by-step suggestions and support to help in handling the every day situations parents face.
Sessions are held once a week for 2.5 hours, (excluding school holidays).

To enrol or for further information call
Liz Munro **NOW** at Family Works
03 688 5029 / 0274 688200
email: liz.munro@pssc.co.nz

VENUE: Family Works, 26 North Street, Timaru

www.pssc.org.nz/family-works

Free

Anglican Advocacy South Canterbury
Christchurch City Mission

OCEANS
Grief and Loss
Peer Support Programme

Oceans grief and loss is a peer support programme supporting people who are missing people in their lives. Grief from death, separation or changes in our lives can last a long time and sometimes it helps to be able to share our journey with others.

During the six (adults) to eight (children) week length of the facilitated programme people find support, strengths and encouragement in sharing and learning from each other.

“Grief is like the Ocean; it comes on waves ebbing and flowing. Sometimes it is calm and sometimes it is overwhelming. All we can do is learn to swim”. Vicki Harrison

Check out further information and register on anglicancare.org.nz

Contact Alexia, Oceans grief and loss coordinator
Text/phone: 0274 OCEANS (623267)
Email: oceans@anglicancare.org.nz

Note: There is a \$20 commitment fee to assist with related costs



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

I HOPE YOU ARE WELL. PLEASE SEE THE BELOW REGISTRATION FOR THE TERM 1 SC FUTSAL COMPETITION!

ALL INFORMATION FOR THE COMP IS ON THE FORM!!

[HTTPS://WWW.SPORTY.CO.NZ/VIEWFORM/492824](https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/492824)

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE REACH OUT!

THANKS,
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Southern Football
FOOTBALL 6-8 February
FUTSAL 31 January - 1 February

Register now at
www.nzmg.com

NEW ZEALAND MASTERS GAMES™

TIMARU Seaweek.

Sat 28 Feb – Sun 8 March

Community events timetable:

SC Eco Centre website

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