

GLENITI



Fun in the sun!





FROM THE SWIVELY CHAIR

Kia ora e te whānau

As Summer officially comes to a close and the mornings start to feel a bit fresher, it is hard to believe we are already halfway through Term 1. The school year has started well with students settling in well, and lots of purposeful learning happening across all our classrooms. Camp Season and EOTC I am currently writing to you from our first Year 7 & 8 camp up at beautiful Aoraki / Mt Cook. We have been blessed with stunning weather and the students are throwing themselves into the EOTC programme with real Effort (Kaha). We are so fortunate to live in this amazing part of the world that we do, and to be able to give our tamariki such rich learning opportunities outside the classroom. A massive thank you to our teaching team for their hard work and organisation, and to the parent helpers who make these experiences possible. I also want to acknowledge Team Māhuri and our Year 6 students who are away at Raincliff Camp this week, and Year 5s who are back at school enjoying their 'Kids in Action' week. Tino pai to mahi - great work everyone.

Goal Setting Interviews are coming up next week, on Monday, 9 March and Wednesday, 11 March. These meetings are a vital part of our school theme: "Mā te rongō, ka mōhio - From listening comes knowledge". Please ensure you have booked your interview timeslot via the new Hero parent portal / learning management system app for either Monday, 9 March or Wednesday, 11 March. We would love to see 100% attendance for these hui / meetings as the teacher sits down with you and your child to review the start of the year and set goals for the first half of 2026.

Community Reminders - Sun Hats: A friendly reminder that hats are compulsory this term to keep everyone safe in the sun. Please check and make sure that your tamariki have a hat at school and are ready to go each day.
Swimming Sports: Our competitive school swimming sports are also coming up next Tuesday morning, 10 March, at CBay. Students in Year 5-8 who are competitive swimmers have had the opportunity to register for events, and we are looking forward to a great morning of action next week.

Ngā mihi nui - thanks again for your support and partnership as we get into the year and some rich learning. Kia pai to ra! Have a great day.

Mark Creba
Tumuaki / Principal

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Tumuaki / Principal

WELCOME

Welcome to the following students who have recently started at Gleniti: Tommy R2, Sophie R2.

START OF YEAR GOAL SETTING INTERVIEWS

Start of Year Goal Setting and meet the Teacher Interviews are being held on Monday the 9th and Wednesday the 11th of March. Bookings are now open via the Hero app and will close at 9am on Monday morning. Every child is expected to attend an interview with their parent/caregivers. If you have not yet done so, please book an interview slot as soon as possible.

To make a booking click on the School Booking icon on the Hero home screen.



School Bookings



TOUCH SINGLETS

The Touch season finishes tomorrow. Unless you are playing Year 7s basketball, all singlets are to be washed, with grass stains removed and returned to the office as soon as possible please.

LOST PROPERTY





KAHIKATEA NEWS

Over the last two years our Kura has been on a wonderful journey implementing consistent school-wide Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) practices. We've created new behaviour systems to support our ākonga as they move through the school. We've even been gifted a new name - 'Kahikatea' based on the whakataukī - "E tu Kahikatea" (Stand tall like the Kahikatea) a proverb that speaks about unity, standing strong, and supporting one another [Kahikatea trees are known for having intertwined roots that allow them to stand tall together against storms].

We are proud of our school wide expectations around behaviour and encourage all of our community to follow and support our ARCHER values.

| KAHIKATEA MATRIX : GLENITI SCHOOL | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| | ALL SETTINGS: Everybody, Everyday, Everywhere (3 E's) | KAI TIME | ONLINE |
| A chievement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ We celebrate everyone's successes ◆ We aim for progress and improvement ◆ We are resilient | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ We use devices to support our learning |
| R esponsibility | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ We are in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing ◆ We are organised ◆ We move around the school appropriately ◆ We own our actions ◆ We stop, think and make good choices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ We stay seated until the teacher lets us go ◆ We sit down to eat | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ We are responsible digital citizens |
| C aring | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ We look after our gear ◆ We show aroha to ourselves, others and the environment ◆ We are kind ◆ We include others | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ We ensure the space around us is litter free | |
| H onesty | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ We are brave ◆ We tell the truth ◆ We see something, say something ◆ We are role models ◆ We speak up for others | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ We eat our own kai | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ We need permission to use the internet ◆ We follow the classroom expectations when we use devices |
| E ffort | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ We work hard and persevere ◆ We reflect on our learning ◆ We give our best | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ We pick up any rubbish and use the three bin system | |
| R espect | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ We follow the Gleniti expectations ◆ We use our manners ◆ We use the wharepaku sensibly ◆ We use kind hands, kind feet and kind words ◆ We wear our uniform with mana | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ We respect other people's food choices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ We are respectful of privacy and ask permission |

The introduction of tokens in our classrooms has been another success.

As we continue working in this space, we are now seeking parent feedback on a couple of important areas around sense of belonging and student learning.

So, as you finish your child's upcoming Parent-Teacher Interview coming up in Week 7 and leave school via the main entrance / office area, you will see our wonderful Kahikatea and House Leaders inviting you to complete a short three question survey. We would really appreciate it if you could spare one minute.

Many thanks from the Kahikatea Team. We appreciate your support!

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 Ngā mihi
 Kate Hunter
 Assistant Principal
 Team Rākau Leader





EVERY DAY MATTERS: TOGETHER ON TARGET FOR THE FUTURE

At Gleniti School, we believe that regular attendance is the heartbeat of our students' success. It is fundamental not only to their academic achievement but also to their social connections and overall welfare. To support our tamariki in "Together on Target For the Future," we have implemented a refreshed Attendance Management Plan aligned with the latest Ministry of Education guidelines.

Our Shared Goal

The national target is for 80% of our students to attend school regularly (defined as being present more than 90% of the time). To reach this, at Gleniti School we focus on acting early to support families before absence patterns become chronic.

How Whānau Can Help

We see attendance as a partnership. You can support your child's learning by:

- **Prioritising Attendance:** Ensuring students attend every day they are able.
- **Communicating Early:** Notifying the school office before 9:00 am if your child will be absent, providing a clear reason.
- **Managing Appointments:** Scheduling medical visits or family trips outside of school hours or during holidays whenever possible.
- **Late Arrivals:** Ensuring any student arriving after 9:00 am signs in at the Office.

The STAR Framework

To keep everyone informed, we use the Stepped Attendance Response (STAR) framework to monitor progress each term:

| Phase | Attendance Level | What Happens? |
|---------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Green: Good | 90% - 100% | We celebrate high attendance and reinforce good habits. |
| Yellow: Worrying | 80% - 89% | Your child's teacher will reach out via phone or email to discuss any barriers and offer early support. |
| Orange: Concerning | 70% - 79% | A formal meeting with a Team Leader to develop a tailored support plan. |
| Red: Critical | Below 70% | Escalated support involving the Principal and potentially external agencies to ensure the student's return to school. |

Our teachers complete the electronic register by 9:05 am and 1:35 pm daily. If a student is absent without a reason, our office staff will aim to contact you by 9:30 am to ensure everyone is safe and accounted for.

We know that life happens, and sometimes there are barriers to getting to school. We encourage you to engage with us early if you need support. Together, we can ensure every day counts for our tamariki.





UNIFORMS

We have noticed some non-compliance with our Gleniti School Uniform Rules and would appreciate your support to ensure these guidelines are followed.

Gleniti School Uniform Rules:

Rationale:

Children's pride and identity with the school will be fostered through wearing the appropriate uniform.

Purpose:

To identify the children as pupils of Gleniti School.

To encourage respect and pride in the school.

To provide students with functional and appropriate clothing.

Guidelines:

Children must wear the correct uniform as detailed in the school Information Pack.

Parents/ caregivers should take responsibility for ensuring their children wear the correct uniform.

The staff of the school should also ensure that students wear the correct uniform.

- School uniforms should be clean and neat. Parents and the school expect a high standard of presentation.
- Students must keep their hair neat and tidy.
- Hair should be kept from the face, especially the eyes, and tied up if shoulder length or longer.
- Hair dye is permitted provided the colour is natural colourings (single colour).
- Hair style must allow wearing of the school sun hat in Terms 1 and 4.
- Plain ear studs are acceptable and no other visible body piercing.
- Other jewellery or adornments that are permitted include:
 - A watch
 - Plain gold or silver bangle
 - Cultural or religious items (if discussed and approved by the Principal)
 - Medic Alert tag or bracelet
 - No coloured nail polish to be worn.

Uniform list is available from the school office, and most is available from The Warehouse.

All articles of clothing should be marked with the owner's name.

Uniform Concerns:

In the first instance, any concerns regarding students not wearing the correct uniform will be discussed with the student and/or a phone call home from the class teacher.

Parents will have the opportunity to comment on uniform issues as the need arises.

If you have any questions or feedback, please email Vicki McFarlane at vickim@gleniti.school.nz

Gleniti School Uniform Requirements:

Uniform Items

- Black shorts - plain black poly/cotton rugby knit shorts to mid-thigh and/or black poly viscose straight leg or cargo shorts (mid-thigh).
- Black poly viscose skirt/ skort or culottes.
- Plain black track pants (fleece or taslon, no logo).
- Gleniti polo top
- Black thermal tops may be worn underneath the polo top.
- Maroon sweatshirt and/or polar fleece.
- Black tights or leggings may be worn under skirts/ culottes.
- Black or white socks
- Black shoes or suitable sports shoes
- Gleniti Bucket Hat
- Headbands in school colours.
- Sports Tops: Gleniti sports top (Year 7&8 only)



GLENITI SCHOOL PĀNUI



PRINCIPAL & ARCHER AWARDS



Ella, Luca, Luca, Tommi, Vincent



Evie, Adalyn



Matilda, Thea, Georgia, Alex, Luca, Henry, indie

Piper, Jack, Ajla



Kai Qi



Haidee, Libby, Ataahua, River, Liam, Kaiya, Poppy, Charlie





IMPORTANT DATES

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 March, 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

Tuesday 10th March
Year 5/6 Ripa Rugby Tournament

Thursday 12th March
Year 7/8 Ripa Rugby Tournament

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

Monday 28th 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

Student Led Conference -

Students Learning from Home

Monday 27th of July

Public Holidays

Monday 27th April - ANZAC Day observed

Monday 1st June - Kings Birthday

Friday 10th July - Matariki

Monday 26th October - Labour Day



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



Makes sense.

LEFT TO THEIR OWN DEVICES
Parenting in the digital era

With **Holly Brooker**

📅 MONDAY, 9th MARCH
🕒 7.00 PM - 8.30 PM
📍 WAIMATAITAI SCHOOL
👉 SAVE YOUR SEAT




Driving and the teenage brain.

JOIN NATHAN WALLIS & GREG MURPHY

Wednesday, 18 March
Caroline Bay Hall, Timaru
6:30 - 8:00 pm

Register at eyesupnz.co.nz

This engaging session will cover:

- How the brain works
- How the brain works when driving
- Fatigue + driving
- Distraction + driving
- Speed, alcohol and drugs, mobile phones
- Key driving safety tips.



DANCE CLASSES

B.B.S.D.

Email bronzbeat2022@gmail.com for more information. Spaces available for most Introductory Level Classes.

BRONZBEAT STUDIO OF DANCE





COMMUNITY NOTICES

Seaweek. *Toi Moana - Toi Tangata*
Healthy seas ~Healthy people

OCEAN INSPIRED ART COMPETITION

We want to 'sea' your artwork!

Scan for more information

The deadline for entries is the **15th of March!**

Create your art based of one of our themes

1. **How I Connect with The Ocean**
2. **Human Impact on Our Ocean**

Submissions are online so you can enter from anywhere in New Zealand!

Categories for all ages!

TIMARU Seaweek.

Connect with our Moana
Sat 28 Feb – Sun 8 March

Thanks to our community supporting Seaweek events.

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| Saturday 28th 9.30am - 3pm Experience Waka Ama with Te Aiharakihi | Sunday 1st 7am - 8am Beach Yoga and Meditation | Sunday 1st 10am - 2pm Children's Day with the SC Eco Centre | Tuesday 3rd 7pm Seaweek Eco Talk at SC Eco Centre |
| Wednesday 4th 10.30am Multicultural Aoraki Coffee Group Beach Walk | Thursday 5th 7pm Eco Youth meet up SC Eco Centre | Saturday 7th 1pm iNaturalist Bioblitz Waitaraka rocky shore with SC Museum | Sunday 8th 7am - 8am Beach Yoga and Meditation |
| Sunday 8th 1pm - 3pm Our Waitaraka Beach Cleanup | All week Timaru District Libraries displays + storytime, Wuhoo Timaru, Snap and Win | Explore • Learn • Protect Full event details: South Canterbury Eco Centre website | |

Brought to you by

SERVE, RALLY AND SMASH YOUR WAY TO FUN.

Celebrate International Women's Day by joining our Women & Girls "Have A Go" event in Canterbury.

This free event is part of a nationwide TTNZ initiative encouraging women and girls of all ages and abilities to try table tennis in a fun, welcoming environment. No experience is needed and all equipment is provided.

Saturday 7th March 2026

10:00am – 1:00pm

96 Coonor Road, Timaru 7910





COMMUNITY NOTICES

SPECIAL OFFER
FREE

- ✓ T-shirt
- ✓ Mouth guard
- ✓ Team photo
- ✓ Rugby Ball

Games start Term 2

Want to play rugby?

Junior registrations open now

1. Scan QR code to register online with Rugby Xplorer
2. Register in person at 34 Church St:
 - 10am-12pm March 1st
 - 5-7pm March 5th
 - 9am-11am March 7th

OR

\$50 per player
\$25 for each sibling

Northern Hearts AFC – 2026

Junior Football Registrations

Northern Hearts AFC still has a limited number of places available across several junior teams for the 2026 season.

Registrations are open to players aged 5-6 years (including children turning 6 this year) through to 13 years (birth years 2019/2020 to 2011).

Families interested in registering can find full details on our Facebook page, Northern Hearts AFC Juniors, or contact us directly at nheartsjuniors@hotmail.com.

Please note that registrations must be completed by Friday, 20th March.

Raquel Curtis

Junior Football Manager

Northern Hearts AFC

Northern Hearts Football 2026 Registrations

We still have a few spots available in Football Teams

If your child is keen to play football for Northern Hearts, this season you can find all the details

on our Facebook page - Northern Hearts AFC Juniors - or contact us on

nheartsjuniors@hotmail.com. Ages 5/6yrs (this includes 5year olds turning 6yrs this year) to

13yrs. (Birth year from 2019/20- 2014)

Registrations need to be completed by the Friday 27th of March.

Good men in the making

Join us at our Open Day
Sunday 8 March,
1pm - 3pm

Learning Together
Growing Together

TIMARU BOYS'
HIGH SCHOOL

www.timaruboysschool.nz | e. tbhs@timaruboysschool.nz | p. (03) 687 7560

Veterinary Centre
Whitehorse
BIG
Easy

SUNDAY MARCH 29, 2026
WAIMATE, RUN IT, WALK IT, BIKE IT.



GLENITI SCHOOL PĀNUI



COMMUNITY NOTICES

WAYNE PATRICK STUDIO
INTERACTIVE ART



PAINT YOUR OWN MASTERPIECE

TEAM BUILDING / INDIVIDUAL ARTWORK
GROUP MURALS / COLOUR OR MONOTONE
A FANTASTIC FAMILY ACTIVITY / THEMED ARTWORK
A GREAT INTRODUCTION TO ART
NO PAINTING EXPERIENCE NEEDED, JUST A SENSE OF HUMOUR
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - WILL TRAVEL
• WORKPLACE • SCHOOLS • REST HOMES •
Tutor/Artist: Wayne Patrick
Studio: 11A Royal Arcade Timaru **ALCOHOL FREE ZONE**
Ph/Text: 027 6060 833 • Email: waynepatrick@xtra.co.nz

CHILDRENS ART CLASS

- x Drawing Techniques
- x Suit ages 8 - 10
- x Structured Lessons
- + Limited to 6x Students
- x Duration 4x Weeks
- x Saturdays 10am - 11:30am

WAYNE PATRICK Studio
11a Royal Arcade Timaru
E: waynepatrick@xtra.co.nz
T: 027 6060 833

8th March 2026 Great Spot prizes

Temuka Swim Club Triathlon

Mini Tri - Swim 2 widths, Bike 900m, 500m Run (approx 10am)
Try a Tri - 50m Swim, 1.5km Bike, 500m Run (approx 9:30am)
Short Course - 150m Swim, 4.5km Bike, 1.5km Run (approx 9am)
3 9 3 - 300m Swim, 9km Bike, 3km Run (approx 8:30am)

Note - All bike courses are on grass and tracks. Start times will be finalized once online entries close.
Cost - Primary \$10, 13-17 years \$15, Adults \$20, Teams \$30

If numbers allow, late registrations maybe taken on the day at an extra cost







REGISTER ONLINE
Before 6th March



Temuka Swim Club Website or Facebook

LEARN TO SPEEDSKATE

INLINE SPEED SKATING BEGINNERS COURSE

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2026

Where: SC Roller Sports Club on Marine Parade.

When: Sundays at 10am

Cost: \$3 per session (first session free)

Who: Anyone 5 and up

You can use your own skates or borrow a pair of ours. Bring long socks, a helmet and a drink bottle



Weather permitting - If it's wet, we will start on the 22nd
For more information - Contact Cheryl on 021 026 26277



SIMPSONS FLOORING XTRA



Proudly supporting the fundraising efforts of Gleniti School

SIMPSONS FLOORING XTRA

We are giving back to Gleniti School!

Purchase your flooring through Simpson's Flooring Xtra Timaru, and we'll donate \$1 per metre to Gleniti School.
Mention the initiative and your local school when shopping with your local flooring expert and we'll take care of the donation back to your school.

Visit our showroom at 102 Hilton Highway, Timaru
Contact 03 688 2829 for a free measure & quote



GLENITI SCHOOL PĀNUI



COMMUNITY NOTICES

**OLD BOYS
TIMARU**

JOIN THE CLUB!!!

JAB REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN
SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 10:30AM – 12:30PM
WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH 5:00PM – 7:00PM
 UPSTAIRS AT THE OLD BOYS CLUBROOMS @ SCHOOL PARK, QUARRY ROAD, TIMARU

\$60 per player for the first child, siblings then only pay \$25 each
 Register before the 1st May to receive a free 2026 Training Tee
 All players receive a free team photo
 Players 12 years of age or under as of the 1st April 2026 are eligible to play JAB rugby.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER ONLINE

Timaru Old Boys Sports Club | www.timaruoldboys.com

To register, all players must be registered by a parent or guardian online through Rugby Explorer. If you require help with this process please come along to our registration open days at the clubrooms. If you have successfully already registered online again for 2026, you do not need to come to the clubrooms registration day.

**SOUTH
CANTERBURY
NEW ZEALAND**

OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH 2026
**2 TURNBULL STREET
TIMARU**
11AM – 2PM
ALL WELCOME

rnzb
ROYAL NEW ZEALAND BALLET

Dazzlehands

The Royal New Zealand Ballet is offering free workshops to celebrate the tour of their children's ballet Dazzlehands, based on the award-winning picture book by Sacha Cotter and Josh Morgan.

The 30 minute workshops, taken by a Dance Educator, include learning ballet positions/ steps and choreography from the Dazzlehands performance.

Where: Timaru Children's Library
 When: Monday 23rd March, 2026.

Workshop One - Preschool
 2:00-2:30pm
 Suitable for children aged
2 years to 4 years old.
 30 places available.

Workshop Two - Primary
 4:00-4:30pm
 Suitable for children aged
5 years to 11 years old.
 30 places available.

To book a place:
 Email: anita.dawson@timdc.govt.nz
 or phone: 03 687 7202



Easter EGG HUNT



Sunday 29th March
The Shearers Quarters, 1:00 – 3:30pm,
\$5.00 per person

All proceeds are going to
 World Vision

Hundreds of eggs to be found!





COMMUNITY NOTICES

Hi, the Cancer Society has created a discounted promo code for your school community who would like to attend a Celebrity Netball Game at the new Parakiore Recreation & Sports Centre.

The event is an exciting, feel-good community event, it is the One Goal: Beat Cancer Harcourts Grenadier Celebrity Netball Game. We are happy to share an exclusive discounted ticket offer for the school community.

This high-profile, high-energy event brings together sports stars, media personalities, and local legends for a fun, action-packed match, all in support of the Cancer Society. Keep an eye on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/cancersocietysouthern> as we announce the players.

Two star-studded teams, captained by iconic Kiwi personalities, will battle it out on court to raise awareness and funds for families facing cancer. Every goal helps people stay at the Canterbury Cancer Centre while they receive life-saving treatment.

Unlock your exclusive 33% discount by booking via the link below and entering the password (special rate: \$20 per adult and \$10 per child – 14 years & under).

URL: <https://premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?sh=ONEGOAL26&EP=PLAYER26>

Password: PLAYER26

Please note: this code is valid until Monday, 16 March, so be sure to book early. We've made it easy and affordable for everyone to be part of the action.

The venue

Parakiore Recreation & Sport Centre – the largest aquatic and indoor recreation and leisure venue of its kind in New Zealand.

Event programme – Sunday, 22 March 2026

1:30 pm – Doors open

1:30 – 3:00 pm – Coaching sessions & pre-game entertainment

2:30 – 3:30 pm – Celebrity introductions

3:30 – 4:30 pm – The Celebrity Netball Game

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Kind regards, Jonet

Ngā mihi | Kind regards

He waka eke noa | We're all in this together

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