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5 NOVEMBER 2025

GLENITI



TOP TEAMS



FROM THE SWIVELY CHAIR

Kia ora e te whānau,

On a day when the sun shone and the Top Teams challenges were rich, wacky, competitive and super fun - it was so good last Thursday to see our ākonga / students working in collaborative teams across the school solving problems and having a great time learning and working together. A big thank you - ngā mihi nui - to all the parents helpers involved, Sport Canterbury, and our kaiako / teachers for their mahi / work to make the day such a success (special thanks to Mr Cleaver for all his organisation to make it happen). Tino pai to mahi!

Well done to our Senior Boys team who represented us with pride at yesterday's Year 7&8 Cricket inter-school competition. Two great games of T20 cricket played, and excellent to see our tamariki playing the game well and with good spirit. All the very best to our Senior Girls team playing tomorrow, and a big thank you to the parent managers for their help with supervision.

If you haven't already, it is not too late to purchase a ticket for tonight's combined schools Digital Safety evening with Rob Cope (starting 6.30pm at Grantlea Downs school). Rob is an honest, informed, funny but straight-up presenter on this important topic and valuable information to share as we parent and educate children in the challenging and changing space of on-line safety. I highly recommend you look to attend the presentation if you are able.

Looking ahead - we are really looking forward to Athletics Sports day next Tuesday (after our Oct. 28 postponement due to weather). It's going to be a great day! Thanks to Nic Parmenter and all the team for their work / organisation towards this. The 50c Student Gala is just around the corner. Mrs Taylor and the Student Council are doing a great job of preparing as the excitement grows. Next Monday's Teacher Only Day is planning for 2026. Term 4 is a busy season of teaching, assessment, planning and report writing at kura. Lots of good things happening and to look forward to.

Mark Creba

Tumuaki / Principal

STUDENT COUNCIL 50 CENT GALA

The Student Council is holding a 50c Gala on Thursday 20th November from 1.00-2.30pm. There will be various stalls that the students are able to partake in, i.e. Hit the Cans, Lucky Stick, Chocolate Wheel, Cake Walk etc. Each activity is 50cents to take part in. In some stalls, students can earn points which can be used towards their class prize pack. Please note that the Gala is for Gleniti School students only and junior students will be helped by their teachers.

Any donations for prizes would be greatly appreciated, i.e. coloured pens, felt pens, stationery, balls, vouchers etc. Any enquiries, please contact Mrs Taylor in the school office. Thank you for your support!



TEACHER ONLY DAY

A reminder that school is closed for instruction on Monday as we have a Teacher Only Day. For those looking for childcare options, Hitplay are running a programme at school. More details at the end of the newsletter.

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to the following new students who have recently started at Gleniti School: Lottie Reardon R1, Lovelyn Brar R4, Stephanie Neilson R3.

YEARS 0-2 ACTIVITY DAY - IMPORTANT LOCATION UPDATE

Due to a variety of reasons we have made the decision to hold the Year 0-2 Activity Day at school instead of at the Stadium, on Tuesday 11th November from 1.00- 2.30pm.

If you are able to help please let your class teacher know.

Thanks for your understanding, Kākano Teachers



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YEARS 3-8 ATHLETICS DAY - TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

An invitation is extended to all parents and supporters to attend the annual **Gleniti School Athletic Sports** to be held on **Tuesday 11th November** at Aorangi Stadium

Children will need to make their own way to Aorangi Stadium to meet their teacher at 9.00am. Please be ready to pick up your child by 2.45pm from the stadium.

Grade	9.15am 800m Finals	Round 1 9.45am	Round 2 10.30am	Round 3 11.15am	12.00p m 200m Finals	Round 4 12.45p m	Round 5 1.30pm	House Relays 2.15pm
A 11+	*	Shot Put	Baseball Throw	High Jump	Lunch	Long Jump	100m	*
B U11	*	Baseball Throw	High Jump	Long Jump	Lunch	100m	Shot Put	*
C U10	*	High Jump	Long Jump	100m	Lunch	Shot Put	Baseball Throw	*
D U9	*	Long Jump	70m	Shot Put	Lunch	Baseball Throw	High Jump	*
E U8	*	70m	Shot Put	Baseball Throw	Lunch	High Jump	Long Jump	*

***Please note, due to the large number of Senior boys this year, our 12+ year olds will be spread out over the boys C and D grades. Please ask your son which group he is attached to and follow the timetable accordingly.**

All students will need to bring their own lunch, drink bottle, sunhat, jersey and plenty of sunscreen to wear.

All pupils should wear:

- Plain black shorts
- School top or sports top
- Sports shoes
- Regulation school sunhat

House Leaders are to wear their House Tee shirts instead of the sports top.

MEDICATION:

Please note if your child requires any medication i.e. for diabetes, asthma, bee stings, hay fever etc you will need to send this along with them on the day.

We look forward to seeing you all. Any cancellations will be put on the Gleniti School and Gleniti School Parents Facebook pages.

The results from our School Sports will be used to select the pupils who will compete in the **South Canterbury Primary School Athletics** competition at a date to be advised.

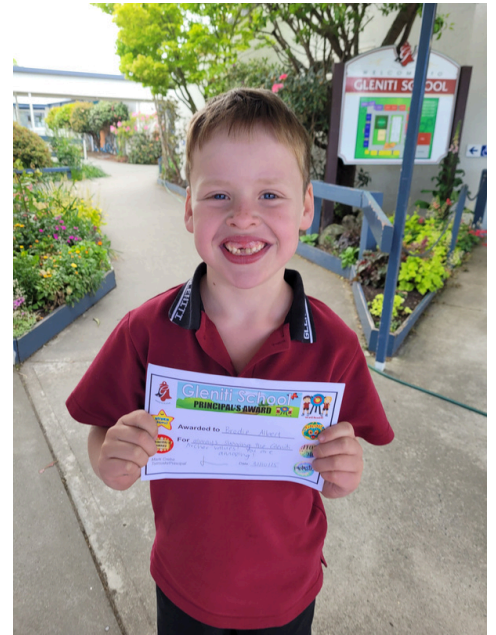




PRINCIPAL AND ARCHER AWARDS



Annabel, Beatrix, Mason, Jax, Liam, Daniel, Kyle
Kasen, Scarlett, Tabata, Kanav



Brodie



Emery, Evie, Alice, Ama, Chase, Charlie



Siraj



Haidee, Evie, Harriet



Bodhi, Tarian, Rawan, Kyle, Luca

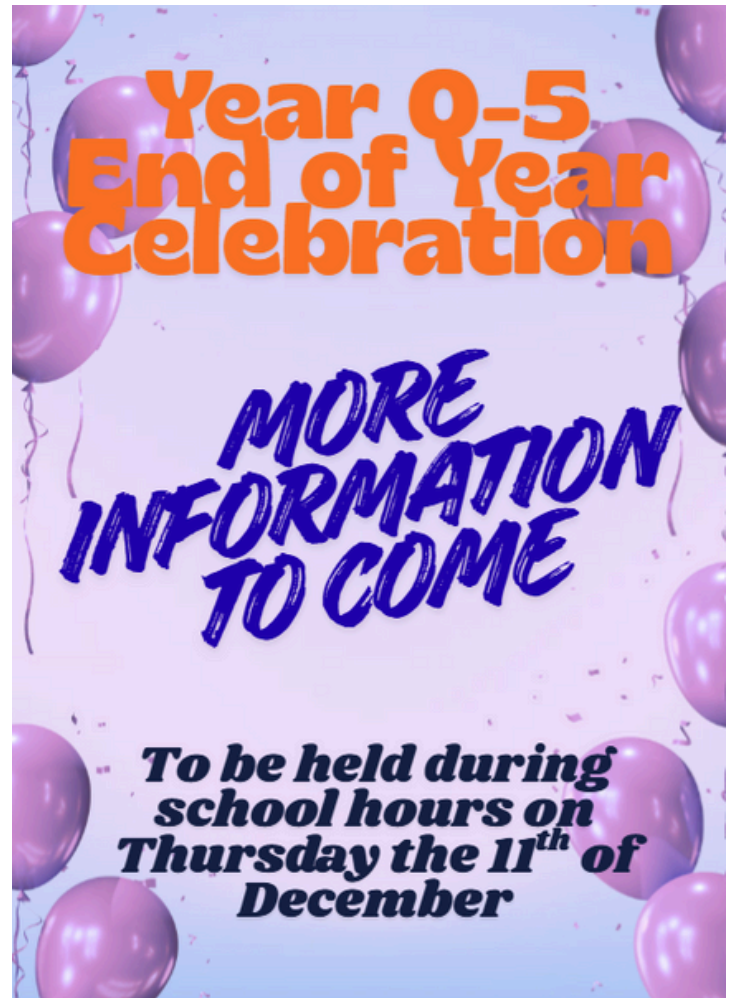
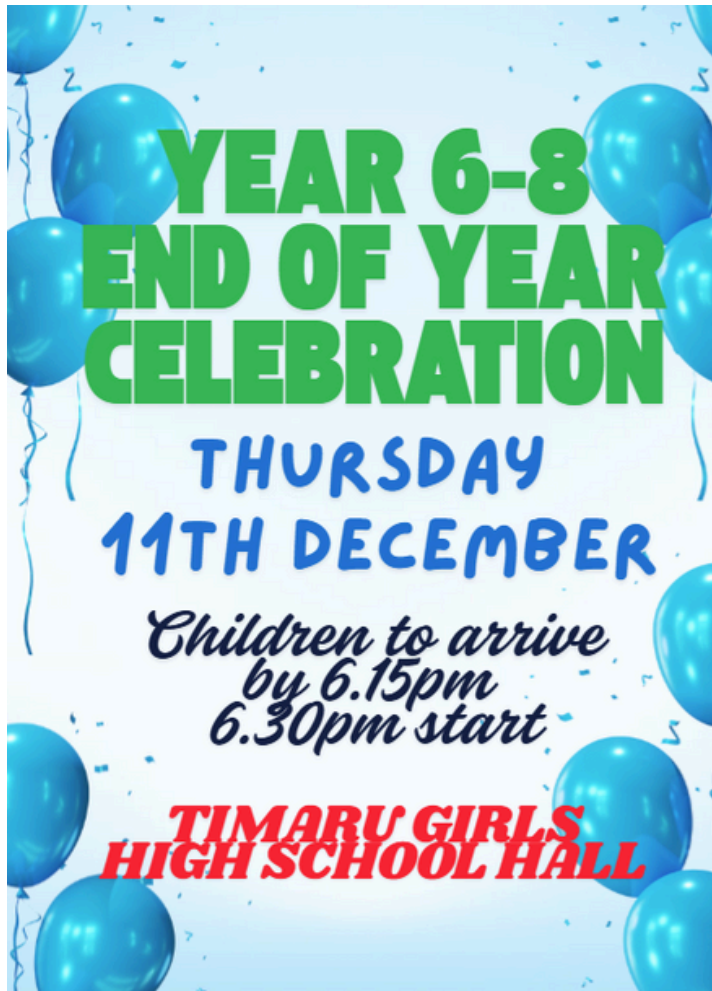


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END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

As advised in our last newsletter, due to the Stadium being out of commission and our hall being converted into classrooms, we have struggled to find a location in Timaru to accommodate our large school community for our End of Year Celebration. Timaru Girls High School have kindly allowed us to use their hall, but we are limited to 500 people seating capacity, therefore our evening End of Year Celebration will be limited to students and families in years 6-8. More information will be sent to families in Years 0-5 when their End of Year Celebration details are confirmed. Their event will be held at school during school hours on the 11th of December. We thank you for your understanding.



CALENDAR ART FUNDRAISER

Calendar Art Fundraising order sheets went home with children on Monday. Orders are made on line and must be ordered by Wednesday the 12th of November. Please note no late orders can be accommodated this year.



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CYBERSAFETY PRESENTATION - TONIGHT 6.30PM

Kia ora, e te whānau

We want our school and our community to be a safe place for all children. Our Tamariki are growing up in rapidly changing times, and the risk, frequency and severity of online harm are increasing. We need to tackle this as a community.

As such, in collaboration with Barton Rural, Beaconsfield and Grantlea School we have organised Filmmaker, Author and Speaker Rob Cope, Producer of the documentary "Our Kids Online" to come and give what promises to be a humorous and eye-opening evening talk to our parent community.

His talk will cover:

- Cyberbullying - How bullies can reach our kids 24/7
- Social media - How social media is affecting the mental health in 3 out of 5 children. FOMO, depression, anxiety
- Gaming and the developing brain - An oversupply of dopamine leading to dopamine deficiency, synaptic pruning, and the underdevelopment of social skills and empathy
- Naked Selfies - The pressure to send nudes from intermediate up through high school
- Online predators - The methods they use, how to spot them
- Online porn vs healthy sexuality - How consuming online pornography as a child or teen can create a sexual template where violence, aggression, and dominance are seen as normal and consent can become very blurry.

Solutions

- Filters - Which filters are best and how to install them
- Smartphones - How to lock down a smartphone to make it a safe phone
- Boundaries - How to put good boundaries in place around device use
- 3 golden rules - The 3 golden rules that will keep your kids safe
- Talking to your kids - How to have difficult conversations with your kids
- Challenging our own phone and device usage - Reconnecting as a family.

Here is a promotional video for you to watch Our Kids Online Parent Evening.

The talk will be held at Grantlea School Hall on Wednesday the 5th of November from 6.30pm-8.30pm. Please note this talk is for adults only and is not suitable for children or teens to attend. It is strictly an R18 event.

We request that at least one representative from each family attend, and hope you are able to prioritise this within your busy lives. This topic is too big for us not to pay attention.

Included in your ticket is a one-year complimentary subscription to "Parenting in an Online World 101" from Rob and team at Our Kids Online. This is a cybersafety parenting course, designed specifically for NZ families. It usually costs \$99 per family. Course details can be found here [Parenting in an Online World 101](#)

Tickets available here [Parents Ultimate Guide to.. Eventfinda](#)

The Ultimate Parents Guide to...
Understanding our kids **Online World** and how to keep them safe.

18+

- Cyberbullying
- Social Media
- Gaming
- Online Predators
- Online Porn
- Smartphones
- Filters
- Boundaries

Come and hear Filmmaker & Author Rob Cope in what promises to be a hilarious, straight talking Parent to Parent talk
Watch the promotional video here - [Our Kids Online Parent Evening.](#)

WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2025 | 6.30PM - 8.30PM
GRANTLEA DOWNS SCHOOL
65 GRANT ROAD, TIMARU

Tickets can be purchased for \$10.25 at [Eventfinda](#) or by scanning the QR code



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IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 6th November

Year 7½ Girls Cricket Tournament

Monday 10th of November

Teacher Only Day - School closed for instruction

Tuesday 11th November

Year 3-8 Athletics Day - Aorangi Stadium Athletics Track

Year 0-2 Activity Day - Held at School

Wednesday 12th November

New Parents Afternoon Tea



Thursday 20th November

Student Council 50c Gala

Tuesday 25th November

South Canterbury Athletics Day

Monday 8th of December

Reports and 2026 Class Placement Letters go home

Tuesday 9th December

2026 Class Transition Afternoon

Wednesday 10th December

Year 8 Leavers Dinner

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 during school hours

- more details to come

Last day of term - Friday 12th December

First day of 2026 - Wednesday 28th of January

NEW PARENTS AFTERNOON TEA

Gleniti School, New Parents Afternoon Tea Party

Please join us for an afternoon of tea, treats, and wonderful company as we host an afternoon tea to welcome new parents to our school community.

12th November 2025 at 2.15pm



We look forward to seeing you.

INFECTIOUS ILLNESSES

Infectious illnesses Symptoms, spread & exclusion guidance

For further information on these and other infectious diseases, scan this QR code, visit kidshealth.org.nz or call Healthline on 0800 611 116.



To find the contact details for your local public health service, scan this QR code or visit tewhaturora.govt.nz/PublicHealthContacts

This is a very helpful document in relation to infectious illness including their symptoms and how long children should be off school for should they be unwell with any of these illnesses

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LEVEL UP

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the information you need to know

Transition to High School
Parents and Caregivers Information Evening

Date: Thursday 6th November 2025
Time: 6pm - 8pm
Where: The Y on Sophia, 7-9 Sophia St, Timaru
RSVP: jo@ymcasc.org.nz

Topics:

- Support for your students while at high school
- The school day
- Buses
- Differences between primary and high school
- Bring Your Own Device

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Welcome to our Kids Sculpt it FUN DAY! where we turn imagination into wonder and passion! A true sensory experience.

Why Choose Us?

- ✓ Experienced Instructors
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10TH NOVEMBER 25

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