

# GLENITI



# Welcome Back





## FROM THE SWIVELY CHAIR

Kia ora e te whānau,

A big welcome back to 2024! We are excited to be back at kura / school for the new year and looking forward to a great year ahead. Hopefully your Christmas season and summer holiday was restful and an enjoyable time with family / whānau.

It has been great to be out in the playground or Road Crossing over the last few days and see our ākonga / students excited to be back and catching up with friends, as well as full of stories to share.

We start 2024 with 367 students including 16 new students to our kura, and some great programmes of learning planned across the curriculum. Our overarching theme for this year is Whanaungatanga - this kupu / word describes the concept or process of forming and maintaining relationships and strengthening ties between families and communities. Through Terms 1-4 students will explore this concept through the learning areas of Social Sciences, Health, the Arts and Science, as well as where possible integrated into Maths and English learning. Lots to look forward to! Kia pai to ra.

*Mark Creba*

Tumuaki / Principal

## WELCOME

This week we have welcomed the following new students to Gleniti School: Parker Hanifin R15, Eleanor Froud, R11, Emma Lester R11, Matare Laubscher R10, Manica Laubscher R7, Elijah Wright R7, Lucy Griffiths R6, Mila Wright R5, Xiayang Bi R4, Ayansh Aleti R3, Lance Lester R3, Mila Steyn R3, Beatrix Payne R2, Emery Deck R2, Brodie Albert R2, Carter Albert R1,

## NAMING ITEMS

A reminder to please name all uniform items, lunch boxes, drink bottles, helmets, scooter etc.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS / DETAILS

If you have recently moved or updated your cellphone number or other contact details, please advise the office so we can update our system.

## TOUCH

A reminder that touch games start again this Thursday and runs for the next four weeks.

## NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters will issued fortnightly this year. Apart from being emailed, you can find our latest newsletter via our website or on our Skool Loop App.

## SKOOL LOOP APP

### Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.



# GLENITI SCHOOL PĀNUI



## IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 5th, Wednesday 7th, Friday 9th,  
Monday 12th, Wednesday 14th and Friday 16th  
Learning Team 1 Swimming

Tuesday 6th of February  
Waitangi Day - School Closed

Thursday 8th February  
House Day - Come dressed in House colours

Wednesday 21st February  
School Picnic 5.30pm on School Field

Thursday 29th February  
Colour Run

Tuesday 5th March- Friday 8th March  
Year 6 Camp  
Year 5 Kids in Action Week

Friday 8th March  
South Canterbury Triathlon

Monday 11th & Wednesday 13th of March  
Goal Setting Interviews

Thursday 19th March  
Year 5-8 Swimming Sports

Monday 25th - 28th of March  
Year 7/8 Camp - Rooms 13/14

Friday 29th March, Monday 1st April,  
Tuesday 2nd April  
Easter Break - School Closed

Monday 8th - Thursday 11th of April  
Year 7/8 Camp - Room 15/16

Friday 12th of April  
Last day of Term 1

**Term 2:** 29th April - 5th July

Friday 31 May - Teacher Only Day  
Monday 3 June - King's Birthday  
Friday 28th June - Matariki

**Term 3:** 22nd of July - 27th September

Monday 29th July - Student Led  
Conferences - school closed for instruction  
Mon. 23rd September - SC Anniversary Day

**Term 4:** 14th October - 13 December

Monday 28th October - Labour Day  
Friday 15th November - Teacher Only Day

## CELLPHONES AT SCHOOL

It is possible that you have heard that in 2024, the Government has tasked all schools to ban cell phones for the duration of the school day. This includes during breaks. Below is our existing current practice that outlines the approach we use here at Gleniti School.

It is currently considered that there is no reason for students to be operating a cell phone during the hours of instruction.

- Students may not be in possession of a cell phone during school hours from 9.00am to 3:00pm
- If a student needs to bring a cell phone to school, it should be handed in to the office during school hours. Year 7&8 students hand their cell phones in to their class teachers.
- The school is not responsible for any cell phones which may be lost during school hours.
- If a student needs to contact a parent for health or safety reason they are expected to arrange this through the class teacher via the current school procedures.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**CHIPMUNKS**  
Playland & Café

### PREMIUM AFTER SCHOOL CARE

**AFTER SCHOOL**  
2.50pm until 6.00pm  
Includes school pick up, healthy afternoon tea, play and homework  
\$22.00 per day (must be a permanent booking)  
\$25.00 casual rate per day

**OPEN DAY**  
Thursday 8th February 2024, 4-7pm  
Head to [chipmunks.aimyplus.com](http://chipmunks.aimyplus.com)  
to register your interest

If you are entitled to a WINZ subsidy we do have the forms available in the office  
[timaru@chipmunks.co.nz](mailto:timaru@chipmunks.co.nz) | 03 688 8848





## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Oceans Grief and Loss** is a peer support programme for people who have experienced loss in their life. The losses covered usually come from the death of a significant person or experience of separation/divorce. The focus of this programme is providing a safe environment for participants to talk about their loss/es and the change/s that have occurred then look ahead to a preferred future living and coping with the loss/change. Each eight-week programme explores understanding emotions, anger, the story and resiliency that has helped support through time of change. We have seen many people go through the programme and have numerous success stories of how it has helped (Almost 500 since Oceans started in 2006). We also have a programme for adults that runs over six weeks and can be beneficial for the adults in the family.

Check out our website for further information and online registration. Or ring Alexia Bensemann for a chat on 0274 623 267 or email [oceans@anglican care.org.nz](mailto:oceans@anglican care.org.nz).

**EMARIE TUTORING**  
Private tuition in Mathematics, Reading, Writing and Spelling (Year 1-10)

**Get in touch to book an assessment or time slot today!**

**Social media and contact details:**  
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[emarietutoring@gmail.com](mailto:emarietutoring@gmail.com)



**BronzBeat Studio of Dance**  
Classes resume Monday 5th Feb 2024.  
Enrolments welcome. Contact [bronzbeat2022@gmail.com](mailto:bronzbeat2022@gmail.com) or message us through our Facebook page for more information. Classes in AJDA Jazz for preschool to teens.  
#dance to learn #dance for fun

“Timaru Rhodes welcomes all youth aged 5 - 17 years old. Looking for a new after-school activity? Why not join St John Youth! St John Youth is a vibrant leadership program that focuses on the development and success of young people. This is a program where youth can gain valuable skills in first aid, communication, and much more. To find out more come along on Mondays during school term time (starting 12th February) from 5.45 pm – 6.45 pm at St John 9 Jackson Street, Timaru.”

