



DATES

2019

Term 1 Starts

4th February

Waitangi Day

6th February

Swimming Program

5th February

Swimming Sports

Queenstown Events Centre

Year 4—Year 8

BOT Meeting

20th February

Students Led Conference

To be advised

Term 1 Ends

12th April

School News

Welcome back to a new school year at Glenorchy School.

A very special welcome to Sam who has joined the Junior Room class. We would also like to welcome his Mum and Dad, Andrea and Andy, to the Glenorchy School community.



Our new teachers, Miss Nicole Kellett and Miss Courtney Miles, are enjoying getting to know the fantastic children we have here. Thank you for coming to meet them yesterday afternoon. Nikki will continue as a Teacher Aide for Term 1.

Our swimming programme has started today. Please send your children to school with their swimming gear every day until further notice. The Year 4 to Year 8 children will be participating in the Swimming Sports at the Queenstown Events Centre on Friday 15 February. I will send out an email tomorrow asking for parent helpers with transport on the day. I would appreciate if you could respond to that email as soon as possible so that I can get the necessary forms out in good time.

This year we would like to hold **goal setting interviews** on Wednesday 27 February. This will be a formal 15 minute parent/teacher/student interview to discuss how the year has started off for your child, what their next learning steps are and how they might go about achieving these goals. It is also another opportunity to share information about your child's interests with their classroom teacher so that this can be incorporated into future programme planning. Our student led conferences will still be held at a later date.

Attendance It has been proven that there is a correlation between student achievement and attendance. Therefore it is important that your child attends regularly and is on time. Please let the school know either by phone call or text before 9.00 a.m. if your child is to be away. You also need to let us know the reason your child is going to be away (for example, illness, medical appointment, dentist appointment). Should the absence be lengthy, the teacher will ensure some work is made available during that time.

Sun Hats/Sunscreen The school's Sun-safe Policy is that all children should wear a sun hat outside for Term 1 and Term 4. If your child does not have a hat on, she/he will stay in the shade or on the decking at breaks. School provides sunscreen in each classroom for your children to use.

The Board of Trustees Triennial Election is approaching. Please read the attached information to see what this involves.

Paula, Nicole, Courtney & Gorettie

Touch Typing Age 7-13



The modern world runs from a computer keyboard. Touch typing is an essential skill for life. And research tells us that typing skills foster skill development in writing, spelling and even grammar – extending to all areas of education and learning. NCEA exams are likely to be typed on computers within the near future. You will develop strong, flexible fingers, and be able to use both hands simultaneously.

Mondays 2-3pm \$30 per session.

Alone on a Wide Wide Sea Novel Study Ages 9-13



Loneliness, bravery, memories, life and death.
Follow the story of an orphaned boy surviving brutal captivity on a working farm in Australia
What is the strange key far and why does he have it?

Build analytical reading and writing skills through an in-depth novel study by award-winning author Michael Morpurgo. The children will read the novel, discuss, research child migration, role-play, analyse and write. The themes of identity, family, loneliness, bravery and memory are built into this two-part story.

Tuesdays from 9-12:30pm \$65 per morning. (\$100 for whole day with programme below)

Full STEAM Ahead! Using Design Technology for problem solving Age 8-13



Imagine... a world of innovative, communicative, collaborative and thoughtful problem-solvers. Through learning to solve a range of tasks involving Biological science, Chemical science, Earth and Space science, Physical science and technology our imaginers will steam ahead. A structured programme will teach skills but let imaginations fly. New topics for Term 1, so returning students are welcome.

Tuesdays from 1-3pm \$56 per afternoon. (\$100 for whole day with programme above)

Small Hands on Maths! Age 5-8

Have you ever wished maths could be more fun? Or that it would slow down a little, so you could keep up? Come along to discover how much fun active maths can be and help promote problem solving in numeracy.



Using concrete materials, small groups will be taught different strategies to solve mathematical problems. Children will be taught the five strands in teaching number – number word sequences, numerals, number structures, addition/subtraction and multiplication/division.

Tuesdays from 9-12:30 \$65 per morning.

Smartest Artist Portraits Age 6+



Influenced by some of the most famous artists of all time, we will be creating portraits using the different tools and styles that the best of the best used to create a masterpiece! From Vincent Van Gogh to Pablo Picasso, Andy Warhol to Michelangelo, we will use their styles and make our own.

Wednesdays 1-3pm \$56 per session.

Book a place for Term 1



on 0272709004 or theacademyqt@gmail.com

Making Music Ages 6-11



Each week we will learn at least one tune and play at least two different instruments. The aim will be to learn control of the skills of striking (glockenspiel / hand drums) and blowing (recorder and hoseaphone) plus fingering on the recorder. Students will learn essential musical skills which are needed for playing any 'real' instrument later on. Reading music, playing in time and listening to others are all key transferrable skills. *There will be an end of term performance during the final session.*

Wednesdays 1-3pm \$56 per session.

Molecules Matter Chemistry Age 9-13

In this programme, we will use chemistry skills to examine three states of matter. Investigations will include heating, cooling, freezing, melting, a range of liquids, solids and gases. We will identify and describe the distinctive properties of various substances. Learn to ask scientific questions, to hypothesise, handle laboratory style equipment and structure and write up investigations. Students will have the opportunity to follow their own interests in non-toxic chemistry and conduct their own practical research project.



Thursdays 9-12:30pm \$65 per morning session (\$100 for full day with programme below)



Money Maths – Life and Loans Ages 9-13

Over the 8 weeks we will be creating a complete and detailed family budget using spreadsheets. We'll examine the financial implications of many areas of major life decisions including buying a house, going on holiday, saving for the future and earning wages. We will be inviting guests from and visit local businesses, speaking to charities and experts in money matters to share their wisdom and knowledge. **Thursdays 1-3pm \$56 per afternoon session (\$100 for full day with programme above)**

Building Blocks for Building Buddies Lego Therapy Ages 5-9 and 10+

A social development programme to help children with social communication difficulties, impulsive behaviours, instructional or sensory processing issues. The programme is based on the highly structured, systematic & predictable nature of LEGO play, appealing to children who are attracted to systems. Children must attend a trial session with our Lego teacher to see if this programme is suitable to their needs. Children without social issues are encouraged to join and integrate as Lego fans! **Choice of 2 sessions per week \$30 per session**



Twisted Tales Ages 5-8



What if the fairy tales we all know and love told a different story? What if the heroes became the villains, or there was an alternate ending? The 'Twisted Tales' programme aims to encourage children's imagination to run wild. We will read, watch, listen, act and re-write our own versions of these classic tales... with a twist.

This programme is designed to develop the children's understanding of writing. We will be focusing on sentence structure, grammar, punctuation and language features. Using their imaginations, we will look at their own interpretations and versions of the stories for them to write their own. With a mix of handwriting skills and typing on the computer, the children will develop their writing skills using grammar and punctuation. **Fridays 9-12:30 \$65 per session.**



Academy Brainers (new for 2019 – all ages)

If your child is home-schooled, travels a lot, is here for the season, has missed school due to injury or sickness, or would generally benefit from some smaller personalised group work, please join The Academy Brainers. Our 'think outside the box' course is designed specifically to each individual's learning needs and learning styles. With a mix of Maths, English and Science three mornings per week, and inspired by the curriculum, there is something for everyone. It's a very flexible course with the ability to do any number of sessions.

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Queenstown Park Station Fun Ride

The Porters, owners of Queenstown Park Station, invite the community to a 2019 Open Day for a Recreational Fun Bike Ride on

Sunday 17 February 2019

- » Pre-registration is requested
- » Riders can check in any time between 9:00am – 11:00am at Boyd Rd, off SH6
- » Riders to finish by 4pm, exiting by returning to Boyd Rd or continuing on to Chard Farm

Riders are welcome to bring a picnic or buy food from a range of vendors at the 9km mark at Midway Beach. Plus water top-up station, toilets, first-aid, mechanical assistance and clear signage provided.



Register to participate at www.activeqt.co.nz/event/queenstown-park-station-fun-ride or for enquiries call 021 991 899.



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