



Glenorchy School

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MAY 2015

DATES

13th May

PTFA Meeting

18th May

Scheduled Power Cut in
Glenorchy from 1.30pm
to 4pm

21st May

BOT Meeting—5.30pm

22nd May

Last Ice Skating session
for Years 1 to 3

Well we are half way through May already and the students are well under-way with learning the songs for the musical to be performed at the end of next term.

Glenorchy Students have been involved in many things so far this term, planting on the boardwalk, mad hair day, friends for life, Young Leaders Day and ice skating, with still more to come.



Thank you to all who supported our Mad Hair Day with their gold coin donation. Funds raised will be donated to the Westpac Chopper Appeal.



Our creative Juniors were busy last week creating these lovely packs of wild flower seeds to give to their Mums on Mothers Day.



Thank you Dean for helping the children plant the new natives on the boardwalk yesterday. Our year 4 to 8's braved the rain and got on with the job without hesitation!

Parents please also remember to spend some time with your children and do the Friends for life or fun friends family discussions as it makes for great reinforcements for the programme and the classroom sessions much more meaningful.



The Spike legged Flying Whopadoodle By Alise.

The Spike Legged Whopadooble
Flies through the sky
But when he tries to tell the truth
He can only lie.

An Ella Rhyme By Tru

Ella can water a rose
With her long thick nose
She collects wood because
The farmer says she should
She does the lawns
As the farmer yawns.
She feeds the pig
As the piggy jig.

Two wonderful poems from Tru and Alise in Year 4



**Glenorchy Primary School
Public Health Nurse Visits
for Term 2 2015:
Monday 25th May
Monday 15th June**



Glenorchy Playgroup have also enjoyed visiting the school's library on Monday's. Thank you Allie for reading the stories. Playgroup have really enjoyed their visits.



Remember Flu Vaccinations are available at the Nurse Clinic in Glenorchy on Wednesday 13th May. In the Islay Street Medical Room between 10am to 1pm. Vaccinations are \$25 each.

Quiz night starts again at The Lodge in Glenorchy on 13th May 2015. For further information phone The Lodge on 442 9968

A Blast from the Past. Gio Angelo shares his wonderful memories of his times as Principal at Glenorchy School.

Dear Pupils of Glenorchy School,

You're probably bored with my letters of old times but when I saw the pictures in your newsletter of you skating, it brought back another memory I want to share.

In the third term (we only had three terms then) in 1968, in my first year at the school I had put on the timetable for Wednesday afternoons "Winter Sports Programme". When the winter term opened I still hadn't organized anything. There were only 5 boys – not enough to make a football team and too few middle and senior girls to make a netball team.

What was I going to do? My only hope was to encourage the boys to play netball and that wasn't going to be easy. And I had to look after the juniors at the same time.

I needn't have worried. As I was getting ready to take the class outside about half a dozen cars pulled up at the gate. In came Mrs Eileen Koch (bless her, she was always looking after the school and the teachers) who said to the children "Are you all ready?"

"Yeeees", they all replied.

"Hop in the cars, then", she started to say but the children were already picking up their bags and racing for the cars.

"Hold on! What's happening?" I cried.

"Winter sports! Come on you'll see", Mrs Koch explained.

We travelled in convoy up the road towards Paradise and I was feeling a bit concerned. But nearly all the children's parents were in the group so I started to relax a little. We stopped beside a pond in the bush beside Lake Diamond (near a bluff we called 'The Widow's Tears'). In a flash everyone was out putting on skates and they had even brought a pair for me, along with a scarf, hat and jacket.

I had never skated before but, with the help of a chair or broom to hold me up and children around to haul me up when I had gone down. I was gaining more confidence. By the end of the afternoon, when the cold was starting to seep through the scarf and jacket, I could skate on my own for about five or six metres before falling over.

What an afternoon! I had started out worrying what I was going to teach the children but they ended up teaching me. I was already looking forward to the next Wednesday.

Happy Skating,
Gio Angelo.

Dear Glenorchy Community,

We have an opportunity to run a Basic Workplace First Aid Course here in Glenorchy with Heart Saver NZ Limited. To do this we need a minimum of 8 people or a maximum of 20 people to attend the course. The course would cover the following topics: Scene assessment, CPR, Chest Pain, Dislocations, Safety, How to use an AED (automated external defibrillator), Broken bones, Burns, Soft tissue injury, Asthma, Stroke, Seizures, Bleeding.

The cost of the course is NZ\$145 + gst per person. It's a full day course—eight hours and will cover NZQA unit standards 26551 and 26552.

If you are interested in completing this course, please contact the school on 03 442 9900 or office@glenorchy.school.nz.

If we have enough interest, we can then work on a suitable date.

Enviro Glenorchy invites you to the Community Clean Up Day on Sunday 17th May 2015.

Meet at 10am at the Glenorchy Wharf Shed. The working morning will be finished about midday followed by a BBQ at the Lake Front. Everyone Welcome. Bring a pair of work gloves and some old bags/sacks for collecting rubbish.....and something for the BBQ (however some food will be provided). Last year our group made it to Jim Hickey's TV ONE Weather—you too can become a TV star!!!!



The Parenting Series.

As parents we aspire for our children to be confident, to succeed at school and to get along with others. But how do we actually support our children to achieve this? Over three sessions we aim to address this and other parenting topics.

Starting: Thursday 14th May 2015 From: 6.30pm to 8.30pm at The Events Centre, Frankton

To register contact: Queenstown Lakes Family Centre, 16B McBride Street, Frankton. 03 441 4331 or e-mail: maria.frewen@qlfc.co.nz

Session1—Raising Resilient Children, Session2—Raising confident, competent children, Session 3— The Power of Positive Parenting

Are you keen for your daughter to be involved in Guiding, but don't live near a group?

GirlGuiding New Zealand's focus is to provide the most opportunities possible for girls, even when they are isolated by distance or other factors.

If for some reason you are unable to attend a local unit, you can still be involved in Guiding by joining the Aotearoa Region.

The Aotearoa Region provides the GirlGuiding programme and activities in a different way, using a variety of methods i.e. post, email, internet, texting and other social media.

And should circumstances change, it's easy to transfer from the Aotearoa Region unit to a regular unit.

For more information about GirlGuiding NZ's Aotearoa Region contact 0800 449 663 or email southernzone@girlguidingnz.org.nz

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