



# Glenorchy School



TERM 4 ISSUE 4

22ND NOVEMBER

## DATES

23rd November

Boys

Cricket Festival Yr 5-8

Queenstown

23rd November

B.O.T Meeting

25th November

Girls

Cricket Festival Yr 5-8

Queenstown

29th November

Parent Helper Camp

Meeting

7th,8th,9th December

School Camp



14th December

B.O.T Meeting

15th December

Prizegiving

Students Sleepover-

\$5.per student.

16th December

Last Day Term 4

School Finishes

12:30 p.m

*The Senior Students are fine tuning their skills in making animated documentaries about the kiwi.*

*The Junior students, after writing collaborative Kiwi stories are soon to be exploring the wonderful world of the weka.*

*Cricket coaching has been successful with the witty and capable Emma who comes from Sports Otago to coach our students for four weeks a year. She organises the Year 5 – 8 Cricket Tournament with the boys tournament tomorrow, 23<sup>rd</sup> November and the Girls tournament on Friday 25th November. Good luck to all our participants.*

*Planning for School Camp continues and it is fabulous to see all the forms coming in early. This makes planning so much easier. Specific camp notices will follow.*



*The Senior room teaching position has been advertised and the interviews will be held after school camp. So all fingers crossed we will have a new teacher for Christmas.*

### AN APOLOGY AND A BIG THANK YOU

*I have been remiss in thanking Pete Davies who has set up the soccer nets.*

*Pete Davies is responsible for the fabulous soccer nets that have graced our field since the last school holidays – the students have been spending hundreds of hours using them and they would be the most used piece of sporting equipment at the school. Thank you Pete.*

*Thank you to our wonderful weeders who have tidied up the fence-line beautifully.*

**On that note** – Glenorchy School is looking for a Grounds person – 52 hours annually - Please contact Allie for a job description if you **are** keen. [principal@glenorchy.school.nz](mailto:principal@glenorchy.school.nz).

### Working Group

*Outdoor Classroom needs a working group with skills and or enthusiasm. Please contact Allie if you are interested.*

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### **How many days can I take my children out of school for?**

*The Education Act 1989 states:*

*Parents are responsible for their child's regular attendance at school:*

*Every parent of a person who while enrolled at a registered school, does not attend... commits an offence, and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding an amount calculated at the rate of \$30 for every school day for which the offense has occurred... A fine imposed against that subsection shall not exceed \$300 for a first offence... or \$3000 for a second or subsequent offence.(Section 29).*

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**The Mysterious Case of the Slimy Algae: what we know - and don't - about the 'Lake Snot' invading Queenstown Lakes**, by Dr Marc Schallenberg, the Rees Hotel Queenstown conference room, **this Wednesday, November 23, 5.30 to 7 p.m.**, \$5 donation at the door, please register at [connect@catalystnz.org](mailto:connect@catalystnz.org) ¶

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Lake snot has now spread to Lake Wakatipu and Lake Hawea, having first been seen in Lake Wanaka in 2004. The slime it produces is already affecting swimmers, fishers and Wanaka's water supply - and it has recently been found clogging some Queenstown property water filters. What is it, what will it mean for our lakes and what can we do about it? Find out this coming Wednesday... ¶

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University of Otago zoologist Dr Marc Schallenberg has studied over 80 New Zealand lakes from Northland to Campbell Island, including Lakes Wakatipu, Hayes, Moke, Alta, Johnson, Wanaka and Dunstan. He is part of a team of scientists that's proven the recent appearance of Lake Snot is linked to an algae related to didymo. Funding has been sought from local councils to study the algae and its slime production, but little has materialised. Marc says understanding the potential relationships between recent environmental changes and this new nuisance algae requires careful study. ¶

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**Antarctica - Half a Century of Studying Climate Change**, Dr Peter Barrett, **Wednesday, December 7, 5.30 - 7 p.m.** The Rees Hotel Queenstown conference room, \$5 donation at door, please register at [connect@catalystnz.org](mailto:connect@catalystnz.org) ¶

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Peter has worked regularly in Antarctica since the early 1960s when he was a PhD student under Kiwi scientist Peter Webb, who was head of the Polar Programme at Ohio State University. ¶

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Peter discovered the first dinosaur fossil in Antarctica in the early 1960s, which provided some of the first evidence that Antarctica had not always been frozen. °His mission since that time was to discover the geological history of the continent, particularly in regard to the advances and retreats of the ice sheet. °To this end, he was Principal Investigator or joint Scientific Leader in 3 multi-national geological drilling projects °(promoted and operated by NZ) in the Ross Sea from 1972-2000, as well as being involved in the Andrill project from 2003-2006. ¶

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Peter has been head of the Antarctic Research Centre at Victoria University for several decades and is now 'actively' retired. °He takes a very keen and concerned interest in climate change and has been a regular contributor to the international effort to try to understand and slow this process. °He has recently been involved in the making of an award-winning film on climate change, 'Thin Ice'. ¶

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