



## Newsletter 4th November 2025



### Cartoonist

Toby Morris visited our school on Friday 31 October. Toby is an illustrator and writer who has many projects under his belt. He showed the students a variety of different projects he has worked on including the images on the front of the Edmonds Baking Powder box and the L&P can. Toby walked students through how he creates comic book panels. To finish up, he created two amazing illustrations from the students' suggestions.

### TERM 4 DATES

6 October to  
12 December

BOT Meeting  
Dates  
10 November  
2 December

Safe Walking,  
Scotering and  
Biking  
Programme  
6 November

Wheels  
Wednesday  
12 November

End of Year  
Prize-giving  
11 December

Term 4 Ends  
12 December

### Firewise

On Monday 3rd November, students in Years 0-4 took part in the Firewise safety programme. Nick from FENZ, along with Glenorchy's own volunteer firefighters, Lindsay, Sonya, Danelle and Henry came and spoke to the children about fire safety. We covered the roles of firefighters, are matches and lighters tools or toys? and what to do in the event of a fire. Working smoke alarms was discussed and it is a reminder for parents at home to check your smoke alarms. Students will be coming home with a 'Get Firewise' booklet and a 'Our Safe Meeting Place' sticker today. We encourage you to read through the booklet with your whanau and on page 7 there is a grid where you can draw 'Our Escape Plan' for your home. Also, a 'Our safe Meeting Place' sticker can be placed at a designated meeting spot outside your home in the event of an emergency. We strongly suggest you take the time to discuss this with your whanau as it is fresh in their minds from our Firewise discussions.

### Triathlon

The weather has disrupted some of our planned learning experiences over the last few weeks. We were fortunate to be able to participate in the Year 5 - Year 8 Small Schools Triathlon, but a decision was made to cancel both the Wakatipu and Central Otago events this year due to ground conditions.

### BikeWise / Scooter Ready / Safe Walking

On Thursday 6 November, Constables Wayne Park and Amanda Shute, along with Lily and Matty from Good to Go, will be at school delivering the Safe Walking (New Entrant - Year 2), Scooter Ready (Year 3 and Year 4) and Bike Wise (Year 5 - Year 8) Programmes.

Students in Year 3 and Year 4 will need to bring their scooters and helmets to school. If you don't have a scooter, the team from Good to Go have a few that can be used. Please remember to bring along your helmet though!

Students in Year 5 - Year 8 will need to bring their bikes to school. Please make sure that bikes are in good working order as students will be practicing their skills on the road. The Year 5 - Year 8 students will also bike to the Hugo Bridge and back as part of the afternoon programme. Unfortunately we are unable to include our Year 1 - Year 4 students in the bike ride to the Hugo Bridge.

### Wheels Wednesday

Wheels Wednesday will begin on Wednesday 12 November and will run each week for three Wednesdays. Students are able to bring their bikes and small wheels to school to play with at lunchtime. Senior students will set up courses on the tennis court and school field. Don't forget your helmets.

### School Photos

Photolife Photography will be at school next week on Thursday 13 November to take class, individual and family photos.

### Return Trophies

If you have a cup or a trophy at home from last year's prize giving, we ask that you please return it to school by Friday 7 November. Thank you.



**Measles**

Our Public Health Nurse has provided us with the following information about measles - a highly infectious disease. We are including this information in the newsletter again for your information.

Healthify Link re Measles [Measles | Healthify](#)

Healthline: 0800 611 116 if people have any further questions.

**Professional Judgement in Student Learning**

We want to share some insight into the complex and constant decision-making that takes place in your child’s classroom every day. Our teachers are highly trained professionals who use their professional judgement to make hundreds of on-the-go decisions about student learning. Teachers are constantly collecting and synthesising evidence of learning from various sources including conversations and observations during lessons, daily work samples and in class products, knowledge of the curriculum expectations, and understanding of each student’s individual context, needs, strengths and background. Because teachers spend the most time with your child in the learning environment and see them interact with their peers and the content, they hold a comprehensive view of their progress that others may not fully perceive. We understand that you care deeply about your child’s success, and we encourage you to speak with the classroom teacher about any concerns you may have. Your input is taken into account too! However, we ask that you trust your teacher’s professional judgement. They are constantly using the best available evidence and their training to make responsive, high impact choices. Furthermore, our teachers frequently unpack decisions and concerns with other staff members to ensure consistency and gain diverse perspectives before finalising a significant decision. Ultimately, it is the classroom teacher who has the final say in making changes regarding their instruction and assessment, as they possess the most complete picture of all the factors influencing student learning in their specific context. We are partners in your child’s education, and trusting our teachers’ expertise ensures that your child is receiving the most appropriate and effective instruction possible.

**Student of the Week**

	Junior Room	Senior Room
WEEK 3	<b>Capu</b> - for applying herself in her writing, showing great editing skills and working on her spelling.	<b>Kai</b> - for showing responsibility for his learning, putting lots of effort into his reading
WEEK 4	<b>Maxi</b> - showing continued progress in Maths and being able to apply himself independently.	<b>Chace</b> - creating a wellcrafted introduction to his narrative writing task.

**Paula, Kelly, Michelle, Clair and Gorette**

**Photos from Fire-Wise**



# Sustainable Glenorchy

Sustainable Glenorchy Inc is having a Market Day at the Hall on Saturday 6 December, where, due to a kind donor, we can offer a table at no cost to anyone who'd like to sell/donate food or crafts or second-hand goods (as long as they take home what is left at the end of the day). This could be a great opportunity to encourage your children to (perhaps get together with friends) to make something and earn some pocket money! Last year, one of the most successful tables was a Glenorchy School student selling wooden art items he had made. Please encourage them also to use recyclable packaging (or none at all) if possible, and to support this community endeavour as well as having fun, by contributing or just coming along to buy Christmas presents and treats, listen to music and socialize with friends. Please text Karen at 022 499 4292 with your email address if you'd like a table, or half a table.



*Free Workshop*  
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St Johns, 4 Link Way

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## Is your kiddo ready for the big screen?

InTouch Talent Agency is now onboarding children ages 9-12 in Queenstown-Lakes District with dance or performance experience keen to explore the TV and Movie Industry.

We have productions looking for talented youth for filming over the next few months. Must have a base in Queenstown to be considered for filming. If you think this is something you'd like to find out more about please reach out to us. We'd love to help you get started!!

**\*\*Cannot be registered with another talent agency\*\***

For more information

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or **contact** our

Talent Liaison Manager Alexis at [alexis@intouchtalent.nz](mailto:alexis@intouchtalent.nz)



# TE ATAMIRA COMMUNITY CARNIVAL



**SUNDAY**  
**9TH NOVEMBER**  
**2025**

**FREE ENTRY**  
**ALL AGES**  
**WELCOME**

**10:30**  
**TIL**  
**3:30**

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