



Start of year information 2016

Term dates: 3rd February 8th February – Waitangi Day

25th- 28th March - Easter 15th April - Last day term 1

We are really excited about 2016. We start the year with a new teacher Shelly Unwin (Miss Unwin), the Green/Gold Enviro School award, fabulous fundraising effort at the race day and a great Education Review Office report.

We have everything we need to have a successful year here in Glenorchy.

Shelly comes to us from Waihopai School in Invercargill and is currently living in Arrowtown. She is an enthusiastic and able teacher who sees building good relationships as a key to her success so far. She is keen to meet with you all and hopes that you will come in and introduce yourselves over the first few days.

Stationery lists follow this newsletter and this stationery will need to be bought before the 9th February.

The first term will see Glenorchy School Swimming and in week 3 Jane will come and coach our students twice a day for the week.

Week 4 -24th February will be the school swimming sports

Topics this term will be Fire Safety and then integrating our knowledge of gardening into science, maths, health and art.

Socially we will kick off the year with a Meet the New Teacher and chat with those you know on February 9th 5pm - BYO meat, drinks and a salad to share. Bread, sauce and coleslaw provided. Portfolios will be shared in the last week of term.







Glenorchy School has joined a Community of Learning with the other schools in the Wakatipu Basin.

The staff for professional development this year (among other things) is looking to investigate New Pedagogy of Deeper Learning – through CORE education. This is about how to ensure we are providing an environment and access to what the students need for our world in the future and how we need to change schools and our pedagogy to meet this need. There is significant cost to this and so negotiations are still underway.

There will be an information evening about the Community of Learning on the 22nd February.

The Wakatipu Community of Learning has secured the rights to screen the movie

' Most likely to Succeed'

Thursday 17th February - Venue yet to be arranged.

The current educational system in the United States was developed a century ago during the rise of the industrial age and was once the envy of the world. However, the world economy has since transformed profoundly, but the US education system has not. Schools are attempting to teach and test skills, when mastered, that still leave graduates woefully unprepared for the 21st Century. After presenting this problem, the documentary focuses on the story of a school in San Diego that is completely rethinking what the experience of going to school looks like. As we follow students, parent and teachers through a truly unorthodox school experience, the audience is forced to consider what sort of educational environment is most likely to succeed in the 21st Century.'

Can't wait to see all the smiling faces and start 2016.

Allie, Helen, Shelly, Jenny and Gorettie







Stationery Lists

This year parents are required to buy stationery for their child/ren as we are no longer going to store and supply stationery at school.

Year	Book Required	Notes
Baxter Tom Ilana Ally Hazel Dylan George	Clever Kiwi Activities Book x 3 Fun Doing Maths Book 1 Clever Kiwi My Writing Book 1 LWB Learn to Write Book WBA - Supplied Clever Kiwi Activities Book x 3 Fun Doing Maths Book 1 Clever Kiwi My Writing Book 1 BWB Beginners Writing Book LWB Learn to Write Book	\$15 to be paid to the school for pencils, pens, rulers, coloured pencils and glue sticks, as the class teacher as required will supply these throughout the year.
Archie Jaz Nate Toby Caitlyn Sadie	Clever Kiwi Activities Book x 3 Clever Kiwi Fun doing Maths Book 1 BWB Beginners Writing Book Clever Kiwi My Writing Book 1 Clever Kiwi Activities Book x 2 Clever Kiwi My Writing Book 2 115 x 4 Quad Book - supplied	
Year - 5/6/7 and 8	Clever Kiwi Activities Book 1E8 1B8 x3 1B5 3B1 2B8 x2 Clever Kiwi Assignment Book	Students to provide pens, pencils, erasers, glue sticks, ruler, sharpener, coloured pencils etc.







