

Glenorchy School



TERM 4 ISSUE 3

12TH NOVEMBER

DATES2019

BOT Meeting
Dates

21tstNovember

12th December

Wheels Wednesday

6th -20th November

19th November

Yr 4-Yr 8

Wakatipu Zone Sports Day

28th November

Boys Cricket
Tournament Event
Centre

4th December

Girls Cricket
Tournament
Events Centre

13th December

Junior Picnic
Routeburn

17th December

Prizegiving 5:30pm

18th December

Last Day of Term 4

School News

Yesterday afternoon, we hosted students from an International School in Hong Kong who are touring New Zealand. While they were here, they showed our children a slide show of their school and spoke about what they are doing to try and support their environment. In return, we showed them around our school and explained our enviro school projects. It was a great learning experience for all.



Congratulations to Matthias, Alise, Ruby, Toby, Sadie, Ben, CJ, Hazel and Finlay who have qualified to compete in various events at the Wakatipu Zone Athletic Sports on Tuesday 19 November. Please remember to reply to my email (sent 31 October) if you haven't done so already so I can ensure we organise adequate transport arrangements.

In Week 1 of this term, we practiced our Evacuation Walk. While we were unable to take the usual route on this occasion due to the subdivision works taking place, in an emergency situation, we would be following the emergency plan and gathering at the meeting point at the top of the Bible. The agreed route is along Coll Street, turn right onto Old Dairy Close Place, across Shiel Street, and up on to the top of the Bible.





Following the visit from the NZ Police, we started up Wheels Wednesday again. The leadership skills of our Year 8 group really impressed us as they designed and managed courses for the bikes and scooters. Wheels Wednesday will run for two more weeks.

Link to more photos: https://share.icloud.com/photos/0Q360GXECB6-ox4Bx3cwmAyeA#Glenorchy

We are fortunate in this community to have so many people with skills to share with our children. Last week, Leah Orman came in to share her storytelling skills. Her focus was on teaching the children about Diwali - the Hindi festival of lights. We would also like to thank Kelly for the work she has been doing with the Senior Room this term on their photoshoots. We are looking forward to seeing the final shots.

We are continuing with gardening and knitting on Wednesday afternoons. Please come and help if you can. The children are doing a great job in the garden with Anita and Kay's support.

For the 2020 School Year

Glenorchy School has opted into the recently announced Government initiative Donations Scheme. What this means for us, is that we will receive additional funding in our MOE Operations Grant of \$150 per student based on our 2019 July Roll Return. In return, we will no longer be asking for donations towards school activities. The only exception, made by the Minister, is that donations can still be requested for overnight school camps.

The Year 8's will be visiting Wakatipu High School for their Orientation Day on Friday 15th November. Parents will have been contacted directly regarding this. However, if you haven't been informed about it from the High School, then please let us know and we will pass on the details.

The year is quickly coming to an end. We have started preparing for the School Prizegiving which is being held on Tuesday 17th December at 5:30pm in the Glenorchy Hall. Please return any cups and trophies from last year to Gorettie as soon as possible so that we have time to get them engraved for this years recipients.

Student of the Week

	Junior Room	Senior Room
Week 3	Sienna - For looking out for others in the class, helping when she can see it is needed.	Matthias - For showing kindness towards our new students.
Week 4	James - stopping to help a classmate with her shoes even though he really wanted to go and join the game being played.	Alise - Her patience and kindness towards the Juniors on Wheels Wednesday

A couple of story writing from two of our Senior Students

Should school days be shorter

My opinion is that the school day should be the same, if it was shorter our parents wouldn't be able work so long and they would have to pick us up earlier therefore they can work the same amount of time. I also strongly believe it is good we have a decent amount of time at school so we can learn a lot which will help us later in our lives. Obviously I think it is good that we have to do a lot of maths, writing and reading.

Don't you think we are so lucky and are not thankful enough to have short school days? Places like Romania and Asian countries have 8-10 hours of school and also have to do lots of homework and study. The average school child in Asia goes to school at 8am until 4:30pm and will study until 6:30pm then goes home and does more homework.

In conclusion, I think we are especially lucky to have small schools, good education, short school days and that we don't have to worry about school and homework so much.

By Tane

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Get your tickets folks for KMC's breathtaking end of year production, proudly supported by Skyline Queenstown.

Taster Show - 23rd November, Premier Shows 30th November & 1st December. All tickets include one show on both weekends.

https://thedramacollective.club/kmc-news/f/aotearoa-tickets-for-end-of-year-production

Should School Days Be Shorter?

Some people moan that school is too long but I strongly believe that 6 hours is perfectly fine for school. We are extremely fortunate because some schools have 8 HOURS of hard work and double the amount of the work we do. If we made the school days shorter we wouldn't be able to take in as much information and learn as much therefore, we wouldn't have much time for each subject and everyone wouldn't have a fair amount of time with the teacher.

So, do you think school days should be shorter? As you can tell from my statement I agree that school days are fine as they are. I hope you realise how lucky we are to have short days at school and be able to play with our friends and have our own opinion about our work and our school. Therefore, I strongly believe that school days shouldn't be shorter!





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