

**BoT Meeting Date** 

6th December

**26th November** 

Glenorchy
Animal Farm &
Paradise Visit

29th November

Prizegiving

2:15pm

(Students & Year 8 Parents Only)

Last Day Term 4

15th December

**2022 YEAR** 

Term 1

1st February 2022

## **School News**

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Our classroom programmes have been running smoothly this term.

The Junior Room children are busy growing sunflowers, writing bee stories (which will soon be displayed over at Mrs Woolly's), and excitedly waiting for the chicks to hatch. The Senior Room have been learning about the pollination process and have written pick a path stories. The Year 8's have started writing their end of year speeches. Both classes are making art works to display at 'Art on the Green' on Sunday 28 November.

**Due to the implementation of the Government Vaccine Mandate today,** we are requesting that parents who have not yet had their first dose to please drop off and pick up their children from the entrance to the school grounds.

As the power company has advised us they are doing major works in the area on Friday 26 November we have decided to relocate to Paradise for the day. Our plan is to leave school at 9:45am and visit the Glenorchy Animal Farm before heading out to Paradise for lunch, a walk and some games. We will require some parent help with this. In line with the vaccine mandate, only parents who are vaccinated will be able to join us. Please let Gorettie know as soon as possible if you are able to attend and can help provide transport so we can complete the required paperwork in time.

We have been considering our options for how we can hold Prize Giving this year given the current covid environment. To that end, we have made the decision to hold it on Monday 29 December at school with our students and parents of Year 8 students only.

Thank you to everyone who came along to help plant the native trees on the Board Walk with DoC on Friday 5 November. It was great to have so much support with this.

**Thank you to Ivan Strang and Mike Spencer** for kindly donating their time to install the new cover on the tunnel house and setting up the irrigation system in it.

## Student of the Week

		Junior	Senior
	Week 3	Ned - For great progress with his writing.	<b>TeAaliyah</b> - For her perseverance and resilience during the Safe Biking programme.
	Week 4	<b>Hunter O</b> - For settling into a new school so well that it is like he has always been here	<b>Aidan</b> - For his perseverance and hard work with his bee writing.

Paula, Nicole, Roshell and Gorettie





## Give peace a chance – a world in transition

Catalyst Trust körero, Brigid Inder, 1 December 2021.

Brigid Inder was 11 and at St Joseph's School when she announced to her Queenstown hotelier grandparents, Iris and Jim O'Connell, that she wanted to negotiate peace agreements and be a diplomat.

In the decades since, she has worked with conflict-torn communities around the world, taking part in peace talks between armed militia groups and governments, developing peace building programmes and working to reintegrate child soldiers and young women abducted by militia groups back into their communities.

And worked alongside the International Criminal Court, formed in the wake of the tragic



genocides in both former Yugoslavia and Rwanda to prosecute and in time deter perpetrators of mass crimes. She was awarded an OBE for this and other work in international justice advocacy and policy, at the United Nations and other international entities.

She says continued conflicts around the world show we are still stuck in stale paradigms that work against the ICC's mandate of "preserving the delicate mosaic of common bonds that unite people and address threats to the security, peace and well-being of humanity...."

Now back in Queenstown, Brigid will share her experiences and her thoughts on the world's slowly changing consciousness and the converging crises of conflict and climate change with Catalyst Trust. Wednesday, December 1, 6 - 7.30 p.m. at The Rees Hotel Queenstown. Registration required <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. Please bring cash for your koha, which will be split between Victim Support and Wakatipu Reforestation Trust.