



**Glenorchy
School**

Newsletter - Term 3 Issue 2

4 August 2026

Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Alice, who joined the Junior Room last week, and to her parents Matt and Bailey, who have joined the Glenorchy School community.

Goal Setting Interviews

The teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents and students at the goal setting meetings this afternoon. Please keep to the allocated times so that these run to time for everyone. Goal setting interviews are a valuable opportunity to meet with your child's teacher, celebrate progress, and set learning goals for the term ahead. We encourage all families to attend and be part of these important conversations. Your involvement makes a real difference in your child's learning journey.

Staff Professional Learning in Mathematics

Yesterday the teaching staff were involved in professional learning on the new Mathematics Curriculum alongside our St Joseph's and Kingsview colleagues. A further Teacher Only Day is to be held on Tuesday 27 October to continue this work. This adds an additional day to the Labour Weekend holiday for families.

Parent Survey

Last week Glenorchy School parents received an email with a link to a survey which aims to explore a couple of areas from the earlier parent survey further, so as to give us a deeper understanding of your views, particularly around communication, and raising concerns and complaints. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us understand what is working well and where we can continue to improve. We very much appreciate the feedback you gave from our earlier survey and we will produce a summary report once we have gathered this additional information. Please complete this survey by 5:00pm Monday 10 August.

Attendance

At Glenorchy School, we continue to closely monitor student attendance patterns and trends. The table below shows the percentage of students at Glenorchy School that attended school regularly (ie, had less than 5 days absent from school a term) in Term 2 each year from 2023 to 2026. It is pleasing to note that Term 2, 2026 has shown our highest regular student attendance rate in the last four years, however, we still have a way to go to reach our target of 80%.

Table showing percentage of Glenorchy School students who attended school regularly in Term 2, 2023 - 2026.

	TERM 2 2023	TERM 2 2024	TERM 2 2025	TERM 2026
Regular Attendance at school	56%	40%	57%	61%

2026 **TERM 3 DATES**

**20 July - 25
September**

Board Meeting
Dates
18 August
22 September

Goal Setting
Interviews
4 August

Paradise Cross
Country
25 August
(Postponement
28 August)

Maori Language
Week Performance
16 September
6pm
at
Glenorchy Hall

Ski Camp

Our Year 5 - Year 8 students enjoyed the annual Ski Camp. All the students made great progress with their skiing skills over the three days on the mountain. Thank you to Ben, Jenny and Naomi for attending as parent helpers. Thank you also to Gorettie for preparing the food beforehand and to the PTFA for covering the cost of the food.

Cross Country

The school Cross Country will be held at Paradise on Tuesday 25 August. We will be leaving school at 11:30am to go out to Paradise and a BBQ lunch will be on offer at the conclusion of the races.

Maori Language Week Celebration

This term, our students will be working on The Arts as the major focus of our learning. As part of this programme, they will be learning and practicing new waiata and traditional haka to perform to you. We will be holding a celebration of our learning during Maori Language Week at the Hall on Wednesday 16 September. It will begin at 6:00pm and will be followed by shared kai.

Student of the Week

	Junior Room	Senior Room
WEEK 1	Charlie - For an amazing start to Term 3.	Alex - Showing great leadership skills on Ski Camp.
WEEK 2	Miller - For amazing effort in reading.	Blake - Making a super transition to the Senior Room.

Mrs Miller, Kelly, Mrs Green, Ms Winslade and Gorettie.



Massive snowy plains with low height,
Boring but not boring.
Somehow built happy, but with big thoughts.
Lonely but feels nice.
Wonders about literally anything.

By Felix.



Lunch time knitting
with Helen.



GY School PTFA Ball



Food Contributions

Please continue to fill out the form for supper. Click [here](#) to access the form. If you're unable to access the form please reach out to Gorettie or Jenny. Plates will go home with the children on Thursday.

If you could kindly drop off your plates to the hall supper room between 5-530pm on Saturday that'll be awesome.

Courtesy Coach Driver Needed

Thanks to the generosity of Heli GY, we'll once again have a courtesy coach available on the night. We just need one volunteer to drive between 11.00 pm and 1.00 am.

The driver will need to hold a full driver's licence and, of course, remain sober for the evening.

Having a courtesy coach is a requirement of our special licence, and it's a fantastic service for our guests, helping everyone get home safely at the end of the night. If you think you can help, we'd love to hear from you.

Can You Lend a Hand on Friday - Day and Night?

On Friday 7th from 9.30am we'll be setting up the hall and supper room ready for the big night. If you have an hour or two spare we'd love and appreciate an extra pair of Hands.

We also need parent volunteers during the evening to assist with:

- Clearing tables
- Washing dishes
- Replenishing the supper table
- Helping behind the bar

If you can't help during the event itself, we'd also love some assistance with packing down on Sunday from 12.00 pm. Taking down decorations, packing equipment away and helping tidy the hall is a big job, and extra hands make it quick and easy.

Thank you for supporting the PTFA and helping us continue to provide valuable opportunities for all of our students. We truly couldn't do it without the generosity and willingness of our amazing school community.



SAVE THE DATE

Under the Sea
Ball

8TH AUGUST

GLENORCHY HALL

- ★ LIVE MUSIC BY RADIOSONIC
 - ★ BAR & EFTPOS AVAILABLE
 - ★ SUPPER PROVIDED
 - ★ COURTSEY COACH 11PM-1AM
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Senior SKI CAMP 2026

The Senior Class had a fantastic three day Ski Camp at Coronet Peak. All students took part in lessons each day and the progress made was amazing to watch. All students showed the GY school values of responsibility, resilience and respect. Ka Pai tō mahi!

THANK YOU
TO OUR
AMAZING
PARENT
HELPERS AND
THE PTFA
SUPPORT



Should I keep my child home from school or childcare?

Going to school and childcare supports your child's learning, confidence and wellbeing. But when they're not feeling well or their usual self, it can be hard to tell if they should attend. Use this guide to help you make the right decision.

Should my child stay home today?

Usually ok to attend:

- ✓ Mild cough
- ✓ Running nose
- ✓ Mild headache
- ✓ No fever
- ✓ Eating and drinking normally

If mild symptoms become worse or more frequent, keep your child at home and seek health advice.

Keep them home if they have:

- ✗ A fever
- ✗ Vomiting or diarrhoea
- ✗ A sore throat that requires pain relief
- ✗ Wheezing, coughing a lot or difficulty breathing
- ✗ School sores (impetigo)
- ✗ Untreated scabies
- ✗ Tested positive for COVID-19
- ✗ Been asked to stay home by a healthcare provider or your local public health service

Seeking health advice

Trust your instinct, if you are worried about your child's health contact your doctor or usual healthcare provider. You can also call **Healthline** for free anytime on **0800 611 116**.

In an emergency, call **111**.

For more information scan the QR code or visit healthnz.govt.nz and search **school guidance**.





Not ready to slow down?

Join our team and make a difference in your community. At Go Bus, our drivers come from all walks of life. Whether you're after something permanent or just a few days a week, we'd love to get you behind the wheel.

- Just 3-4 hours a day (school runs only)
- 12 weeks off during school holidays
- Permanent or casual – you decide
- Be part of a friendly, local team
- Full training provided

You'll need a valid Class 2 driver's licence and P Endorsement, and will be required to pass a pre-employment drug and alcohol test, as well as a Ministry of Justice check.

Interested?

Email central@wearekinetic.com
or call Lois on
021 086 92921



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moving people



8th August 2026
12-3 pm

**Taking People of all ages with Special Needs
Or Life long Medical Conditions
For a ride in a Big Rig, Classic Car or Hot Rod**



**VENUE: Southern Field Days Site,
Waimumu**



Food and Drink provided on the day by
Rapid Relief Team,
Mad Cow Coffee and Bees Bites



**Anyone wanting to Volunteer their Time, Truck or Car to help out on the day
please contact Dianne 027 7732700 or Ian on 0204 335500
Check out our Facebook Page : Southland Hug a Rig Day**



Term 3 Afterschool Programme

Taster sessions: Week 1, 21-23 July | \$20

Full Term: Weeks 2-10, until 24 September | \$190

A fun, supportive environment for creative learning for tamariki (aged 5-13). Taster sessions mean you can try a one-off class to see if it is the right fit before committing to the term. Come and see what it's all about!

- **Tuesdays** - The Art of Drawing & Painting
- **Wednesdays** - Clay Skills: Sgraffito
- **Thursdays** - Creative Craft Studio

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