



**Glenorchy
School**

Newsletter - Term 3 Issue 5
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Messages from the Principal and Staff

Pottery

Students had the opportunity to complete their second pottery session with Sego on Thursday 10 September. The finished products will be displayed at the Glenorchy Flower Show in the school holidays, and will then be available to be taken home after that. We would like to thank Sego for sharing her expertise with the students.

Glenorchy Flower Show

Students have been working on their entries for the Glenorchy Flower Show.

We hope you will find some time to support this local event on Saturday 10 October.

Wakatipu Zone Cross Country

Lucas, Ollie and Elijah competed in the Wakatipu Zone Cross Country on Tuesday 8 September.

Lucas came 11th in the Year 8 Boys race, Ollie was 26th in the Year 6 Boys race and Elijah came 32nd in the Year 5 Boys race. Well done to all three students for participating in this event.



Movie Night

Thank you for your support with the movie fundraiser. It was a great evening with a sell-out audience. We would like to thank the Headwaters for hosting us and Admit One for providing this fundraising opportunity for Glenorchy School. The money raised will go towards the Senior Room Camp being held in Term 4.

Preserving Legacies Workshop

Next week our Glenorchy School students and staff are invited to a number of events that are part of the week long Preserving Legacies workshop being organised by Leslie Van Gelder and Darren Rewi.

On Monday 21 September both the Junior Room and Senior Room will be attending the opening powhiri at the hall between 10:00am and 11:00am. On Tuesday 22 September we have been invited to attend the lunch, so students will only need to bring their morning tea to school on that day.

Finally, on Thursday 24 September our Senior Room students will go back over to the Hall to hear the outcomes of the workshop from the workshop participants. The Senior Room science projects that were completed last term are being displayed at the hall during the workshop as well. It is fantastic that the learning from last term can be carried over to this community project.

Maori Language Week Performance

Our Maori Language Week Performance is being held at the hall tomorrow night (Wednesday 16 September), beginning at 6:00pm. We would like all students to be at the hall by **5:45pm** please. There will be the opportunity for parents to view student art work on display and contribute to the Strategic Plan consultation (see below) while you wait for the 6:00pm start. This will be followed by shared kai in the Supper Room, so please remember to bring along a plate to share.

2026 **TERM 3 DATES**

**20 July - 25
September**

Maori Language **Week Performance**

**16 September
6pm
at
Glenorchy Hall**

Preserving Legacies **Workshop** **21, 22 and 24 September**

Glenorchy Flower **Show** **10 October**

Term 4 Dates

**12 October - 16
December**

Labour Day
26 October

Teacher Only Day **27 October (No school)**

Strategic Plan Consultation

At our Maori Language Week Performance tomorrow night, we will be seeking feedback on the goals in our current Strategic Plan to check they are still relevant for our school community, and so that the Board can review and set the goals for 2027-2028. The goals will be displayed on sheets of paper around the hall so that you can add your thoughts to them. Our current goals are:

Strategic Goal 1

Embrace our rich environment and community to enhance wellbeing and values.

Strategic Goal 2

Grow curious, creative and confident learners through hands-on, physical and creative experiences.

Portfolios

Student portfolios will be sent home on Thursday 24 September. Please take the time to look through these with your children as they are a record of their learning throughout the term. We would appreciate it if they could be returned to school on the first day back after the holidays please.

Term 4

Although we still have another week of school, this is the last newsletter for the term. We hope you have an enjoyable spring break with your children. With the Glenorchy Flower Show and the Glenorchy Fishing Competition happening over the holidays, there are certainly some fun local community events that will enable you to keep the children entertained. Term 4 begins on Monday 12 October.

Student of the Week

	Junior Room	Senior Room
WEEK 7	Theo- For amazing reading.	Nikita - for settling into the Senior Class well and applying himself to his learning.
WEEK 8	Tom- for his enthusiasm during Te Reo and Kapa Haka.	Bella - for incredible progress with her writing; using rich descriptive language and a variety of figurative language to make her writing come alive.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Lucas who was selected for the Central Lakes U14 basketball team. Last weekend the team competed in a two-day tournament in Oamaru against a number of teams right across the South Island. Lucas and his team will be playing in other games against Southland in Gore later this month, as well as another tournament in Queenstown in November. Ka rawe tō mahi Lucas!





We have been empowering our students to learn about waste reduction by creating a natural alternative to single-use plastic films. Each student had the opportunity for hands-on action by crafting their own reusable beeswax wrap that they can use in their own school lunchbox. The Senior students are busy sewing reusable elastic food covers. A huge thank you to Amanda and Jenny for coming and supporting our tamariki!



School Board News

Notice of Cancellation of School Board Meeting

Dear Parents, Whānau, and Staff,

Please be advised that the regular meeting of the school board scheduled for **22 September at 5:30pm** has been **cancelled**.

At this stage, we do not have a rescheduled date.

We apologize for any inconvenience this cancellation may cause to our staff, parent community and members of the public who intended to attend.

Thank you for your understanding.

Tom Butler
Presiding Member.

The board is responsible for setting, monitoring and reviewing policy direction for the principal to manage the school by. The School Board recently adopted SchoolDocs to help with this. SchoolDocs is an independent service that provides best practice core policies that meet legislative and regulatory requirements. I encourage you to dive in to [SchoolDocs](#) (username and password glenorchy) and take a look around. It is very comprehensive so perhaps as a starting point, (after logging in), click on the 'current review' tab and this will show you what policies the board is reviewing in term three. You too can review the policies by clicking on one of the current review policies and 'start your review', it would be amazing for the whole school if you did!

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**.



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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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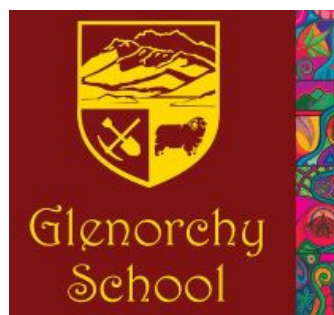
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