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Dear Parents,

I really cannot believe that the weeks are flying by and we only have a few weeks of school left this year. It only seemed like yesterday we had Tent City. Another busy week with many students from Glenavy Competing in the **North Otago Athletics** on Monday.
Congratulations to these children who won places at the Athletics and are able to attend the Otago Championships in Dunedin if they are able.

Bailey Harper- 1st Long Jump and 3rd Sprints
Thinuli Nissankage- 3rd in Sprints
Sean Batarlo- 2nd= High Jump and 3rd- Long Jump and 1st- Sprints
Ally Mehring- 1st Discus
Adahlia Tohiariki- 2nd Shot Put
Aiden Gemmell- 3rd Long Jump



A big warm welcome to Wystan Vargas
We are delighted to have you and your family join the Glenavy School community and wish you all the very best as you begin your learning journey with us.

Waihao Marae Visit
This week, students across both junior and senior classes visited the Waihao Marae. They were welcomed with a Traditional Pōwhiri, shared kai, and participated in three educational workshops: flax weaving, traditional star constellation navigation, and the history of the Marae. It was an enriching experience for all involved.







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Student Recount Writing:

On Tuesday we went for a Marae visit and we went on a big bus to get to the Marae. A lady welcomed us on. It was kind of like, Haere mai, Haere mai. Then we went inside of the Marae and they told us we can sit down on the floor. The song is called “Whakataka te Hau”. The Marae people sang a song first and we did a Hongi. A Hongi means you touch noses and you shake hands at the same time. Then we had chips, orange sauce and a pie, and you could choose between water that had a bit of lemon and another one was orange juice, Then we split into groups. I was in Miss McLeod’s group. The lady told us about her stories and it was so fun. My favourite thing was the projector part.
By Manaia - Year 2

As we arrived at the marae we headed off the buses and were pleased to be greeted by a Powhiri. We sat down on the floor of the Marae. Then we sang a few songs and once we were done we did a Hongi with the Mana whenua. Then tiptoed outside to put our bags on the deck and get ready to break tapu by eating kai. They served chips with hummus, savouries, biscuits, and fruit.

Once we finished eating our kai we were sent into our groups to learn about different things such as: wayfaring, weaving with flax, and purakau. We started weaving, with the first thing she taught us was how to cut flax properly. She told us that flax has been here for thousands of years so we had to respect it by only taking what you need, never cutting it in the rain, snow or at night. Lastly you only ever cut the grandparents, never the mother, father or child.There were three options: a necklace, a flower, and a bracelet. Most people did the bracelet including myself but mine didn't turn out how I wanted it to turn out.
By Karl-Wesley - Year 7



Christmas Presents:
Students at Glenavy School have recently completed artwork that can be featured on custom diaries, calendars, mouse pads, notebooks, and greeting cards. The artwork has been submitted to the printers. A unique ordering code will be provided for each student, allowing families to place orders directly online. Proceeds from this fundraiser will directly support school programs and resources for our students. Access codes will be distributed as soon as they become available.

Board Questionnaire
The Board of Trustees is currently reviewing the school's Strategic Plan and seeks parent and community input to guide future planning. A brief questionnaire was sent home this week; if you have not already done so, please complete and return it to the school office or email your responses to principal@glenavy.school.nz.
We appreciate your feedback and continued support of Glenavy School.
The Glenavy School Board of Trustees

Kind regards,
Kate Mansfield
Principal

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⭐⭐⭐ Glenavy School Value Awards ⭐⭐⭐

Principal's Award- Sean Bartalo- Community Support- for outstanding results at the North Otago Athletics. A great competitor and sportsman.

Kororā - Manaia Julius - Self Management - For amazing writing about our Marae Visit. Manaia, I was so proud. You wrote a lot of information. You are a STAR!

Pīwakawaka - Millie Joyce - Self Management - For being a superstar in class, always working hard, supporting others and building wonderful friendships.

Tūī - Heath Harper - Integrity - For always doing the right thing, supporting other students in and outside of the class room. Especially at the Marae doing the flax weaving. Keep up the amazing work Heath!

Ruru - Wystann Vargas- Respect- Welcome to Glenavy School! You have fitted in so well. On your first day you have already put your hand up for Kia o rahi next week! We are so lucky to have you.

Kea - Emily Crawford - Self Management - You always put in maximum effort to everything you do!! Hard work isn't in your vocabulary. Keep it up superstar!

Karearea -Triz Tabucol - Self Management - For pushing yourself out of your comfort zone this week, not letting your cast slow you down! Keep being a superstar Triz.

Term 4 Upcoming Events

Week 5

Monday 9th November



- Swimming Starts (Weather and pool ready permitting)

Wednesday 11th November



- Kapa Haka Festival in Oamaru
- EOTC Yr 7 & 8 12.30pm - 3.00pm

Thursday 12th November

- Youth Town End of Year Maori Games Rm4/5/6

Friday 13th November

- Sausage Sizzle $3.00
- Assembly 2.30pm

Week 6

Monday 16th November



- Year 4 & 5 Camp to Guns Bush
- Subway Orders In

Tuesday 17th November

- Year 4 & 5 Camp to Guns Bush
- Subway

Wednesday 18th November

- EOTC Yr 7 & 8 12.30 - 3.00pm
- PTA Calf Fundraiser Weigh in evening from 4.00pm

Friday 20th November

- Rural Yr8 Science Day in Oamaru
- Sausage Sizzle $3.00
- Assembly 2.30pm

PTA Christmas Raffle

It's that time of the year again and the PTA would like to have a Christmas Raffle. We are asking for ONE Christmas based item to add into our hamper boxes. Items could be food, candles, books or anything to do with Christmas. Please send these along to school and give drop them to the office



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🏆Think You're The Best Calf Rearer? Prove It! 🏆

We're calling on our fantastic farming community to **raise, fatten up, and donate Friesian or beef-cross calves** to support our school. Put your rearing skills to the test! Not only will you be helping our kids, but you'll also earn an invite to our epic **Weigh-In BBQ**—a great afternoon of food, fun, and friendly local rivalry!

🎁 PRIZES UP FOR GRABS 🎁

- 🥇 **1st Place:** Bragging rights, a great prize, AND the coveted **Heaviest Calf Trophy**!
- 🥈 **2nd & 3rd Place:** Awesome runner-up prizes.
- 🏆 **Top Supporter:** A special prize for the family that donates the most calves!

Calves will be sold through the Temuka sale yards in late November, with all proceeds directly benefiting Glenavy School.

👉 **Ready to tag a calf?** Get your Glenavy School calf tags today! **Email:** pta@glenavy.school.nz **or Call/Text Kayla: 027 462 0600**

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