



# Glenavy SCHOOL

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## Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

This has been the first week in our new classrooms and staffroom. The students and staff have just loved being in the new spaces and having room for all the children to learn. Please come and have a look around the new area.

**Attendance:**

One of the things we are continuing to focus on in 2025 is student attendance. You will hear us talking about this with you, with our students and it remains a strong subject of conversation in the staff room.

**If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age.** As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

You must let the school know if your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent. If you are finding it hard to get your child to school, please talk with us so we can work together. Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school.

Our school continues to build a culture that fosters attendance every day by having

- School staff who have strong relationships with students and family.
- A school culture that recognises your child and your family for who you are, where you come from and what you value.
- A school whānau that takes all practical steps to make sure your child is at school and progressing in their learning.
- A school that is safe and welcoming for everyone in our school community.

If you have any attendance queries and issues, please contact us so we can work together.



**Assemblies**

Assemblies will now be held under the canopy each Friday at 2:30pm, there will be space for parents to come and watch and chairs to sit on, so come along and be a part of our Assemblies.

Later in Term 4 we will have an official opening of our new buildings and an afternoon tea, we will send you all an invite to attend. Thank you so much

for all the support during this project and being positive when we have had a class in the library for so long.

**Unattended Office**

If you come to school and the office is unattended please ring the bell as this will ring in my office and also in the new staffroom. Someone will come and help you. If the office door is locked, a sign will ask you to go over to the new staffroom for help.

As you can imagine the new staffroom is over the other side of the playground, so please remember to come over for help if you need it.



Many thanks and have a great weekend,  
Kate Mansfield

★★★★ **Glenavy School Value Awards** ★★★★★

**Principal's Award** - **Archie McCulloch and Kees van't Klooster** - **Self Management** - For amazing writing this week.

**Kororā** - **Amelia Dhamure** - **Self Management** - Great independent writing Amelia. You are a star!!!

**Pīwakawaka** - **Senon Perera** - **Self Management** - You always try your best, show pride in your work, and happily help others around you. Well done!

**Tūi** - **Audrey Bitabit** - **Self Management** - For a consistent positive attitude. You are always sharing ideas and contributing to class activities.

**Ruru** - **Kyra Fong** - **Self Management** - Always coming to school with a positive can-do attitude. Keep it up.

**Kea** - **Erika Jabagat** - **Integrity** - You are always doing the right thing at the right time, producing amazing work that you are proud of. Well Done!

**Kārearea** - **Stanley Batarlo** - **Self Management** - For having an excellent week and getting on quickly with all your work.

**Maths Award** - **Eva McCulloch** - For your positive attitude to Maths and giving everything a go and taking part in great maths discussions with your class about fractions. Your hard work pays off!

**Upcoming Events - Term 3**

**Week 9- Term 3**

**Friday 12th September**

- Sausage Sizzle
- 2:30pm Assembly in our new covered area - All welcome



**Week 10- Term 3**

**Monday 15th September**

- Maori Language Week
- Subway orders In today
- **BOT Meeting 6.30pm**

**Wednesday 17th September**

- Wheelie Day

**Friday 19th September**

- Last Day of Term
- Sausage Sizzle







### **Support Glenavy School's Heaviest Calf Competition**

We're calling on our community to donate a calf to our Heaviest Calf Competition. Friesian bulls or beef cross calves are welcome. Your donation will help support our school, and you'll get to enjoy a fun-filled evening at our weigh-in BBQ.

#### Prizes up for grabs! 🏆

- Heaviest calf wins a prize and our heaviest calf trophy.
- 2nd and 3rd places also take home prizes.
- The family that donates the most calves wins a special prize.

Calves will be sold through the Temuka sale yards in late November.

To get involved

Email: [glenavyschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:glenavyschoolpta@gmail.com) or call/text Kayla on 0274620600 to get your Glenavy School calf tags.

Your support is much appreciated.

### **Keyboard/ Piano Lessons**

We have a wonderful opportunity to have Keyboard/Piano lessons in school again.

Mrs Rose Gagliardi will be teaching Keyboard/Piano on Wednesdays starting term 4.



The cost would be the same as Mrs Lochhead \$22.00 per 30 minute lesson.

This would be invoiced to you from Rose at the end of each term. So if your child attended 10 lessons during term 4, the cost would be \$220 for the term.



The other cost involved would be purchasing a Keyboard/Piano book and this is estimated at about \$30.

Your child would need to have access to a keyboard/Piano to practice on.

Lessons would be during the school day, but there is an option of having some after school, if that suits better.

Please fill in the form sent home yesterday if you wish your child to join lessons, and return this form to the office by Friday 19th September. (last day of term 3)

## Board Elections

The Board Elections have now closed and we have 4 board members elected

- Hamish McCulloch
- Billie Moffat
- Arjan Van't Klooster
- Ashleigh Davies - Welcome to Ashleigh who is our newest board member.

To fill our board we need 5 parent representatives, so an old board member has said they are willing to come back on the board. We need to advertise that you are all happy for this to happen and not another election.

### Glenavy School Board- Casual vacancy for a parent representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative.

The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection. If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:  
Hamish McCulloch, Presiding member (chair) %  
Glenavy School Board, 15 Ruane Street, Waimate

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**WIN**  
Every early bird ticket purchased goes into the draw to win a one night stay on November 8th 2025, at Nest Treehouses!

**Garden PARTY**  
Live Auction at 5pm  
At Station Peak homestead from 2pm - 6pm there will be live music, food & drink and local stalls to keep you entertained for the afternoon. Your ticket will get you into this event.

**SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025**  
**10AM - 4PM**

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