



**Glenorchy
School**

**2026
TERM 1
DATES**

2 February - 2 April

Waitangi Weekend

**6 February
(No School)**

**Swimming
Programme with
Lynette Starts**

11 February

**Goal setting
Interviews**

17 February

**BOT Meeting
Dates**

**24 February
31 March**

**Swimming
Showcase**

6 March

Juniors Athletics

**Afternoon
18 March**

**Otago
Anniversary**

23 March

(No School)

**CO Athletics
Alexandra**

**25 March
(Pp 27 March)**

Newsletter

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Welcome

The staff would like to welcome everyone back to school for the 2026 school year. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to two new students who have joined the Junior Room - Fletcher and Charlie, and to their parents Latisha and Phil.

Attendance Management Plan

In 2026, all schools are required to have an Attendance Management Plan in place. This year we would like all absences to be sent through the School Loop app please. If you need some support with this, please contact Gorettie to help you. Included in this newsletter, for your information, is a summary of our Attendance Management Plan for 2026.

Senior Room Information

Ms Winslade is looking forward to meeting with the Senior Room parents on Wednesday 4 February at 3:30pm to provide information about the classroom programme. Mrs Green and Kelly are happy for parents to pop into the Junior Room if you have any questions, however as their programmes have continued on from last year there will be no formal meeting.

Goal setting Interviews

This year our goal setting interviews will be held on Tuesday 17 February. This will be a great opportunity to see and hear how the year has started for your child. Bookings can be made on the Skool Loop app. Attached separately are some useful information on how to download and use the App. If you get stuck please feel free to pop into school and Gorettie will help set you up.

Swimming

Lynette will be back to take swimming lessons from Wednesday 11 February. These will run through until Friday 20 February. Please continue to send swimming togs to school every day as the classroom teachers may decide to take students to the pool for additional sessions.

Pivotal Point

Today our parents of Year 4 students have been sent an email from the Pivotal Point Charitable Trust regarding participating in a screening programme to help identify students who may require additional learning support. If you are happy for your child to participate, please complete the online form that was sent to you this morning by Wednesday 11 February.

Contacting Staff

A reminder that if you wish to discuss a school matter, the correct process is to email the teacher to arrange a time to meet with them, with a brief outline of the reason for the meeting.

Glenorchy Races

Thank you to the PTFA committee, Lindsay, Radka and Hayley for organising this important fundraising event for the school. Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time on the BBQ.

Paula, Kelly, Michelle, Clair and Gorettie.

Appointment of Limited Statutory Manager (LSM)

Kia ora koutou,

I have recently been appointed as Limited Statutory Manager (LSM) at Glenorchy School at the request of the school board. The role of the LSM is to temporarily carry the powers of the board in certain areas. I have been assigned the powers around employment, policies, and communication and will work with the board and principal in these areas. I will also be advising the board in areas of governance practice.

This is an independent governance role where I will guide board action and policy whilst ensuring that the principal and staff continue to manage the day to day school.

I am presently conducting a scoping exercise which will lead to an outcomes plan of action that I will work through with the board and Paula.

I have worked with school boards for over 20 years and also have previous industry experience in governance, employment and management. I reside along the coast south of Dunedin, although I originally grew up in Southland and have also lived in Timaru.

I look forward to working with the board and Paula.

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Summary of our Attendance Management Plan

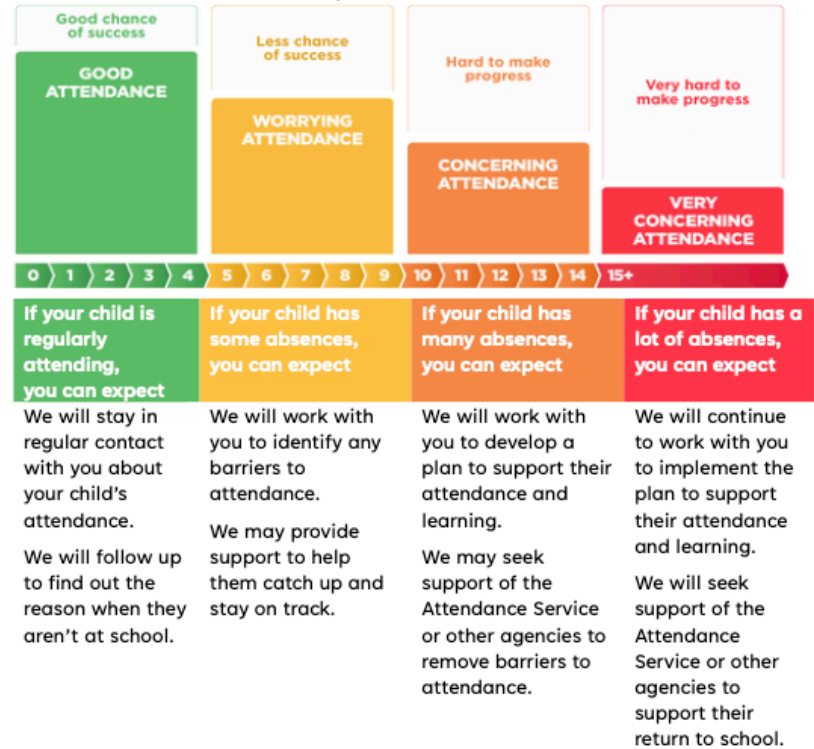
In line with the government's target of 80% of students regularly attending school by 2030.
We're currently at Our school has a target of

74% → 80%

Regular attendance¹ by Term 4, 2025 Regular attendance by Term 4, 2026

- Our **Attendance Management Plan** sets out
- Why attendance is a priority for our school
 - Legal requirements about attendance
 - Our expectations of students, parents and our school staff
- This includes
- How we manage attendance in our school
 - How we identify concerning attendance
 - How we respond to absences at different thresholds
 - How we monitor and review the impact of our actions
 - How we give the Board assurance that the school is managing attendance effectively

Our school uses the **Stepped Attendance Response (STAR)** to guide when and how we respond to absences.



¹ "Regular attendance" means attending more than 90% of a term, or 9 days in a fortnight

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Afterschool Programmes

Term 1 (from 2 February), 3:30pm - 5pm

Ages 5-13 | \$195 for nine weeks

Come along to our Afterschool Programmes where we form a fun environment for creative learning.

- **Mondays** - The Art of Drawing & Painting (9-13)
- **Tuesdays** - The Art of Drawing & Painting (5-8)
- **Wednesdays** - Creative Clay Intermediate (5-13)
- **Thursdays** - Mixed Media (5-13)

SCAN TO BOOK



To book, scan the code or visit teatamira.nz/whats-on