



**Glenorchy
School**

**NEWSLETTER
TERM 3 ISSUE 3 – 12 August 2025**

Welcome

This week we have welcomed Leo to the Junior Room and welcomed back his parents, Adam and Amandine, to the Glenorchy School community.

TERM 3 DATES

**14 July –
19 September**

**SMALL SCHOOLS'
SWIMMING**

14 August

**HUGO BRIDGE
OPENING**

16 August

**SCHOOL GARDEN
MEETING**

20 August at 3:15pm

**WAKATIPU ZONE
SWIMMING**

26 August

PUM

28 August

**TECHNOLOGY
SHOWCASE**

**11 September at
2:15 pm**

**BOT MEETING
DATE**

16 September

BOOK WEEK

15 – 19 September

Small Schools Swimming

The Year 5 - Year 8 Small Schools Swimming Sports are being held at the pool in Frankton on Thursday 14 August. The schools participating in this event are St. Joseph's, Kingsview, Kawarau and Glenorchy. We will be leaving school at 8:30am to ensure we arrive at the pool in plenty of time. Details have been emailed to parents of Year 5 - Year 8 students.

Hugo Bridge

It was unfortunate that the cold weather meant that we were not able to bike to the Hugo Bridge as planned on Thursday 7 August. However, Steve Hewland from the Trails Trust did come into school talk to the students which was a really informative session. We were impressed by the great questions our students asked him.



A reminder that the Hugo Bridge opening is on this weekend. Please be aware that this is not a school event. Any children, parents and families, are able to gather for the opening of the Hugo bridge and bike ride together. Local children will be performing a waiata at the opening.

The details are as follows:

Date: 16th August

Time: 12.15pm

Where: meet at skatepark and bike to the bridge.

Dress up and dress up the bikes.

Best dressed bike will win a voucher for Mrs Woolies.

Families are to be responsible for their own children biking to and from the bridge.

Teacher and Support Staff Paid Union Meeting (PUM)

We have been advised that a Paid Union Meeting (PUM) for teachers and support staff will take place at 1:30pm on Thursday 28 August in Queenstown.

To support this, we are kindly asking parents to consider collecting their children at 12:30pm if possible. A small number of staff will remain on site to provide supervision for students who are unable to be collected early. Please be assured that children who need to remain at school will continue to be cared for. This Paid Union Meeting has been organised by the New Zealand Educational Institute (NZEI), the union representing primary teachers and support staff. Under Section 26 of the Employment Relations Act 2000, union members are entitled to attend up to two paid union meetings per calendar year, each of up to two hours duration. We appreciate your support and understanding.

Please email Gorettie by 9:00am on Monday 25 August to let her know if you will collect your children or if they will need supervision for the afternoon. Thank you.

School Board Elections

The voting papers etc will be going out to the parent community tomorrow for two parent representatives.

Skool Loop App

Now that the skool loop app is operating, we encourage you to download it and use this for communicating student absences. If you need help with setting up the app, please contact Gorettie.

School Garden Meeting

Ms Winslade will be holding a parent meeting on Wednesday 20 August at 3:15pm in the Senior Room to discuss the school garden plan for this season. Please contact clair@glenorchy.school.nz if you have any further questions.

Glenorchy School Ball

A reminder to parents to show their support for the Glenorchy School PTFA and let Clair know if you can assist with volunteering at the Ball. Paper plates will be sent home with each child on Thursday and food can be dropped at the hall on Saturday 16 August between 5:00 - 5.30pm. The Ball is one of our two major fundraisers that raises funds to enhance school programmes for our tamariki. It is vital that we support these events for this to continue.

Technology Showcase

A Technology Showcase will be replacing our end of term assembly on Thursday 11 September. A home based Technology challenge will be sent home this Friday and the technology projects will be presented on this day. The classrooms will be open from 2:15pm for parents and whanau to view the students' Technology Challenge creations as well as other classroom work from the term. This will be followed by shared kai in the Tech Room, so please bring a plate along to share.

Book Week

Preparations are underway for lots of Book Week activities during the final week of term. This includes a **dress up as your favourite book character day** and a special guest performance on Friday 19th September.

Kindness Towards Staff

We are fortunate to have a team of dedicated teachers and support staff who work hard every day for our tamariki. As the term gets busy, winter illnesses take hold, and everyone's energy levels are tested, we ask that our school community shows kindness and respect in all interactions. Positive, constructive communication helps us work together for the benefit of our students. Thank you for helping us maintain a caring and supportive environment for everyone.

Student of the Week

	Junior Room	Senior Room
WEEK 3	Monty- For amazing effort, fluency and expression in reading.	Aiden - For a super change in his attitude and application to his learning in class.
WEEK 4	Cooper- For working to the best of his ability during Maths and being an amazing maths buddy to his peers.	Jack - for applying himself to all areas of his learning in class.

Paula, Michelle, Clair and Gorettie



Vote now!

Voting is now open for school board elections.
Contact your school for more information.

Mr Paul Ferris, PO Box 123, Glenorchy 9350




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16
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Parent Support Group

Supporting families of neurodivergent tamariki with information, education, encouragement and connection through shared experience.

When: First Tuesday of each month
Time: 10:15am - 11:45am
Where: Te Atamira, Remarkables Park, Frankton

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