



**Glenorchy
School**

NEWSLETTER

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Strike Action

We have now received formal notification that Strike Action by teachers, support staff and principals is going ahead this week on Thursday 23 October. Glenorchy School will be closed on this day as we will have insufficient staffing available to operate safely. We sincerely appreciate your support as we continue to advocate for our tamariki.

Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Millie and Harry, and their parents Nick and Shannon, who have recently moved to Glenorchy. Both Millie and Harry have joined the Senior Room.

Working Bee

Thank you to those who were able to attend the Working Bee on Sunday despite the poor weather. It was great to get the east corner including the glasshouse and garden beds tidied up. Thank you Naomi for leading this.

KIWI English, Maths and Science Competitions

At the end of Term 2, Dylan, MacKenzie, Remy and Ollie participated in the KIWI Science, Maths and English Competitions run by the Centre for Assessment and Monitoring at the University of Canterbury. We have recently had the results of these competitions returned to us and would like to congratulate all four students for having a go at testing their knowledge in these core curriculum areas. It is worth noting that Dylan received a Merit endorsement in the Years 7/8 English Competition, Ollie achieved a Merit endorsement in the Years 5/6 Science Competition, and MacKenzie received an Excellence endorsement in the Years 5/6 Science Competition as well as Merit endorsements in the Years 5/6 Maths and English Competitions.

Eel Trip

On Thursday 9 October the school went down to the lagoon to observe the eel monitoring process and to have a question and answer session with Paulette from Ngai Tahu who is doing the monitoring. It was amazing to learn about these incredible creatures. Be sure to check out the diorama and reports in the foyer and Junior Room. We hope to have a hands-on follow up session in 2026.

TERM 4 Dates

6 October - 12 December

BOT Meeting Date

10 November

Strike Day

**23 October
(No School)**

Labour Day

**27 October
(No School)**

Teacher Only Day

**28 October
(No School)**

Wakatipu Zone Triathlon

4 November

Bike Wise/Hugo Bridge

6 November

Wheels Wednesday

12 November

End of Year Prize-giving

11 December

Term 4 Ends

12 December



Small Schools Triathlon

Our Year 5 - Year 8 students participated in the Small Schools Triathlon on Friday 17 October. It was great to see everyone giving it a go and supporting each other. We will finalise the entries for the Wakatipu Zone Triathlon being held on Tuesday 4 November shortly.

Return trophies

If you have a cup or a trophy at home from last year's prize giving, we ask that you please return it to school by Friday 7 November. Thank you.

School Photos

Photolife Photography will be at school on Thursday 13 November to take class, individual and family photos. We will send home order forms when we have them.

Measles

You may have heard about the 1 case of Measles identified in a person who had recently arrived in Queenstown. Our Public Health Nurse has provided us with the following information about measles - a highly infectious disease.

Healthify Link re Measles [Measles | Healthify](#)

Healthline: 0800 611 116 if people have any further questions.

Teacher Only Day

A reminder that Glenorchy School will be closed on Tuesday 28 October for a Teacher Only Day whilst teachers continue their professional learning in the new Maths Curriculum. This also gives families an extra long Labour Weekend break.

Communication

We know how important it is for you to have the information you need about school matters, when you need it. Our goal is always to get essential updates and logistical details out to you in a timely manner through our fortnightly school newsletter and the School Loop app. Sometimes you might notice a pause between an initial announcement and the full details. That's usually because we're busy finalising logistics! We wait until we are absolutely sure we have all the details you need to know before sending out the final communication. This ensures you receive complete and accurate information the first time, saving the hassle of confusing corrections or follow-up messages.

Student of the Week

	Junior Room	Senior Room
WEEK 1	Harriet - for settling into her primary school journey with confidence.	MacKenzie - For showing kindness to her peers.
WEEK 2	Monty - for his amazing report on eels.	Harry - for taking responsibility for his writing and making great progress.

Paula, Kelly, Michelle, Clair and Gorettie.



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