

#### 2025 Term Dates

Term 1

29 Jan-11 April

#### Waitangi Day

6 February (No School)

### BOT Meeting Dates

18 February 18 March

#### **Takahe Release**

11 February DoC Visit at 10:00am

# Goal Setting Interviews

25 February

## Teacher Only Day

21 March (No School)

### Otago Anniversary Day

24 March (No School)

#### **School News**

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Tena koutou katoa,

It is great to have everyone back at school and the staff are looking forward to working with your children in 2025.

#### Welcome

We would like to welcome Remy to Glenorchy School. Remy has come from Omararma School and has joined the Senior Room today. We are starting the year with 25 students. We also welcome Ms Clair Winslade to our teaching team. Ms Winslade will be teaching the Junior Room on Thursdays and Fridays beginning on Thursday 13 February.

#### Car Park

You will have seen that the car park has been extended a little bit to allow more car parking further along Cantire Street. We noticed this morning that some cars were parked in the bus stop area which meant the bus was not able to pull in there. For the safety of the school bus students we need to make sure that the bus stop area is kept clear. Thank you for respecting this.

#### Attendance at school

You will be aware that one of the government's current priority targets is to have all students having regular attendance at school. This year, the Ministry of Education is collecting our attendance data daily. Therefore it is super important that if your child is not at school that the school is aware of this **and the reason why** by 9:00am. We ask that you report an absence by **a phone call to the school office or a text message to the Principal.** Please do not call or text the classroom teachers with absences.

#### Communication with Staff

Just a reminder that our preferred method of communication with you regarding school matters is through email.

#### **Swimming**

Lynette is back to take swimming lessons for the first two weeks, so students will need to bring their swimming togs and goggles every day. We would like to thank Headwaters for supporting Glenorchy School by hosting Lynette while she is here.



#### Garden to Table

On Friday 31 January Miss Edlin and Nicky Gray (Enviroschools) will be at school working with the students in the school garden from 1:30pm. Parents are welcome to come and join in at this time if you are available.

#### **Takahe Release**

Weather permitting, we are going to receive a short visit at school on Tuesday 11 February from DoC who are releasing more takahe, this time in the Rees Valley area.

#### **Goal setting Interviews**

This year we are holding our goal setting interviews a little later in the term. They will be held on Tuesday 25 February. This will be a great opportunity to see and hear how the year has started for your child.

#### **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. It was a huge success with everything selling out by mid afternoon.

#### **Kowhai Valley Creche**

Glenorchy School was represented at the opening of the Kowhai Valley Creche on Monday 27 January. We are looking forward to forming a partnership with this new organisation to continue to support smooth transitions to school for our New Entrants.

#### **Teacher Only Day**

Glenorchy School will be closed on Friday 21 March to allow staff to attend professional learning in Queenstown. This will make it an extra long weekend as school is also closed on Monday 24 March for Otago Anniversary Day.

#### Paula, Kelly, Michelle, Hayley and Gorettie

