



Glenorchy  
School



### **BOT Meeting**

#### **Dates**

20 November

9 December

### **Small Schools**

#### **Triathlon**

6 November

### **Safe Walking &**

#### **Biking**

13 November

### **Teacher Only**

#### **Day**

15 November

### **Mid-Term**

#### **Assembly**

18 November

2:40 PM

### **Orienteering**

21 November

### **School Prize**

#### **Giving**

11 December

5:30pm

### **End of Term 4**

13 December at

12:30pm

## **School News**

**Term 4 Issue 2**

**4 November 2024**

### **Working Bee**

Thank you for supporting the school Working Bee on Sunday. It was great to have so many people helping out on the day. The gardens are looking beautiful again. We are excited to hear so many people want to help out in the school garden this season. Here is the parent volunteer [document](#) link for you to add your name to.

### **Sustainable Glenorchy**

On Friday 8 November, Glenorchy School students will be joining Sustainable Glenorchy group members to do a Roadside and Lakeside Litter Clean-Up to help beautify our community. Students will be covering the streets around the school and towards the rec ground areas. Parents are welcome to join us. Please be at school at 1:30pm and bring your own gloves with you.

### **Litter Free Lunches**

Leading on from keeping our school and community beautiful, please refer to the message from the classroom teachers below about litter free lunches next week.

### **Triathlon**

This week our Year 5 - Year 8 students will be attending the Small Schools Triathlon at the Events Centre on Wednesday 6 November. Arrangements for the day have been emailed to parents.

### **Orienteering**

The next sporting event following the triathlon is the Central Otago Orienteering Championships. It is being held on Thursday 21st November at Jardine Park in Queenstown. This year we have been able to enter all our Year 5 - Year 8 students.

We have been advised that Emily and Chris Forne, who are involved with running the event, have kindly offered to run two training sessions for any Wakatipu Orienteers to practise their skills. These are to be held on Thursday 7th and Thursday 14th November at 4:00pm (a briefing followed by a staggered start) at the start of Sweet Robbie's Bike Track (Headley Tce) , Shotover Country Delta area, Shotover Country (FYI not main Shotover delta by the poo ponds). There would be a \$5 cost (to cover printing and set up/equipment costs). Parents are welcome to take their children to this.

### **Safe Walking and Biking**

On Wednesday 13 November, Constable Wayne Park will be at school to take the Safe Walking and Biking programme. Senior Room students will need to bring their bikes and helmets to school for this.

### **Teacher Only Day**

Glenorchy School will be closed on Friday 15 November for a Teacher Only Day whilst teachers continue their professional learning in preparation for the upcoming curriculum changes.

## Student of the Week

	Junior Room	Senior Room
Week 2	<b>Kate</b> - for being responsible at school.	<b>Lucas</b> - for all the enthusiasm he's been putting into his topic research.
Week 3	<b>Maxi</b> - for his hard work and resilience with his Halloween work.	<b>Connie</b> - for all the effort she has put into reading and the awesome progress she has made.

## Board of Trustees October Meeting

- We reviewed the Board Code of Conduct Policy.
- We discussed tasks to be done at the Working Bee.
- The Board was briefed on the next stage of Nga Iti Kahurangi Small and Remote Schools Programme. Contractors will be in the school at the beginning of December to recarpet the classrooms. The Board agreed to purchase carpet tiles for the resource room / breakout area to be laid when the contractors are here.
- The Board is considering two quotes for a new IT provider following notification that our current providers are withdrawing support.
- The school insurance policies were reviewed and approved.
- **Term dates for 2025** were confirmed. Please make note the below dates:  
**TERM 1** - Wednesday 29 January - Friday 11 April  
**TERM 2** - Monday 28 April - Friday 27 June  
**TERM 3** - Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September  
**TERM 4** - Monday 6 October - Friday 12 December
- The Finance Committee is starting to prepare a draft budget for 2025.
- The staffing structure for next year is being considered. There is a process to work through for this that takes time. We hope to be able to inform you at the beginning of December of the arrangements for 2025.

**Paula, Kelly, Sophie, Michelle and Gorette**

## **Litter Free Lunches**

Dear Parents

During the week 11-15 November we would like to hold a Litter Free Lunch Challenge.

We would love it if your child's lunch contains as few items as possible that must be thrown away. Ideally, your child's lunch will only contain items that will be eaten, composted or recycled. Examples of how to pack litter-free lunch items are provided in the attached guide. Reusable containers are a handy way to pack a waste-free lunch. They also make it easy to buy food and drink in bulk (instead of in single-servings) which can save money over time.

The Litter-Free Lunch Challenge is one of our sustainability education initiatives. By participating, we hope that the children will have a better understanding of how we can take action to reduce our waste. Litter-free lunches also save money and promote healthy eating.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns about the Litter-Free Lunch Challenge, please don't hesitate to speak to us.

Thank you for supporting your child's participation in Glenorchy School's Litter-Free Lunch Challenge.

Yours sincerely,  
Kelly and Sophie

**Litter-free lunches contain only items that are eaten, composted or recycled. They don't contain wrappers or packaging that will be thrown in the rubbish bin.**

### **Examples of items in a litter-free lunch**

- Snacks in a reusable container
- Yoghurt in a small reusable container, filled at home from a bulk container
- 'Trail mix' in a reusable container
- Whole fruits without packaging or fruit pieces in reusable containers
- Raw or salad vegetables such as carrot, tomato, cucumber and celery, plus a small container of dip
- Muffin, fruit bread or biscuits in reusable container
- Cubes/slices of cheese in a reusable container

**Reusable containers** – Using reusable containers is the cornerstone of a waste-free lunch! Suitably sized containers will keep sandwiches intact and make little treats easy to pack. Although reusable containers may have a higher upfront cost than a roll of plastic wrap, they are durable, they will save you money in the longer term and they will help to reduce waste.

**Buying in bulk** – Buying items such as juice, yoghurt, crackers, biscuits and cheese in bulk quantities or containers, rather than in individual servings, will probably save you money as well as reduce waste. It also allows your child to drink or eat only as much as they want at one time, and then they can reseal the container.

**Recyclable packaging** – We understand that some children's lunches may need to contain packaged food items for dietary, religious or other reasons.

Packing a bottle of frozen water with the lunch will give your child a cold drink and also keep the lunch cool.



# Remarkables Market

Remarkables Park

**SUMMER  
SEASON**

**EVERY SATURDAY  
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28TH SEPT - 19TH APR 2024**



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