



Friday 17 March 2017

GLENTUNNEL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tena koutou katoa parents and caregivers,



What an amazing day we had at Spencer Park on Wednesday. Thank you to the many parents who were able to help with transport and contribute to what was an extremely fun and enjoyable day. Also well done to the staff for arranging such entertaining activities for the children. I heard nothing but positive comments from the children as they encouraged and supported each other throughout the day. It was very pleasing to see our School Values shown outside the school environment. Children please give yourselves a pat on the back as you were respectful of each other, encouraging, nurturing and open minded to the various challenges set before you. I would like to give a special mention to Christine our bus driver who donated her time and energy to help transport our children on the day. Without you Christine the trip wouldn't have been possible and we all thank you for kindly giving to our school in this way.

Dates to remember ...

Saturday 18 March
Hanmer mountain bike race

Monday 20 March
Malvern Swimming Sports

Tuesday 28 March
Home and School AGM

Wednesday 12 April
Summer Skate Jam

Thursday 13 April
Last day of Term 1

Tuesday 25 April
ANZAC Day

Monday 1 May
First day of Term 2

Weekly Jokes!

Q: Why did the golfer wear two pairs of pants?

A: In case he got a hole in one!

Q: What animal is best at hitting a baseball?

A: A bat!





The Year 5 and 6 children have started selling chocolate as a fundraiser for their Camp trip to Wellington this year. This is one of many fundraising projects they will be participating in throughout the year. You may have already seen them around the community selling their boxes of chocolate. Thank you for supporting them and the school when they arrive on your doorstep. We have some extra boxes in the office for anyone who has the opportunity to take a box to work, club or sporting events and would like to contribute towards the Senior Camp. Please see Alison or Dion at school to help out.

The Student Leaders have been elected and I look forward to working with them over the year ahead. One of their first projects is to meet with Matt from Enviro-Schools next Tuesday to check on the plants we planted in our native area last year. Well done to everyone who challenged themselves to stand up in class and speak about why they were the right person for the job. It was encouraging to see so many children wanting to make a difference to our school. For those that miss out remember we are all leaders at our school and we all can be great role models for each other.

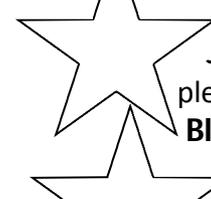
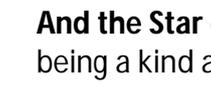
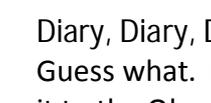
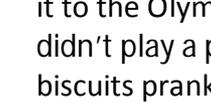
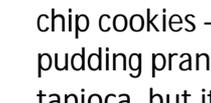
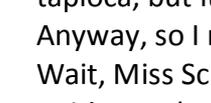
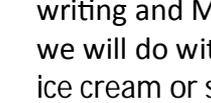




Good luck to the two teams taking on the challenge of competing in the Hanmer 4hr Mountain Bike Event this weekend. I know there will be a lot of effort going in to racing the other teams around the course. Good luck everyone and I hope you enjoy the experience!

Kind regards, Dion Stechmann

Awards this week

-  **Blake Woolley** - Adults noticed that you were a great leader and role model during the activities at Spencer Park this week.
-  **Milan Beattie** - For always bringing effort to everything you do, and for always persevering with every learning challenge.
-  **David Lamb** - For giving a detailed description of what makes a bubble pop!
-  **Zara Lowe** - for working hard with her reading!
-  **Jahdel van Leeuwen** - What amazing persistence, with such a positive attitude, when completing circus arts.
-  **Blake Tamehana** - For great encouragement and persistence during circus arts.
-  **Scarlett Sanders** - For amazing reading this week!
-  **Emily Franklin** - For putting extra effort into your writing.
-  **Finley Tallentire** - For producing quality work when focused.
-  **Isla Smith-Fowler** - For wonderful Random Writing.

And the Star of the Week goes to - Jimi Roper - For having a wonderful attitude towards his learning, and being a kind and caring role model.

News from Room 1

Diary, Diary, Diary,

Guess what. I'm at the Olympics. NOT! I'm just at school. I'm nowhere exciting. But I do want to make it to the Olympics one day. Anyway, let's get back to school. So we're doing writing and Miss Schnell didn't play a prank on us today. Miss Schnell has pulled two pranks on us so far. She's pulled the dog biscuits prank (we were offered dog biscuits to eat, but they were actually dog-bone shaped chocolate chip cookies – so they looked quite a bit like dog biscuits), and the other prank was the frogs' eggs pudding prank which was absolutely GROSS! (We had to eat what looked like frogs' eggs, it was actually tapioca, but it was still GROSS!)

Anyway, so I really wanted a prank today, because they are fun, even though sometimes they are GROSS. Wait, Miss Schnell just said if we do good writing we get a spoon. Huh? So we have all finished our writing and Miss Schnell has given us all a spoon. She says we have to wait 'til tomorrow to find out what we will do with the spoons. People are trying to guess what they spoon will be for. I hope it's for eating ice cream or something equally as good.

Can't wait to find out what the spoon will be used for, I'm guessing it will be some sort of prank.

Catch ya later Diary.

Mya McDonnell (Year 6)

Dear Diary

I ate brains today. Nothing odd about that is there? Just like any other normal writing lesson. It was really good. I think I'm going to turn into a zombie, because I ate a jumpy, squishy, delicious, bowlful of grey matter. Yum. If you're not a brain eater you should try some because they're jumpy, squishy, and delicious. I think I'm turning into a zombie. Grrrr... just kidding.

Miss Schnell should try pulling that prank again – it was delicious. I didn't really eat brains it was just a lime jelly in a brain-shaped jelly mould.

Ha ha ha, got you there, didn't I Diary.

Nate Karst (Year 6)

Dear Diary

It's Monday, and Mondays are worse than Tuesdays, and Tuesdays are worse than Wednesdays, but thank goodness there's Friday to be looking forward to, because on Friday there is no writing.

Today at writing there was no prank. When there is no prank there is nothing to write about. But wait! Miss Schnell gave me a spoon. But I can't tell you until tomorrow what the spoon is for because she didn't tell me.

I hope it's for eating chocolate mousse.

Bye Diary.

Manawai Ponga (Year 6)



Reading Together

A reminder that there will be a Reading Together evening at the Darfield Library, next Tuesday 21st March, at 6 p.m.

Golf in Schools

Next Friday 24th March, we will be needing some parent assistance with Golf in Schools, from 9 - 11 a.m. This is for Year 4 - 6 children. Please see the attached notice. Thanks in anticipation for your help!



ANZAC Day



As usual, there will be an ANZAC Day Parade and Memorial Service held in Glentunnel this year. ANZAC Day is Tuesday 25th April (during the second week of the school holidays). We are looking for children to lay the wreaths from school, and for one child to read a short reading, during the service. If your child is interested in taking part, could you please let Alison in the office know. Thanks!

Home and School news

Coalgate Tavern meat raffle roster -

Saturday 18th March Reid family

Saturday 25th March Lee family

Coalgate Sale Yard roster -

Thursday 23rd March

Cooking Juanita McAndrew, Cindy Driscoll

Pie Jayme Olds

Baking Emma Rose, Findabair Joynes, Debbie Schnell

Head Lice

We have had a case of head lice reported at school. Can you please check your child's hair, and treat if necessary. Thanks.

Community Notices

For Sale - One size 5/6 Torpedo 7 snow suit. Only worn four times for school ski lessons. \$40.00. Phone or text Yvonne on 021 411 768.

Babysitting over the school holidays available - Nicole, an ex-Glentunnel School 18 year old is available for babysitting over the school holidays. She is having a gap year before beginning a teaching course and has been helping out in Mrs Cornish's room. Charges are \$10 per hour. Please contact Nicole on 3182 322 or 0220 25 45 23.