



NEWSLETTER

Week 1, Term Four, 2024

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Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou e te Whanau,

It is with great excitement that we start the new term with the news that the BOT have engaged with CREO to build the proposed collaborative outdoor learning area. The BOT believes this will be a space for our students to learn, play and come together and connect. With the backing of the community it is wonderful to now know we can make this project a reality. We will continue to update you on the progress of the project over the coming weeks.

We have another busy term in front of us so please make sure you check the upcoming dates below on this newsletter and also keep an eye on the calendar throughout the term. The classes have started some athletics practice to prepare for our first big event, the Zone Athletics on Friday 1 November. A newsletter will be going home with more information about the athletics soon.

Please if you have any questions about any upcoming events, come in and see us.

Ka mihi nui,

Ryan Fraser

Welcome back everyone, and a special welcome to New Entrants Misty and her family, Tyson and his family, and Elle H. following in her sisters footsteps, in Room 6.

We have a very busy schedule for the term - please have a look below in our important dates for the diary.

REMEMBER: School photos tomorrow!

SMILE

By Spike Milligan

Smiling is infectious
You catch it like the flu.

When someone smiled at me today
I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner
and someone saw my grin.

When he smiled I realised
I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile
then realised it's worth.

A single smile just like mine
could travel around the Earth.

So if you feel a smile begin,
don't leave it undetected.

Let's start an epidemic quick
and get the world infected!


A couple of reminders to families

The Drop and Drive area is to be used for Drop and Drive only - NO PARKING.

The car park is for parking to drop off and pick up your child only - NO DROP AND DRIVE.

Please help to keep the children safe by using both areas for their intended purpose only as it creates frustration for other users when they are used inappropriately.

Please drive carefully when in and around our school.



All our school news in one place

Download The Skool Loop App Today

Simple free download: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' and choose our school once installed.

UNIFORM PRICES

Polo top Size 6 - 16 \$32.50

Polo top Size S, M, L \$37.00

Polar Fleece Size 4 - 14 \$45.00

Polar Fleece Size S, M, L \$54.00

Sunhats \$23.00

Uniform is available to purchase at the office.

Our school event calendar for the year is on our website: ardgowan.school.nz/pages/calendar

under the **News and Events Tab** at the top. It is regularly updated with as many dates as possible but please be aware some dates - especially those further on in the year, may change.

SCHEDULE OF LUNCHES TERM THREE 2024

MONDAY Hot Eaties in the pie warmer. (Kowhai, Manuka, Kauri).

Items to be securely wrapped in tin foil and named with a vivid. No Bowls as they take up too much room. Items can be taken to class on the morning and put in the class tray to be transferred to the pie warmer. Please have items defrosted.

TUESDAY - Sushi. Order at the school office by 9am each Tuesday. **Correct cash needed**, no change will be given.

WEDNESDAY - OWN LUNCH

THURSDAY Subway orders every week. Please have orders into the school office by Wednesday mornings. Order envelopes are available at the school office. Correct cash please.

FRIDAY Hot Eaties in the pie warmer. (Rimu, Pohutukawa).

Please ensure that your child has a drink bottle at all times of the year. Our school promotes healthy eating whenever possible, a piece of fruit each day, and choosing healthy snack options for your child's lunchbox is a great way to ensure they get the best out of their day. It also greatly helps to cut down on the amount of plastic packaging we have to send to the tip each week.



OCEANS for Children is a grief and loss programme that provides support for children who have experienced difficult changes or loss in their life. This could be due to the death or absence of someone important to them, separation of parents or family, moving from familiar surroundings, and much more.

The programme provides a safe place for young people to talk about their experiences, discover appropriate ways to express how they are feeling, and learn new tools to help them cope with difficult changes and loss. This happens in a small group setting with others who have had similar experiences, and is supported by caring and trained facilitators.

If you would like more information to see if OCEANS could support your young person, please let your child's teacher know, or contact Maria Johnson on 020 459 6900 or go to the following link

<https://anglicanfamilycare.org.nz/services/north-otago-services-2/>

School Notices

Changed your address or phone number? Please let the office know.

Important Term 4 Dates for the Diary

School website calendar: ardgowan.school.nz/pages/calendar

16th October - School Photos starting at 9am.

16th October - Netty Festival from 10am.

25th October - Cricket Festival

27th October - George Burns Memorial Art Exhibition ends

28th October - Labour Day - School closed

29th October - BOT Meeting 5:30pm

1st November - Zone Athletics

1st November - Home and School Halloween night.

4th November - Diabetes awareness day. Dress in Blue, gold coin donation.

5th - 7th November - Year 5 / 6 Camp

11th - 15th November - Bike Week

11th November - North Otago Athletics

12th November - HPV Vaccinations

14th November - Year 8 Science Day - High Schools

19th November - Otago Athletics Champs

19th, 21st, 26th and 28th November - Whole school Swimming

3rd - 6th December - Tech - OIS - Year 7 / 8

3rd December - BOT Meeting 5:30pm

11th December - Year 1 & 2 Activity day at School

12th December - Year 1 & 2 visit Totara Estate

13th December - Year 8 water Day - Glenavy

18th December - Last day of term 4 - To be confirmed.

- **Absentees.** Please inform the school via email, phone or Skool Loop if your child is going to be absent or late to school for any reason. Please expect a phone call or email from our school office if you have not contacted us - this is to ensure all children are safe and is a Ministry of Education requirement which all schools must follow.
- Please keep your child home if they are showing signs of sickness and let the office know.

School and Community Feedback Our Board of Trustees really values feedback from our school families and community. If you have any comments or feedback please feel free to email feedback@ardgowan.school.nz all communication is treated confidentially

BUS FAMILIES. If your child is getting off at a different stop in the afternoon to what they would normally, please give Pearsons a call or inform the school office so we can let the bus driver know. For safety reasons he is unable to drop children off at alternative stops unless prior parental permission is given

PLEASE DON'T PARK ON THE BERM! Our neighbours across the road have a lovely area of grass in front of their house, but vehicles parked there cause a considerable safety hazard to the residents and other road users. Tyre marks on their lawn are not appreciated. Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.



ARE YOU A PARENT OR CAREGIVER OF A NEURODIVERGENT CHILD?

Able Minds Oamaru Peer Support Group is a safe place where parents and caregivers of neurodivergent children can share experience and gain support from one another.

Parents and caregivers of children / adolescents of any age are most welcome.

CUPPA & TREATS PROVIDED

Every Friday fortnight
10am - 12pm
27 Coquet Street

For further information contact:
Marna Phillips - marna@able.org.nz
Holly Baylis - holly@able.org.nz
or phone 021 353 325

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Colouring Competition posters for the Glencoe Gravity are available in the school office upon request.



The poster features a scenic mountain landscape with a cyclist in the foreground. At the top left is the Maheno School logo with the tagline 'Learning. Exploring. Inspiring.'. Next to it is the Ovarian Cancer Foundation NZ logo. The event title 'GLENCOE GRAVITY' is prominently displayed in large, bold letters. Below the title, the date 'SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2024' is written in green. Pricing information is listed: 'SINGLE VAN RIDE: \$19', 'ALL-DAY SHUTTLE PASS: \$39', 'HELIBIKE: \$209', and 'HELIBIKE AND ALL-DAY SHUTTLE PASS COMBO: \$229'. The website 'VISIT: WWW.GLENCOEGRAVITY.COM' is at the bottom.



2024 Halloween Trick or Treat Fundraiser

Friday 1st November

From 4.30pm to 6.00pm we are running our annual School wide trick or treat event, but this year it will be followed by a BBQ dinner at school, some back yard games, and a 'haunted house' style set up. This is set to be a super fun evening for the kids and adults alike and an opportunity for our community to come together before the Christmas rush!

Trick or Treating - What you need to know:

In order for this event to go ahead, we require volunteers to be 'home hosts', or those that welcome and receive the trick or treaters at their door. We need a minimum of 10 hosts for this event to go ahead, if you would like to be involved and volunteer as a home host, please email Tina Gosney at homeandschool@ardgowan.school.nz with your name, address and contact cell phone number. A map will be prepared that details the homes' participating so the trick or treaters know which houses to visit. Home hosts will need to be confirmed before **Friday 18th October** to leave enough time to prepare a map. This year the cost of the map is \$5 per child.

The following rules must be adhered by:

1. *For safety reasons, if you are a home host, one adult must stay at home at all times during the trick or treat event.*
2. *Trick or treaters must be accompanied by an adult at all times.*
3. *If you're a home host, we encourage you to decorate your front door. This could be as simple as a plastic skeleton, a carved pumpkin, some spider webs etc.*
4. *If you are a home host, you must provide a trick or a treat. The trick could be a joke, a song, some sound scary effects, a plastic bug, a balloon, etc. The treat would obviously be candy or edible treat*
5. *Trick or treating can only start at 4.30pm and must end by 6.00pm. Families are welcome at School for BBQ dinner from 5.30 onwards.*
6. *Siblings under 12 only are welcome to purchase a map and join in the trick or treating.*

This is a Home and School fundraiser. Please support us by getting involved! An order form for Maps, will follow once we have confirmed host properties.

Please contact Tina Gosney - 0272709293 should you have any questions or queries about this event.