



23rd February 2023

Term 1 Week 4

## From the desk of Ms 'O'

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Next week marks the half-way point in this term.

I'm pleased to report that the tamariki have settled well into routine and teachers are organising programmes to lead them to reach their learning goals.

In order to gain maximum benefit from all learning opportunities all tamariki need to attend school unless absent with a justifiable reason.

Parents/caregivers are invited to come to school in early March to meet with teachers to share information about their children's wellbeing and progress.

Attached on the following page is a form which explains the parent/teacher interview process and also provides an opportunity for parents to indicate their availability to participate in this valuable exchange of information.

It would be prudent for you to return the form below promptly to indicate when you would be available. All efforts will be made to coordinate times to allow for families with several children at school. Once the responses have been processed, I'll send you confirmation of your time/day. Thank you.



WOW! What a performance our students put on yesterday. Well done everybody.

## Parent Teacher Interview Booking Form

**My preferences for an interview are:**

(circle any)

**Monday 6th March:**

3:00 – 4:00      4:00 – 5:00      5:00 – 6:00

**Tuesday 7th March:**

3:00 – 4:00      4:00 – 5:00      5:00 – 6:00

**Wednesday 8th March:** (Mrs A-T not available on Wednesdays)

3:00 – 4:00      4:00 – 5:00      5:00 – 6:00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Welcome!

We warmly welcome Shona and Matthew Tayler's daughter, Prue, to the New Entrant class.



## Year 7 Vision Screening

The Vision Hearing Technicians from Population Health team, Southern District Health will be visiting Garston school to screen all year seven students for distance vision on Thursday 2 March at approx. 12pm.

### **Distance Vision (Amblyopia & Hyperopia)**

This determines how well your child is able to see at a distance. It involves reading an eye chart.

*(This free vision check is not required if student wears glasses and/or is currently under care of an optometrist or eye specialist).*



## Policies for Review

The following 5 policies have come up for review as part of our SchoolDocs triennial cycle of review:

- Board Focus: Legislation & Administration; Privacy, Official Information Requests.
- Student Attendance; Enrolment.

These will be discussed/ratified after the review closes at the end of Term 1.

How to review a policy

1. Visit the website <https://garston.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (garston) then call the school office for the password.
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type.
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

## Community News

The Whakatipu Ski Club is located on Coronet Peak ski area, Queenstown, New Zealand and was established in June 1949. Over the years the club has produced a large number of New Zealand ski team members, New Zealand ski team coaches as well as Olympic skiers.

The club's focus these days is on facilitating ski & snowboard lessons for children, getting as many kids as possible out there on the snow, and a friendly family atmosphere in the hut.

Our hut includes remote working facilities, WIFI, a day room, well equipped kitchen, lounge with log burner, ski storage lockers, and a large sun deck.

The Whakatipu Ski Club prides itself on its contribution to the Queenstown sporting community and is committed to assisting local families enjoy our mountains.



<https://www.wsc.co.nz/>

[http://eepurl.com/ii9\\_ML](http://eepurl.com/ii9_ML)

## Dates for your Diary



**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Parent-teacher interviews.



**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

**LIFE** education bus – Harold the Giraffe to visit.



**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

BOT meeting at 7pm in the school library. All welcome.



**Monday 20<sup>th</sup>–Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

School swimming at Mossburn pool.



**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

Home and School meeting at 7pm