

School Newsletter

9 February 2011

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers
Tena Koutou Katoa



Mr E A Benton
Principal

Welcome!

To the 2011 school year at Glenfield College. A special welcome to all families new to our school. We look forward to working with you over the years ahead in the education of your children. Should you ever have any concerns or queries regarding your child, please don't hesitate to contact their year level Dean in the first instance. The Deans contact details are as follows (*phone the school number 444 9066*):

- Year 9, Mrs Card on ext 823; email year9dean@gc.ac.nz
- Year 10, Mr Tod on ext 824; email year10dean@gc.ac.nz
- Year 11, Mr Sinclair on ext 827; email year11dean@gc.ac.nz
- Year 12, Ms Gray on ext 825; email year12dean@gc.ac.nz
- Year 13, Mrs Ross on ext 826; email year13dean@gc.ac.nz

Parents of Year 9 students are invited to come in and meet the teachers, Dean and senior staff on Tuesday 15th February from 4:00pm to 5:00pm in the theatre. This is an opportunity to put faces to names.

2010 NCEA Results

We are happy to report that students in Year 11 to Year 13 did well in NCEA last year. In most measures we were above the average for our decile, another significant step in the right direction. Our pass rates at Levels 2 and 3 of NCEA, our University Entrance rate and our Level 1 endorsements were all above our decile average. While our Level 1 pass rate was below the decile, we allow all our Year 11 students to have a full NCEA course at Level 1, something that many other schools do not.

Our results prove to us that we are building a very positive learning culture in our school and that Glenfield College students can do as well, if not better here, than they would in many other schools. We will not rest on these results but continue to work to improve them even further. Thank you parents for your support in this work.

School Culture/Philosophy

At Glenfield College we work very hard to create a really positive learning environment in the school so that students want to be here and want to learn. We do this by building positive relationships with students, by having clear expectations of them and clear boundaries, but also by being fair and consistent in our dealings with students. Outsiders see a friendly positive place to be but it is by no means an environment where individuals can cross boundaries and get away with it. In fairness to the overwhelming majority who meet expectations, those who don't will be sanctioned. These things make for a good school to learn in and our results bear this out.



Congratulations to Head Boy, Simon Thomas, for being selected from amongst 162 of New Zealand's best and brightest who attended the Rotary National Science and Technology Forum at Auckland University in the holidays, to travel to London in July for an International Science Forum. Only two were chosen!

Maths Notice

Calculators: All students are expected to own a calculator and bring it to every lesson. Students taking 12AMaths, 13Calculus and 13Statistics must have a graphic calculator. It is compulsory and essential for these courses. The graphic calculator we use is CASIO FX9750II.

Maths Buddy is an internet tutorial website used at the college. It will be used with Year 9 and 10 classes, 11AMaths, 12AMaths and 13Calculus. It costs \$30 for all students except for 13Calculus students. (They pay only \$10). Students will be given their login when they have paid. Students not in these classes may also join up. They should see the Head of Maths Department, Mrs Palacio.

Maths Clinic will start on 9th March and will be held every Wednesday after school in the Library from 2:45pm to 4:00pm. All students are welcome.

Coming Events


Monday Feb 14 th	Gateway Parents' Meeting Time: 6:30pm Venue: Staff Room
Tuesday Feb 15 th	New Parents to the School - Meet the Teachers Time: 4:00pm-5:00pm Venue: School's 'Kaipatiki' Theatre
Thursday Feb 17 th	Athletics Day - Bring uniforms to compete in, sunhat, water bottle, sunscreen
Monday Feb 21 st	Whanau Parents' Meeting for all Maori Parents Time: 7:00pm Venue: Whare kai
Tuesday Feb 22 nd	Teachers' Paid Union Meeting - School finishes at 12:30pm

Key Dates

Tue Apr 5 th	Parent Forum - Learn about and discuss our school with the Principal and key staff Time: 7:00pm Venue: Staff Room
Wed & Thu Apr 6 th & 7 th	Year 11 Drama 'Alice's Revenge' Time: 7:30pm Venue: Kaipatiki Theatre
Tuesday Apr 12 th	Report Evening Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm Venue: Kaipatiki Theatre

Term Dates

Note changes for this year due to the Rugby World Cup

Friday Apr 15 th	Term 1 Ends	DRIVING LESSONS Manual, dual-control car (or I can teach you in your own car – automatic or manual) Learner – Restricted – Full test training Refresher courses, Overseas conversions N.Z.Q.A. & A.A. Certified Tel. Steve – 4820661 Mob. - 0272655511 Email – steve@drivesure.co.nz 
Monday May 2 nd	Term 2 Begins	
Friday Jul 15 th	Term 2 Ends	
Monday Aug 1 st	Term 3 Begins	
Friday Oct 7 th	Term 3 Ends	
Tuesday Oct 25 th	Term 4 Begins	
Friday Dec 9 th	Term 4 Ends	