

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers
Tena Koutou Katoa



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Principal

NCEA, Organisation and Planning

One of the positives and negatives of NCEA as an assessment and qualification system is that it requires students to be organised and to plan ahead in order to be successful. NCEA has a mixture of internal and external assessment. Internal assessment involves meeting deadlines during the course of the year such as handing an essay in on time, completing a body of work in art or a project in technology or sitting a test in class on a given day. External assessment is mainly the national examinations held in November and December. Although, Art and Technology will have work that is sent off for marking as well. All students should know when their internal assessments are due to take place, if not down to the exact day and time, at least to the school week with the exact day being specified a few weeks out. All students should have a calendar showing when all these assessments are due to take place and a reminder two weeks before to start preparing for them. Please discuss this planning with your child.

All year 11 students were given a calendar to fill in. It could go on the fridge so that you all know what's coming up. Those who are organised and plan ahead will at least do their best. Those who remember the test as they walk into the classroom and receive the question paper will not. Developing good organisation and planning skills sets youngsters up well for life. Girls are usually better at this than boys as teenagers. So really hound your boys over this. If you are concerned that your child doesn't seem to have a clue about when internal assessments are and what's coming up, please contact their Dean.

Winter and Uniform

While it hasn't been that cold yet, it has been wet. We do have a uniform and we do expect students to wear correct uniform to school. Please ensure that your child has sufficient uniform to keep warm and dry. If a choice has to be made, the jacket may be better than the jersey because it provides warmth and rain protection.

Support our Teams!

Don't forget that many teenagers will not actively encourage you to come and watch them play sport but they do appreciate it. If your child is playing a sport for the school, get along and support them. Teenagers still need to know that you really care.

International Week

The short week after Queen's Birthday weekend, 7th-10th June is our annual International Week in which we celebrate the enormous ethnic diversity that we have in our school. Activities involve a food fair in the cafeteria on Tuesday lunchtime and a concert featuring various ethnic groups from 12:00pm Wednesday 8th June to which interested parents are invited. Students may also wear their full national costume to school on Wednesday.

Mid-Term Break

A reminder that we are taking Friday 3rd June as a holiday to give a four day mid-term break along with Queen's Birthday. Enjoy the break!

Key Dates

3 rd June	Mid-Term Break
6 th June	Queen's Birthday
7 th June	BOT Meeting
7 th -10 th June	International Week
15 th -16 th June	Y13 Drama " <i>Children of the Poor</i> " Venue: Kaipatiki Theatre Time: 7:30pm Entry: \$2
4 th July	BOT Meeting
5 th July	Information Evening for 2012 Year 9 Enrolment All prospective parents and students are welcome to attend
7 th , 12 th July	Enrolment Evening Venue: School Office Time: 4:00-8:00pm
15 th July	Last Day of Term 2
1 st August	First Day of Term 3 BOT Meeting
2 nd , 4 th August	Enrolment Evening Venue: School Office Time: 4:00-8:00pm
6 th August	Open Afternoon - School Tour Time: 1:00-4:00pm
13 th August	School Ball


Notices

Electronic Newsletters: The school have started emailing newsletters to parents. If you have recently changed your email address, please inform the school by emailing to reply@gc.ac.nz stating your child's name. The newsletter will also be available on our webpage www.glenfieldcollege.school.nz.

Absences: Please contact the Student Centre on 444-9066 ext 813 or alternatively, you can email the attendance administrator on absences@gc.ac.nz.

International Week Food Fiesta

Can you help by hosting a stall? Phone Ms Ferguson on 444 9066 or email g.ferguson@gc.ac.nz immediately!



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