

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers

Tena Koutou Katoa



Mr E A Benton
Principal

Senior Entrance Exams

The Senior Entrance Exams for seniors are under way and finish on Monday 27th August. Normal classes resume for senior students on Tuesday 28th August. This time is considered to be normal school time and therefore students should either be at school sitting exams or at home preparing for the next one. Some students may have few if any exams but those students will have further internal assessments that they can be at home working on and preparing for.

We will be using the outcome of these exams along with a student's results to-date from internal assessments, to predict a likely outcome in NCEA this year for each senior student and as the result of this determine what an appropriate course might be for each student in 2013, something challenging but achievable. This will mean that a student would have to pass or be very close to passing Level 1 NCEA before he/she could enter Level 2 subjects and similarly from Level 2 to Level 3. These exams are therefore very important but the national exams in November and December are the ultimate determinant.

Academic Interviews

Once the senior entrance exams are marked and results recorded, the process of selecting a course for 2013 begins for students in Years 10 to 12. Those students will all receive a Senior School Curriculum Handbook for 2013 which lists all the subjects on offer and the requirements and prerequisites for entry to courses in future years including universities and other tertiary providers. They should share this with you and discuss their proposed choices with you as well as with their Tutor Teacher at school and if necessary, the Careers Counsellor and /or subject Heads.

We are once again ceasing classes for a day for each of the year levels, Years 10 to 12, to allow time for you and your son/daughter to come in and discuss courses for 2013 with our staff. You will be sent a letter offering an appointment time and we urge you to attend on the appropriate day and time.

- Year 12 students (Y13 in 2013): Tuesday 11th September
- Year 11 students (Y12 in 2013): Thursday 13th September
- Year 10 students (Y11 in 2013): Tuesday 18th September

Paid Union Meeting - Friday 31 August (Early finish at 12:30pm)

On Friday 31st August, classes will finish at 12:30pm for the day and students can then go home. In accordance with the provisions of the Teachers Collective Agreement, they are to attend a Paid Union Meeting. Should any of you want us to provide work and supervision for your child, especially those under 14 years of age, please contact the Student Centre on 444-9066.

Invisible Boundaries

For some of our students, their failure to reach their potential in the classroom while at school comes down to a lack of self-belief in their ability to succeed. They don't think they can do it so they don't try. To do nothing provides the perfect excuse for failure. No one expects the student who does nothing to pass.

A lack of self-belief often comes from subtle messages that a young person has received over the years from many sources. Messages that cover stereotypes and are reinforced by the media, the wider community and dare I say it, sometimes parents and teachers. We must turn this around together and only tell our young that they can, that they will succeed. You'll have to work but "Yes You Can!" Our kids are great. Let's give them all the self-belief we can.



GLENFIELD COLLEGE FASHION SHOW 2012

A fundraiser event in support of the Sweet Louise Foundation. Sweet Louise helps to improve the quality of life for hundreds of New Zealand women and men living with secondary breast cancer.

Wednesday 29 August | 7:00pm | Kaipatiki Theatre | Tickets at \$5 each or \$8 for VIP seats

2013 - Year 9 Enrolment

Contact Daisy Shim for
enrolment detail
d.shim@gc.ac.nz

ABSENCES

Please phone the Attendance Office on 441-9773 or 444-9066 ext 813 or email the attendance administrator on absences@gc.ac.nz to report your child's absence. This email address is now available on the school website for your convenience.

Support Staff - Casual Relief

We seek relievers to do general administration duties at our school, ie answering phone calls and transferring them, taking messages, assisting students and parents etc when existing staff are away. This is not a permanent position but the suitably qualified person will be placed in a pool of relievers and should be available for relieving work at short notice. Please apply to Daisy Shim [d.shim@gc.ac.nz].

Board of Trustees

With a number of Board members likely to leave at the time of the next election, we would love to hear from any parents who would be interested in serving on the Board with a view to gaining some experience as a seconded member in advance of 2013. Please contact Daisy Shim [d.shim@gc.ac.nz].

Important Dates

August 21	Senior Entrance Exam begins
August 29	Fashion Show
August 31	Paid Union Meeting (Classes finish at 12:30pm)
September 3	Tournament Week
September 28	Last day of Term 3
October 15	Term 4 begins

Coaches Wanted

We seek any parents/family members who might consider coaching in our sports programme if they could access some training as coaches. Harbour Sport are happy to do this for us. Please contact our Sports Coordinator, Matt Brook [m.brook@gc.ac.nz] for more information.