



Mr E.A. Benton
Principal

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers
Tena Koutou Katoa

Heads Down, Tails Up

Term 3 is well under way already so it is well and truly the time for students to put their learning first and to be focused, engaged and working hard. One of our concerns about some students at this time of the year is that they give up because it is the easy way out when the chips are down and they lack the self belief that they can do the work. To give up and do no work provides students with the perfect excuse for failure. Why would anyone be surprised? What is needed at this time is a joint effort by you and us to give the encouragement and self belief that is needed to keep working, to keep trying, to keep up to date and do some revision. The results will take care of themselves. You do need to talk to your teenager even if you only get grunts in response. They are listening and they need to know that you believe in them and their ability.

Senior entrance exams commence in four weeks on Tuesday 21st August. For some senior students, these exams serve as an opportunity to prove that it is worth proceeding to enter the national external exams in November and December so they need to be putting the work in from now on in order to do well. The outcomes of these exams can also affect course selection for 2013 for all those returning to school.

School Ball

As many of you know, our annual school ball is this Saturday night (28th July). We have been very fortunate over the years that these have been happy occasions without incident. In order to keep it that way, we ask for your help to ensure that all who are attending the ball arrive at the venue without having consumed alcohol or any other substances and that you know exactly what their transport arrangements and destinations are after the event from 12:00am when our supervision ceases. Thank you.

Report Evening - Tuesday 31st July [book online]

Come along and get an up-to-date, face to face report on your child's progress and achievement from the teachers. The times are from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Booking closes at 1:00pm on 31st July.

Booking times for the report evening on 31st July are now being made using the internet. You will need a current e-mail address to book this way. If you do not have a current e-mail address or do not have access to the internet, please ring the school office on 444 9066 during school hours and one of our staff will make the bookings for you.

The booking timetable is called School Interviews and can be accessed through a link on the front page of the school website, www.glenfieldcollege.school.nz, or by entering www.schoolinterviews.co.nz into the address bar. Before doing this, it would be helpful to know your child's subjects and teacher names. These can be found on the report issued at the end of term two. Please note that Mrs Lewis has moved to another school, so if your child was in one of her classes, please check to see who the current teacher is.

When you access the School Interviews website you will need to enter the code **SPUFD** to access the Glenfield College staff in order to make bookings. When you have entered the code, you need to enter your details and then choose all the teachers you wish to speak with. Teachers are found by selecting one of your child's subjects and then opening the teacher drop-down box. You can then choose the teacher. Repeat this process until all teachers are selected.

If you know a teacher's name but not the subject, you need to choose 'All' from the subject box. A list of all teachers will appear in the drop-down box.

When all teachers you wish to speak with have been selected, they will be presented on screen with their booking times. Choose your times and then exit the site. You will receive an e-mail to confirm your booked times.

You may alter or cancel bookings by re-entering the School Interviews website.

GLENFIELD HAS TALENT

On the night of Thursday 9th August, the schools of the Glenfield area are holding a performance evening at the Bruce Mason Centre commencing at 7:00pm. We have music, dance and kapa haka groups performing.

Get in quickly as door sales are unlikely.

Tickets are on sale now at www.ticketmaster.co.nz

Under search, type in 'Glenfield Has Talent'

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.

What you need to know about the Student Centre?

- Entry through the door on the left side of the Administration Block
 - Payment Centre is there
 - Late sign-in to school
 - Early sign-out from school
 - Lost property
 - Information/message to reach your child
 - Items drop-off to reach your child
- Pick up your child during school hours (eg when your child is sick)
 - Second hand school uniforms

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Important Dates

July 28	School Ball
July 31	Report Evening
August 9	Glenfield Has Talent
August 21	Senior Entrance Exam begins
September 3	Tournament Week
September 29	Last day of Term 3
October 15	Term 4 begins