

### ***Message from the Principal***

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers

*Tena Koutou Katoa*

#### **Careers Pathways and Subject Choices**

It is that time of the year again when we commence preparations for the next school year by discussing with students and families, possible career choices, subjects that are needed to enter tertiary training for those career choices, and a student's achievement to date and what needs to be done to line up for certain choices. It is a time of information gathering and giving and we are here to help at every step of this process. To this end, several important events are taking place now and in the weeks ahead, for all students. The first step was the Careers Expo last Thursday night which was extremely well supported by you all. The second step is the one on one discussion that students are having with their Tutor teachers in the pastoral period times on Wednesdays about their achievement to date and their plans for 2014. A very important step should also be the discussions being had at home with you about choices for 2014 based on achievements to date and the preferred pathways ahead. Our 2014 Senior Curriculum Handbook is on our website for ease of reference and all achievements to date are available through the parent portal and of course NZQA.

The final important step in the process of deciding what a student will be doing in 2014 is the Academic Interviews for students in Years 10 to 12 along with their parents or caregivers. These interviews give every student the opportunity to sit down with a staff member and discuss their achievement to date, possible career pathways and therefore subject choices for next year to best meet their needs. We want parents and whanau to be fully involved in this process too. These interviews will take place here at school as follows:

- Year 12 Academic interviews      Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September
- Year 11 Academic interviews      Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September
- Year 10 Academic interviews      Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September

Interview times are during the school day and a letter will be posted to parents this week.

#### **Whare Wananga Opening**

After a fifteen year wait, we have finally completed our school Marae. In the mid 1990s, the then Board and Whanau parents developed architectural plans to build a Marae at our school. Funds were raised and others sought to bring this project to fruition but when the time came to make a start, building costs had taken the cost of the whole project beyond the budget. A decision was made to build the Whare kai or dining room which we have had ever since. This building has a dining room, kitchen, ablutions areas and laundry facility. We have had the use of it since 1998. However, we have only had half a Marae until now. With the assistance of the Lion Foundation, we have shifted and totally converted a classroom owned by the school into our Whare Wananga (House of Learning). With the help of staff, parents and students, we have finished the development of the site to provide us with a great facility for us all to use. It is for all who belong to our school and we will also share this with our local contributing schools that have supported us in this project. We will bless and open this building at dawn on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September. All families of our school are invited to join us at this special occasion. Our students must wear correct school uniform. The ceremony and refreshments to follow will take up to two hours. You are all very welcome.

### **Whare Wananga Opening**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

**5:30am start**

**Entry to the Marae is off the upper school road between Kaipatiki Park and the college.**

# Information to parents or caregivers

<p><b>NZQA Fees</b></p> <p>A reminder that these fees are now due. Fees are \$76.70 up until 6<sup>th</sup> September when we will no longer collect fees and NZQA will charge an extra \$50 late fee for troubling them. Invoices have been posted out to you. These fees fund the marking and processing of results and the publishing of these. If you do not pay, results will not be uploaded to a student's record of learning.</p>	<p><b>Parent Portal</b></p> <p>Please register by email to <a href="mailto:reply@gc.ac.nz">reply@gc.ac.nz</a> from your preferred email address stating your child's name.</p>
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<p><b>Student Visa</b></p> <p>Please provide the school a copy of your child's valid visa if one is renewed. The New Zealand government through the Ministry of Education requires prove that a student enrolled in a state school is entitled to be funded by the government.</p>	<p><b>Enrolments for 2014</b></p> <p>Enrolments continue Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm. Phone Daisy Shim on 444-9066 or email <a href="mailto:d.shim@gc.ac.nz">d.shim@gc.ac.nz</a> for an appointment to enrol your child. We look forward to you joining us at Glenfield College</p>
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<p><b>Absences</b></p> <p>Please phone the school to report your child's absence for the day and provide a note explaining the reason on your child's return to school. The school requires a medical certificate for any absence of over three days. If your child misses school time due to illness, please request for a medical certificate from your GP as this will normally allow your child to sit any missed NZQA assessment when they return to school.</p>	<p><b>Early finish - Last day of Term 3</b></p> <p>We will finish Term 3 on Friday September 27th at <u>12:30pm</u>.</p> <p><b>Community News</b></p> <p>Tennis season has started. Contact Ann-Maree 027 543 2707 for more information.</p>
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Important Dates			
TUE 10 Sep	Whare Wananga Opening; Year 12 Play [2 evenings]	MON 14 Oct	Term 4 begins
THU 12 Sep	Year 12 Academic Interviews	MON 28 Oct	Labour Day (public holiday)
MON 16 Sep	Year 11 Academic Interviews	WED 30 Oct	Music Prize Giving
WED 18 Sep	Year 10 Academic Interviews	THU 31 Oct	Sports Prize Giving
WED 18 Sep	Marlborough Primary School Production [2 evenings]	WED 6 Nov	Academic Prize Giving
FRI 27 Sep	School finishes @ 12:30pm	MON 11 Nov	NCEA Exams begin
		MON 25 Nov	Junior Exams begin
		WED 4 Dec	Seniors Checkout Day
		WED 11 Dec	Junior Prize Giving/Term 4 ends

**ASB Sponsorship Referral Scheme**

This simple scheme offers a \$250 donation to our school for every draw down on a new Home Loan. The conditions are that the voucher must be presented to the ASB staff member when making the loan application. The loan amount must be \$150,000 or more and payment is only made after the loan is fully drawn down. This is limited to one voucher per client. Visit the school website 'Noticeboard' to download the voucher.



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