

Message from Mr Ted Benton, Principal

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers
Tena Koutou Katoa

Welcome to the 2014 school year and a special welcome to all students, parents, families and whanau who have joined our school community for the first time.

Welcome to our new staff who join us this year.



Anna Williams



Deborah Allaker



Sue Edwards



Karl Lee



Helen Drabble

Anna Williams joins us as a first year teacher, moving up from Hawkes Bay to teach English and Social Studies.

Deborah Allaker returns from overseas after starting her teaching career in NZ, to teach English. **Sue Edwards** is up from Wellington to teach English and to be our Careers Advisor.

In other staff changes, **Karl Lee** who joined us in Term 4 last year from Rangitoto College is now Head of English.

Helen Drabble, our Head of International Languages, is now also our Specialist Classroom Teacher and E-Dean.

While I have been on the job for the past two weeks welcoming people back and helping to get the year up and running, I am on leave for the remainder of this term. Principals are entitled to sabbatical leave every five years, a chance for refreshment and professional research and learning. **Mr Dave Bagwell** is Acting Principal in my absence and I return in Term 2.

The 2013 NCEA results were very pleasing. Pass rates at Levels 1 to 3 of NCEA were 70% or better at each level and most pleasing were the level endorsements. At Level 1, more than half the students who passed achieved a Merit or Excellence Endorsement. Endorsements at Levels 2 and 3 were also the best yet. Of note were Ysabel Escandor at Level 2 and Monica Sayani at Level 1 who bettered 100 Excellence Credits each. These are outstanding results and testimony to the fact that while we work very hard to get as many students as possible through NCEA, we do not ignore those at the very top.

Renovations to the Library and Gymnasium were completed late last year. The Library has now been enlarged into the room behind to form one large space providing additional room for computer access, quiet study areas and reading spaces. Previously mothballed changing rooms in the gymnasium have been completely renovated to provide additional space for classes, the Services Academy and visiting teams to change in. We have been fortunate over recent years to be able to renovate significant parts of our school to provide excellent facilities for all.

The Board of Trustees would like to co-opt two or three willing volunteers from our school community to serve with them. The role is not onerous but it is rewarding. If you would like to find out more about this, please contact the Principal's PA, Daisy Shim on d.shim@gc.ac.nz or phone 4419771.



Head Boy 2014 is Sean Berg. Sean attended Windy Ridge Primary School and Glenfield Intermediate before coming to Glenfield College. Sean has been heavily involved in sports including Water Polo, First XV Rugby and was up to last year, doing competitive swimming which has required 5:30am rises for three years. Sean hopes to go to university next year to study Sports Science and Business degrees at Massey University.



Head Girl 2014 is Hinekura Foley who joined Glenfield College last year from Auckland Girls Grammar School. Hinekura is an excellent public speaker in both Te Reo Maori and English and has been involved in Netball, Volleyball and will be starting in Water Polo this year. Hine plans to study Commerce at AUT University.

Information to parents or caregivers

School will be closed on Thursday 6th February (Waitangi Day) and Friday 7th February.

Important Dates

THU 6 Feb	Waitangi Day (Public Holiday)	TUE 11 Mar	Sports Registration (TBC)
FRI 7 Feb	No School	WED 19 Mar	Community Expo
WED 12 Feb	Gateway Parents Evening	THU 17 Apr	Last Day of Term 1
TUE 18 Feb	Meet Year 9 Parents	FRI 18 Apr	Good Friday
THU 20 Feb	Athletics Day	MON 21 Apr	Easter Monday
FRI 28 Feb	VEX Nationals (TBC)	MON 5 May	First Day of Term 2

Enrolments for 2014

If you have not yet enrolled your child, please email Daisy Shim d.shim@gc.ac.nz for more information.

Parent Portal

Please register by email to reply@gc.ac.nz from your preferred email address stating your child's name.

Absences

Please phone the Attendance Office on 4419773 or 4449066 ext 909 or send an email to absences@gc.ac.nz. You are required to report your child's absence 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.