

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa

Final weeks for senior students:- Senior students have less than two weeks of classes left in 2014 as they will be released on study leave on Wednesday, November 5th. Senior students should be on study leave by midday on Nov 5th having completed sign out procedures that morning. The national NCEA exams commence a few days later on Monday 10th November.

At this time of the year things can be very busy and stressful for seniors as they scramble to complete final internal assessments and portfolios that are to be externally assessed. Your support and encouragement is needed at this time more than most other times. While it would be ideal if things had not been left to the last minute, this is the reality that most face in trying to get work in on time and presented to a high standard. On top of this are the looming NCEA exams and the need to get prepared for them by studying.

Vagueness is a prerequisite for most teenagers, a “must have” quality which sets the adults around them into a mild panic at times like this. They appear vague about what assessments are due in and when, about how many credits they already have and how many more they need to pass, and about when their exams are and exactly what is to be tested in them. The common response is “I don’t know”. If your teenager’s vagueness around their learning and achievements to date is alarming you, please contact their Dean for a factual update.

Senior students should know:-

- **How many credits they have to date, how many are available to achieve this year, how many they can get from the exams and how many they need to get to pass their level.** If they don’t know they should see their Dean or you can call the Dean.
- **When the national NCEA exams are on.** The exam timetable is on the NZQA website, on our website and in hard copy for collecting from our Student Reception. Put a copy on your fridge and highlight the exam times for your child. They will need their entry slip for each exam which they will receive on Nov 5th. They must be here at least 20 minutes before the exam starts.
- **What standards or coursework are being assessed in the exams. How many papers is that and how much time should be spent on each.** Ask their teacher. They will clarify this and it won’t be the first time.
- **How to study.** The Year 11s have had a presentation and hand-out on this. Copies of helpful hints are at Student Reception.

Holidays for seniors commence after their last exam. Until that time, they are on study leave from school. While on study leave, students should be at home studying. While some may finish exams earlier than others, they should leave friends alone until they too have finished their last exam.

What’s ahead for juniors?- Normal classes continue for Year 9 and 10 students up until Friday, Nov 21st. Junior Exams commence on this date and run through until Wednesday Nov 26th inclusive. These are important exams as they measure achievement to date and can also determine classes for Year 10s going into Year 11 and NCEA and also Year 9s going into Year 10. For Year 10 students these exams contribute significantly to graduation points for the year. Junior students should therefore take these exams seriously and revise for them. The outcomes will be reported on in the end of year report.

Following the Junior Exams, there is just over a week of normal classes which will involve some exam feedback and follow-up time as well as several days of themed learning in Year 9 where each curriculum area works on the same theme in their own way. Year 10 classes will commence preparation for Level 1 NCEA the following year. Three days of different activities are followed by the Junior Prize Giving at 10am on Wednesday, December 10th and the school year ends at 11.00am.

What's ahead in the next two weeks?

- Music Prize Giving, Wednesday 29th Oct. 7pm. Come and enjoy some great music.
- Sports Prize Giving. Thursday 30th Oct. 7.00pm. Come and support our sports successes of 2014.
- Senior Prize Giving. Wednesday Nov 5th. 7.30pm. Come and support our academics.

Congratulations:-

Three groups of students performed at this year's 'Glenfield Has Talent' (Kapahaka, Bollywood, Concert Band). All excelled.

Our Bollywood group has continued to shine across Auckland this year at a variety of events and competitions. They won the senior grade at the Auckland Diwali Festival on Oct 12th and have once again been invited to perform at 'Tempo', the Auckland Dance Festival. Invitations are many and so are declines at present due to NCEA exams.

Florida Fatanativake and Tyra Campbell represented their age group national teams in Australia late in Term 2 for Touch.

Rina Igarashi is the NZ Women's Kendo Champion.

Ted Benton

Principal

Know how to contact your child's Dean. They are your first point of contact with matters relating to your child. You can phone the school on 444-9066 or send an email:

Year 9 Dean: Mr Sinclair on ext 744, j.sinclair@gc.ac.nz

Year 10 Dean: Ms Gray on ext 724, s.gray@gc.ac.nz

Year 11 Dean: Mr Filby on ext 718, g.filby@gc.ac.nz

Year 12 Dean: Mrs Card on ext 735, t.card@gc.ac.nz

Year 13 Dean: Mr Tod on ext 750, a.tod@gc.ac.nz

Important Dates

WED 29 Oct	Music Prize Giving 7.00pm in the Theatre	MON 10 Nov	NCEA Exams Begin
THUR 30 Oct	Sports Prize Giving 7.00pm in the Theatre	FRI 21 Nov	Junior Exams Begin
SAT 1 Nov	Services Academy Graduation 10am: Marine Pde, Hobsonville	WED 3 Dec	Checkout Day for Seniors (all must attend)
WED 5 Nov	Final Day for Seniors Senior Prize Giving 7.30pm in the Theatre	WED 10 Dec	Last Day of Term 4 Junior Prize Giving 10am in the Theatre

Absences

Please phone the Attendance Office on 441-9773 or 444-9066 ext 909 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.

Parent Portal

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

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We know that students getting their finances sorted early helps prepare them for a successful start to their tertiary study.

It's now time for students to apply for their 2015 student finance. They can do this even if they haven't decided where or what they're going to study. [Sussed Online](#) is also a great way for students to understand what they can apply for.

Our [Apply Online Guide](#) provides some great tips for students who are new to our online tools, providing helpful answers to students' commonly asked questions.

Students can use the guide independently, or alternatively you could set up a session using a computer suite at school.



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