



School Newsletter

10 February 2016

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa. Greetings all.

Values, Relationships and Achievement

A warm welcome to all students, parents and whanau to the 2016 school year. An especially warm welcome to all those who are new to our school.

Prior to the start of the school year our staff had two professional development days. The key focus of these days was to look at our values and what these will look like in practice. What are the values that drive us to do the things we do?

Over the last two years a core group of staff has worked on our values. This has involved consultation with students, staff and the wider community. The most visible result of all this is our new 'Pride & Respect' logo that appears on our website, in student diaries and on other communications.

Over this term we will be working with students to gain a shared understanding of what 'Pride and Respect' looks like in our school.

At the core of this initiative is the desire to have the most positive working environment we can possibly have. The desire is to have purposeful and positive teaching and learning relationships throughout our school.

In Term 1 we will be rewarding students in all sorts of ways for demonstrating our values. Certificates, pastoral points, emails, letters and phone calls home will be our key ways of launching this initiative. Beyond this term we would like all of the work on school values to be totally student informed and driven.

At the heart of all of this is the recognition that quality, caring relationships are essential for student success.

Ultimately, this is all about ensuring we have the best possible environment for students to continue to be successful and to have the highest expectations.

We look forward to the term ahead and to working with all family and whanau in the interests of our fine young people

Dave Bagwell, Acting Principal

Introducing our Head Students for 2016

Christian Herrera and Nicola Guidote



Student Executive 2016

L-R: Indie Young, Rumbidzai Kaitano, Jarome Aull, Nicola Guidote, Cory Stevens, Christian Herrera, Rommie Almogela, Emily Southworth, Mel Archie Adriatico, Tauave Ueanteiti, Keegan Corbett, Julia Jovanovic



Introducing our Deans for 2016

The Dean is your first point of contact if you have any concerns regarding your child.



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Dates and Events

Term 1

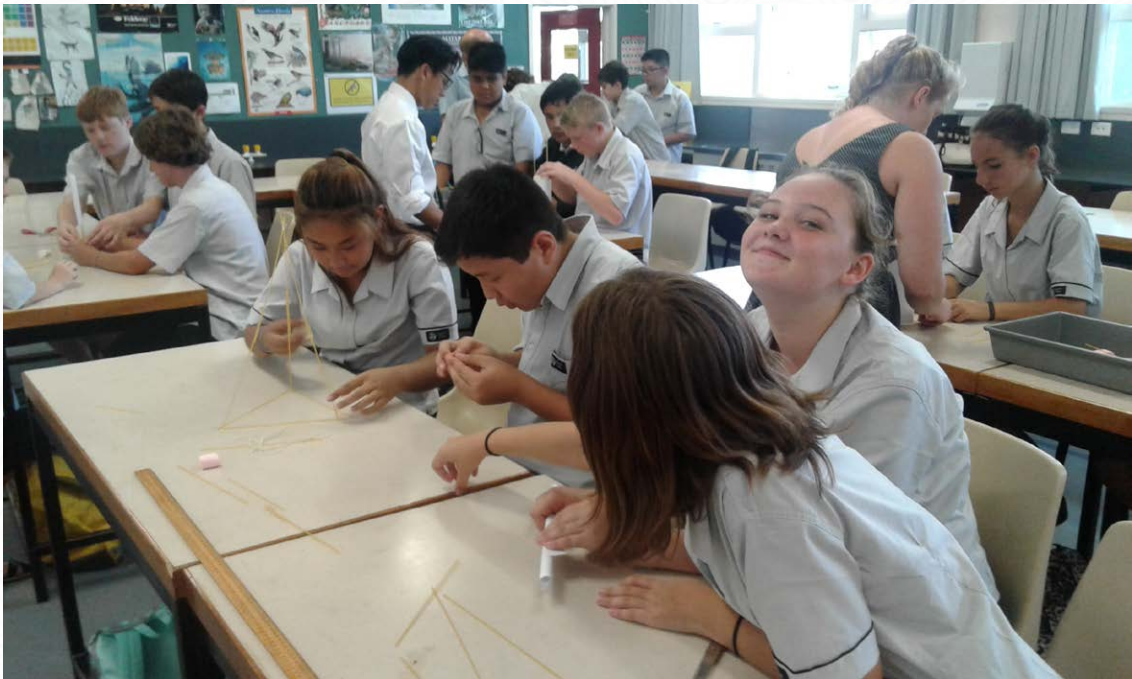
School ID Photos	February 18, 19
Year 9 Parent Evening (School library)	February 23
Athletics Day	February 25
Class Photos	March 1

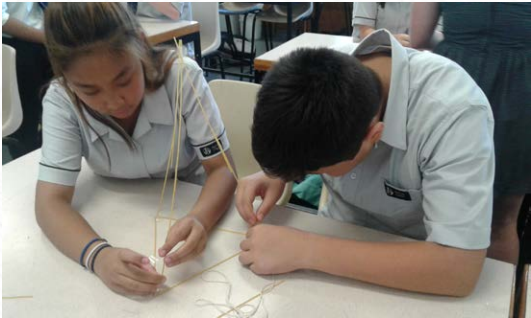
Student Executive Training at MERC





First Day Fun for 2016





Absences

Should your child not be able to attend school for a particular reason, please ensure you let the school office know first thing in the morning by either phoning the Attendance line direct - 441 9773 - or the main school office - 444 9066 ext 909. You are also welcome to email absences@gc.ac.nz.



Students thinking about further study after they leave school have a lot of choices to make. Sussed Online is a great way to get thinking about what it will cost to live and study. Will it be broadband and baked beans, or dial up and dining out? Part-time job or parents helping? Hear from students about their experiences and the choices that need to be made. You'll also find out more about StudyLink and what they do along the way. We encourage students and parents to check it out at www.studylink.govt.nz.

**Click on this link to view
photos of the happenings
around the school**

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/129130977@N02/sets/with/72157652914849084>



**What you need to know about the
Student Centre**

Services provided for parents and students:

- * Late sign-in to school
- * Early sign-out from school
- * Lost property
- * Messages/lunches to reach your child

Entry is through the door on the **left side** of the main office block.
You will see a blue sign on the building wall.



www.kidslink.co.nz

KidsLink is an online resource for schools and their parent communities. You will find a range of service providers that specialise in working with children, young people and their families with issues that affect their learning, development and well-being.

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

This provides parents up-to-date information about students' achievement, attendance and pastoral record. To receive your log-in information, please send an email to reply@gc.ac.nz and type in the subject area 'PARENT PORTAL - CHILD'S NAME'.

Sick Bay

If students are sick for any reason and need to be sent home, the school nurse will contact parents directly.

Payment Centre

The Centre is open from 10:00am to 2:30pm, Monday to Friday. Students can make payments during interval and lunch times. For any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Kilroy, the School Bursar on 444-9066 ext 612 or email j.kilroy@gc.ac.nz

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