

**Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers**

Tena koutou katoa

**Robotics Champions**



*Back row L-R: Jason Collingwood, Mark Golds, Levi Chapman, Hemant Toora, Keegan Corbett, Mr Aston*

*Front row L-R: Matthew Steyn, Cameron Selby, Taryn Kemp, Jayden Kemp*

One of our five robotics teams have been awarded the top NZ VEX Robotics prize at the 2015 VEX National Robotics Championships. These championships were held at Vodafone Events Centre in Manukau from the 27<sup>th</sup> February to 1<sup>st</sup> March. There were 70 teams competing in two divisions vying for tournament champion and for the highly sort after top prize of the Excellence award. Glenfield College's team 2918A won the Excellence award. They were also overall tournament runners up, Science Division champion and runners up in robot programming. The robot was built and driven by Jason Collingwood and coached by Mark Golds. Jason's programming skills have him sitting at 13<sup>th</sup> equal in the world wide Vex Robotics rankings for programming.

Other awards won by college teams were Technology Division runners up and the Create award, by team 2918E, built and driven by Hemant Toora and coached by Jayden Kemp. The Technology Division Team 2 2918C built and driven by Cameron Selby and coached by Matthew Steyn won runners up in their division finals. The 2918B built and driven by Levi Chapman was knocked out in the semi-finals by 2918E and 2918C. Levi was coached by Taryn Kemp. 2918D driven and built by Marc Collingwood and coached by Keegan Corbet was knocked out in the quarter finals. The school was also awarded the Educate award for the steps it has taken to integrate robotics into the curriculum.

**Academic Mentoring 2015 – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

All parents, guardians and caregivers of students in Years 10 to 13 will receive a letter early next week inviting you to book a time to come in with your child on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, to discuss and agree on academic goals for 2015. Staff are making themselves available from 8:00am to 12:00pm and 5:00pm to 7:00pm on that day in the hope that you can attend at a time to suit you. We really want as many of you as possible to attend with your child because it is where both home and school are taking an active interest in a student's progress, that they have the best chance of succeeding.

Every student in Years 10 to 13 has a teacher mentor who will be monitoring their progress across all their subjects regularly (fortnightly), so that if a student is not tracking according to goals, a meeting will be held and strategies put in place to correct things.

***There will be no classes for any year levels on that day but we do expect all students other than Year 9s to attend their goal setting meeting.*** Mentors will be able to talk about progress to date based on the Interim Reports due home shortly.

**Sports**

A sign up evening for winter sports was held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. If you were unable to make it and your child has not signed up for a sport yet and wants to play, please contact our Sports Coordinator, Mrs Leijten on 444 9066 ext 625 or email [k.leijten@gc.ac.nz](mailto:k.leijten@gc.ac.nz) to let her know that your son/daughter wants to play. I strongly encourage all teenagers to get involved in sport because it is a healthy pastime. Busy teenagers stay out of trouble. A good level of physical fitness also supports a good work ethic and success in the classroom.

**Ted Benton**  
Principal

## Important Information for Parents and Caregivers

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 Senior Manager: Mr Bagwell on ext 706, [d.bagwell@gc.ac.nz](mailto:d.bagwell@gc.ac.nz)

Year 10 Dean: Mr Sinclair on ext 744, [j.sinclair@gc.ac.nz](mailto:j.sinclair@gc.ac.nz)

Year 11 Dean: Ms Gray on ext 724, [s.gray@gc.ac.nz](mailto:s.gray@gc.ac.nz)

Year 12 Dean: Mr Filby on ext 718, [g.filby@gc.ac.nz](mailto:g.filby@gc.ac.nz)

Year 13 Dean: Mrs Card on ext 735, [t.card@gc.ac.nz](mailto:t.card@gc.ac.nz)

Careers Counsellor: Mr Tod on ext 704, [a.tod@gc.ac.nz](mailto:a.tod@gc.ac.nz)

Guidance Counsellor: Mrs Sullivan on ext 748, [m.sullivan@gc.ac.nz](mailto:m.sullivan@gc.ac.nz)

### Payment Options

This year we have had many families take the opportunity to pay their subject and user pays fees by Automatic Payment. This is a very simple way to ensure all user based fees are covered by the end of the year. When a confirmation of a payment arrangement is received, then the student will receive their workbooks and materials sooner rather than waiting until all fees are paid.

For a junior student as little as \$5.00 per week from the beginning of the school year will cover all subject fees including workbooks. For a senior student \$10.00 will cover most subject fees and workbooks depending on what subjects have been selected. If your child(ren) play sports, has Music Tuition or has a Senior Camp, then a slightly higher amount will be required to cover those fees.

To discuss this more or to take advantage of this system, please contact Julie Kilroy, the School Bursar on 444-9066 ext 612 or email [j.kilroy@gc.ac.nz](mailto:j.kilroy@gc.ac.nz)

### Payment Centre

The centre is open from **10:00am to 2:30pm, Monday to Friday**. PE uniform is now available for purchases. Students can make payments during interval and lunch times. For any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Kilroy.

### Wednesdays - Bell times

A friendly reminder that on Wednesdays, school start at 9:00am and finishes at 2:30pm. Bell times can be found in the Student Diary and the school website.

### Absences

Please phone the **Attendance Office** on 441-9773 or 444-9066 ext 909 or email the attendance administrator on [absences@gc.ac.nz](mailto: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 your child's achievement, attendance and pastoral record. To receive your log-in information, please send an email to [reply@gc.ac.nz](mailto:reply@gc.ac.nz) and type in the subject area 'PARENT PORTAL – CHILD'S NAME'.

### Student Centre

Communications to students at school can be made through the Student Centre to avoid disruption in classes and learning. Phones or devices will be confiscated if being used without permission during class time. Second hand uniforms are available for sale.

### Sick Bay

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

## Upcoming Events

Mon-Tue, MAR 9-10	L2 PE Camp (TBC)
Thu, MAR 12	L2 Biology Tiritiri Matangi Trip
Tue, MAR 17	Academic Mentoring ( <b>No classes for all Year Levels</b> )
Wed, MAR 18	Polyfest
Wed-Sat, MAR 18-21	L2/L3 Geography Tongariro Crossing (TBC)
Mon-Fri, MAR 23-APR 3	Services Academy Induction
Mon, MAR 23	L2/L3 English Poetry Workshop
Wed, MAR 25	Y9 Science Zoo Trip (TBC)
Thu, APR 2	Last Day of Term 1
Fri, APR 3	Good Friday
Mon, APR 6	Easter Monday
Tue, APR 7	Day after Easter Monday
Mon, APR 20	First Day of Term 2
Sat, APR 25	ANZAC Day
Fri, JUL 3	Last Day of Term 2

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