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School Newsletter

23 September 2016

Keeping you up-to-date with the
latest news at Glenfield College

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Message from the Principal

As our third term of the year concludes, it is 'all hands on deck' for our senior students, their families and our teachers. Now is a time for acceleration and increasing momentum as the finishing line of NCEA, for 2016, is in sight.

As I write this, opportunities are being given to your children, by their teachers, to ensure they are setting themselves up for future success in their chosen pathways. Intervals, lunchtimes and after school time are chock full of teachers giving up their time for further teaching, resubmissions and further assessment opportunities to ensure that your children maximise their educational potential.

As Principal, I ask that parents, families and caregivers are as engaged with your children's progress as is possible at this time of year. Talk to your children, talk to their teachers, find out how they are progressing and also what opportunities for success lie ahead and assist them in reaching achievable goals.

To register for the Parent Portal, please email reply@gc.ac.nz to receive your login information (*type in the subject line 'PARENT PORTAL' and your child's name*). The Parent Portal provides you, as parents, up-to-date information about your child's achievement, attendance and pastoral record.

To further assist your students in achieving at the levels of which they are capable, for the first time ever we will be delivering our Glenfield Achievement Programme, or as we are calling it, our 'GAP Weeks'. As students leave to prepare for exams, we are inviting selected students to return to school between Friday 4th of November and Friday 18th November. During this time our teachers will be opening their classroom doors, at timetabled intervals, to students who may need a little more assistance in reaching their Level, 1, 2 and 3 qualifications. More on this initiative will follow in early Term 4 and we hope our community will recognise the wonderful opportunity being presented to the children of Glenfield and that it will be grasped with both hands.

The school continues to hum in terms of activities and opportunities. On Saturday Mr Aston hosted 35 schools, some from as far as Tauranga, as close to 100 teams battled it out in Robotics scrimmages. As I said to our staff on Monday morning, if ever you wished to see the New Zealand Curriculum's Key Competencies, Vision and Values in action outside of the curriculum, then this was the place to be. The students' work is absolutely inspirational and it was wonderful to see Glenfield Intermediate students

going head to head with Year 13's too.

And who could forget our two recent Dance shows? The choreography, elegance, power, speed and coordination shown by our dancers was quite remarkable and a huge amount of credit must go to the students' teacher and mentor, Miss Wilson, who, as a young teacher, is delivering wonderful academic and co-curricular opportunities for our students.

Another recent highlight was our sustainability week, led by Mr Wishart. A week's worth of activities culminated in a fantastic assembly last Friday in which Matua Hone delivered a compelling speech about our environment. Prizes were awarded to the students with the best tie-dyed T-shirt designs and Filip Ograbek was recognised for winning the video competition for his emotive and powerful piece on material wealth and its effect on the environment.

We recently said goodbye to Mrs Belinda Hansen, Assistant Head of English. Mrs Hansen has retired from the teaching profession to pursue new and exciting adventures and we thank her for her efforts over the last five years. Also leaving us, albeit temporarily on maternity leave, is Mrs Leijten and we wish her the very best of luck with the impending arrival of her first child. Replacing Mrs Hansen in the English Department is [Ms](#) Kelly Simkins, and replacing Mrs Leijten as Acting Head of the Health and Physical Education Department is Mr Mark Cornaga. We extend a warm welcome to Kelly, Mark and their respective whanau.

There are four school weeks remaining before our 'GAP Weeks' and study leave commence. For many it is now or never; please can I again encourage you to promote your children getting their heads down for the final push.

Ma Māruwehi, Ka Rāhiri

CJ Healey
Principal

Dates and Events

Term 3

23 September

End of Term 3

Term 4

10 October

Term 4 begins

20 October

Year 13 Drama

24 October

Labour Day holiday

25 October

Sports Prize-giving

27 October

Music Prize-giving

31 Oct to 11 November

Lumino Bus visiting for junior students

2 November

Senior Prize-giving

3 November

Last day for Seniors

4 to 18 November

GAP weeks

24 November

Junior Exams

14 December

Junior Prize-giving and End of Term

Holiday Workshop Sessions

Social Science Department

The Social Sciences Department (History, Sociology, Social Studies, Business Studies, Geography, Transition, Tourism) will be running holiday sessions for students this coming term break.

The sessions will begin at 9am and go through until 2:30pm as required on Wednesday 28th September and Tuesday 4th October 2016 in Room 23.

Students are not expected to wear uniform, and are advised to bring lunch etc. with them.

Technology Department

Holiday workshops will run for the following subjects:

On both Mondays of the holidays - 26th of September and 3rd of October in T5 for:

DVC Levels 1 to 3

Photography Levels 2 and 3

Design students - Levels 2 and 3

11itec - Thursday 6th October 10am to 3pm

L3DaVC - Wednesday 5th October 10am to 3pm

L3DaVC - Thursday 6th October 10am to 3pm

On Friday 7th October from 10am until finished in T3 for:

Textiles level 1 workshop for external paper

Room T3

Art Department

Holiday workshops will run as follows:

Tuesday 4 October from 10am to 4pm

Tuesday 6 October from 10pm to 4pm



Year 13 Leavers Dinner

This event is open to all Year 13 students
and Glenfield College staff

McHughs of Cheltenham
46 Cheltenham Road, Devonport

Tuesday 6 December 2016 at 7pm
\$50 per head

Payment to be made to the school accounts office
before 2 December 2016

**Glenfield College
Board of Trustees' Election**

Declaration of Student Election Results

At the close of nominations,
as there was only one valid nomination,
I hereby declare

Nicola Moody–Turnwald duly elected.

Mike Lewis
Returning Officer

Younger Siblings of Current Students 2017 Year 9 Enrolment

For enrolment, please phone our office on 444-9066 to make an appointment. Interviews are held between 9:00am and 5:00pm. Please note the following requirements:

- * Student must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver for the enrolment interview.
- * As per the requirement from the Ministry of Education, please provide a copy of your **NZ Birth Certificate** or **Passport**.
- * To help with class placement, please provide a copy of your **recent Year 8 school report**.

Summer Sports

Summer sports are now up and running and we are on the look-out for help with our sports teams.

If you are able to help with any of the following:

- * Coaching
- * Managing
- * Transport
- * Refereeing

Please contact Sports Co-ordinator, Ashley

444 9066 ext 625

a.fennessy@gc.ac.nz

A list of summer sports can be found on our school website.

Second-Hand Uniform Required

Stock in our second-hand uniform store is running very low. If you have a uniform at home you would like to either donate or sell back to the school, please send it in with your child or bring it in to the main office. This would be greatly appreciated!

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

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



PARENTING ADOLESCENTS

Most suitable for parents of teenagers 12 years and over

You will learn 23 practical skills and strategies to strengthen your relationship with your teen and help them to be willing to listen to your guidance and consistently take care of their personal responsibilities.

10 week evening course
Begins on Tuesday, 11 October until Tuesday, 13 December
Cost \$50

4 Locket Road, Glenfield (behind the house)

For more information contact:
Elizabeth 441 0209
Tamati 441 0209
Jumi 551 6960 (Korean)
Haiying 551 6974 (Chinese)

Enrol online www.whanaumarama-parenting.co.nz

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Soar with SPARX

Do the teenagers you deal with struggle with their feelings or bad moods?

Stressed, worried, agro, down or feel that life just SUX? When teens have these feelings their academic performance, school attendance, behaviour and relationships with others can suffer.

SPARX CAN HELP!

SPARX is an online game designed to help teenagers feel better. They can go online, play the game for free and learn skills that they can use in everyday life so that they start to feel better.

SPARX is therapy in the form of a game designed to help teens with mild to moderate depression and is also effective with anxiety. Feedback from alternative education students said it also helped with feelings of anger. The target group is 12 to 19, however other youth can use it too.

Designed and clinically tested by the Department of Psychological Medicine at the University of Auckland, SPARX is fully funded by the Ministry of Health so it is FREE for anyone to use in New Zealand

NCEA Student App Update

An updated version of the NCEA Student App can now be downloaded from either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. It is available to use in English and Te Reo Māori, is free to download and can be used from any smart device. This version displays and better supports multiple levels of NCEA and new users can simply add credits from previous years without having to also add standards information first. This means that students can track their progress towards various NCEA levels over multiple calendar years more quickly and easily. The App allows students to plan, select and set their NCEA credit goals and targets and to see how they are tracking towards NCEA Levels one, two and three, including Literacy, Numeracy and University Entrance. There is also more information available on the NZQA website [here](#).

Universal Record of Achievement

NZQA is working on delivering an official electronic Record of Achievement which will show a wider range of qualifications achieved. A number of prototypes have been designed and feedback is being sought, particularly from students. More information and a link to an online survey is available [here](#). The survey will be open until **31 May**.



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.

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

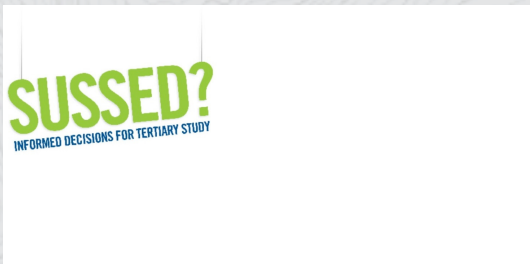
TOUGHLOVE

Are you at the end of your tether with your troubled teen? **You can** turn it around.

A self-help programme that gives parents the support and tools to deal with unacceptable teenage behaviour that works!

Find out how parents just like you have turned their families around.

Go to www.toughlove.org.nz or phone 624 4363



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.



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.

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