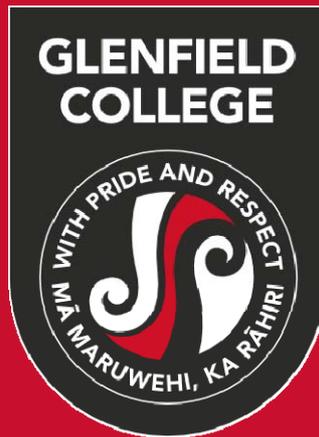


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Term 1 Week 3, 16th February 2018

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Message From The Principal



This week's newsletter is a celebration of the core business of our school – academic success. For the second year in a row, the results for Levels 1, 2, 3 and University Entrance have improved. The roll-based results (roll-based data includes all students enrolled in Year 11 to 13 at the beginning of

each year) were as follows:

Level 1: 89.0%
Level 2: 80.8%
Level 3: 85.9%
University Entrance: 55.6%

Dates and Events

Saturday

17 February

Robotics -- Onehunga High School, Auckland
9:00am-5:00pm

Monday

19 February

Honours Assembly
2:00pm

Wednesday

21 February

Mufti Day
(in support of Relay for Life)

These results were above the Decile 4-7 and National pass rates on every front. The transformation over the last two years is an endorsement of the commitment of the teaching staff, the excellent tracking occurring, and the importance of the ongoing dialogue and support of you, the parents and family.

We are also delighted to announce that on Tuesday, we were informed that two students, Alicie Lie and Tudor Zagreanu, were successful in gaining Scholarships in Physics. This is an outstanding achievement, as to gain a Scholarship requires you to be in the top 3% of the candidates.

Glenfield College is determined to further improve as we provide the very best opportunities for our students. The focus for 2018 for Levels 1, 2 and 3 is to improve on the previous years and most importantly, gain more endorsements in Merit and Excellence.

As we settle down in Term 1, more work will be forthcoming. We encourage you to communicate with your children, engage with them in regard to their studies, and provide encouragement and support.

With Pride and Respect,

Mr Paul McKinley
Principal

Friday
23 February
Art Trip, Brick Bay
8:45am-2:00pm

Friday-Sunday
23-25 February
Robotics VEX Nationals

Monday-Friday
26 February - 9 March
Services Academy
Induction Camp

Tuesday
27 February
School Athletics Day

Wednesday
28 February
NCEA Information Evening
7:00pm

Friday
2 March
Bake Sale
(in support of Relay for Life)

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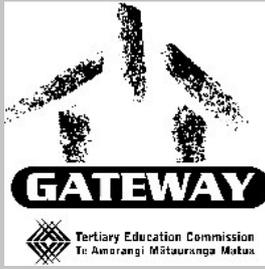
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Glenfield College News

Gateway Parents' Information Evening



On Tuesday evening, 13 February, we held our Gateway Parent Information Evening. Mr Tod, our Careers Advisor, outlined to parents and students what is involved in the Gateway Programme. This programme allows students to experience one or more work places to explore what is actually involved in a career. Those students who have signed up to the programme are looking forward to the challenge of experiencing the career they are interested in. They also accumulate credits towards their NCEA. We are grateful to all employers in the community who are willing to support Gateway by offering work placements. We wish our Gateway students all the best and are sure that Gateway will help them in their career decision-making process.

Year 9 Parents' Information Evening

The Glenfield College library was full of Year 9 families as we gathered for the annual information evening on Thursday 15th February. Visitors were greeted by Matua Hone Mathews and heard from the Principal, Mr McKinley, Deputy Principal, Mike Lewis, and Head Prefect, Nicola Moody-Turnwald. Mr McKinley recognized the way the Year 9s of 2018 have started the year with such great enthusiasm. With the introduction of the new uniform, our students have been fantastic ambassadors for Glenfield College. Parents then met with their children's Form Class teachers, Mr Smith (K9), Mt Snookes (M9), Miss Colquhoun and Peer Support Leaders in classrooms, all discussing school procedures and parent questions. The evening was a great success and allowed the school and parents to start building a positive relationship as the new students started on their 5 year journey through the college.



Year 9 Parents' Evening in the Library
To view more photos, click [HERE](#)

International Students' Morning Tea

This Friday the 16th February, a morning tea was held in the Whareai Kai to welcome new international students to Glenfield College. This was attended by our Principal, Mr McKinley, all the Senior Management team, the Deans, and our Sports Co-ordinator.



This was a great opportunity for these new students to mix and mingle and to get to know the staff. Term 1 brought us 15 new students from China/Korea/Germany/Austria/Japan and Thailand. The international student numbers are very good this year, as we have 40 full time students with another 6 coming from Italy in Term 2.

Our homestays are doing a wonderful job looking after our Internationals, and the pastoral care the students get from the homestays and school is why we are doing so well. A happy student at home is a happy student at school, so a big thank you for our wonderful host families, not only the parents, but also their children that learn to share their home with another student from a different culture.



All new International students are in our new uniforms and they look fantastic.

Linda Airey

Manager of International students

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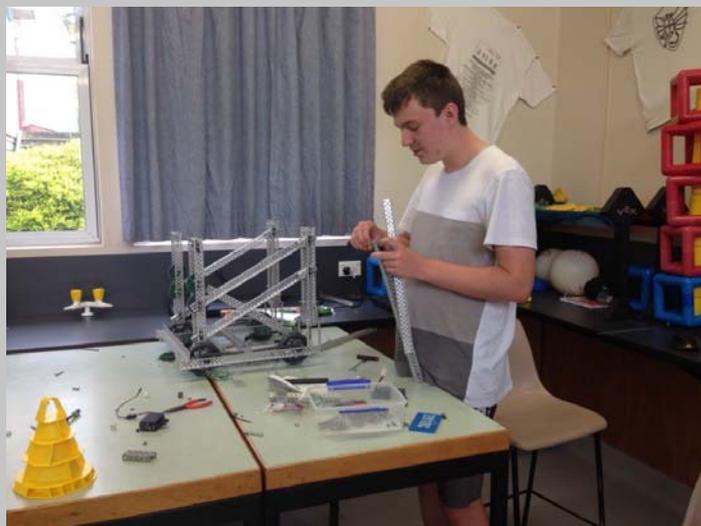
Robotics Team

With one week until the NZ VEX national competitions, our six teams are frantically building, refining, and testing their robots in preparation.

Last weekend we had students working all day Saturday in the robotics room. It was a hive of activity as they worked towards the goal of building and driving the best robot in NZ for 2018. It was great to see Hemant Toora coming back to compete as he attempts to retain his national title for a final time. Several year nine students spent the day supporting senior members of the group and also starting to build their own robots. A year 8 student from one of Glenfield Intermediate's robotics teams also joined us for the day.

This weekend our teams have one final Scrimmage (competition) at Onehunga high School

The VEX Robotics National Competitions are held **Saturday and Sunday 24 -25 February** at Pinehurst School Albany.



Relay for Life

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed so far to our Relay For Life fundraising efforts. The money raised will be used in the North Shore community to

help those going through their cancer journey, as well as contributing to efforts to make medical advancements in the field.

Last Friday we ran a raffle, selling over 200 tickets. Our lucky winner was our very own Mr Graeme King, who took away a well-deserved cash prize of \$100.

We are continuing these efforts with a mufti day fundraiser this coming Wednesday, 21st February. Students are invited to wear mufti to school on this day, in the colours of pink, purple, blue or yellow, with each colour being representative of a different type of cancer. A gold coin donation is required of the students wearing mufti. Further contributions will be greatly appreciated. There will also be all sorts of exciting activities going on at the outdoor stage for students to take part in.



On Friday, **2nd March** we will be holding a bake sale to further raise funds for this incredibly worthwhile cause. Please keep an eye out on our official school Facebook page for more details about how you can contribute and take part in this.

Please feel free to visit our fundraising page to donate - any amount would be greatly appreciated: <https://rflaucklandnorth2018.everydayhero.com/nz/glenfield-college>

Remembering Di Hickman

12 November 1942 - 11 February 2018

It is with sadness but also thankfulness that we remember Di Hickman's contribution to the Glenfield College and North Shore community.

Di Hickman was a member of staff at Glenfield College from 1987-2004 with shorter periods on the staff of the college subsequent to this. She taught Science, Chemistry and Physics, mainly in rooms 33 and 34.

She is remembered with fondness by members of the teaching staff, as seen by the number of past and present members of the colleges' Science, Maori, English, Humanities and Counselling departments attending Thursday's memorial service.

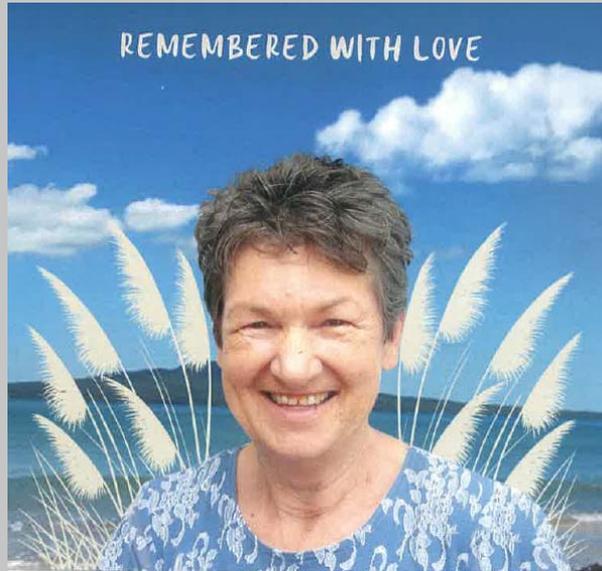
As a teacher, her teaching resources were always extremely well prepared and they supported the learning of both the able and the struggling student.

She was remembered for her caring attitude and her preparedness to go the extra mile with her students. One staff member credits her coaching of Chemistry to his daughter as being the thing that got her through her exams. Whether you were a staff member or a student if you asked her for help the answer was always yes.

She was involved with the college's Tiri Tiri Matangi restoration programme, and continued to be active on environmental issues after she left teaching. She learned Maori in her later years and was able to supervise Maori classes at the college. When younger she was a North Shore hockey representative and continued in her support of hockey for many years. Several of our past students who had been involved with her in this way, attended her memorial service on Thursday.

She will be greatly missed.

REMEMBERED WITH LOVE



Sports

Letter From the Sports Department

Volleyball

Glenfield College Girls Volleyball started with 2/2 wins for our Senior A's team taking down Takapuna (24-16, 24-13) and Kristin B (24-10, 24-12), led by Courtney Kapi and Nicola-Moody Turnwald.

Our Senior B's are 1/2 after falling to Longbay (16-24, 16,24) and then showing great adversity through a nail biting three set win over Kingsway (18-24,24-22,15-10).





Glenfield College Boys Volleyball started with 0/2 falling valiantly to Kristin A (17-25) and Westlake (18-25,18-25) led by the strong play from Livingston Viliamu and Reece Stevens.

Teachers vs Students Competition

Throughout the year there will be a series of Teacher vs Students activities where teaching staff compete against the senior students through sport.

First Event: Teachers vs Students (Senior)
Basketball: Lunchtime
When: Week 4 Wednesday, 21st February

House Competition

A comprehensive competition has evolved at Glenfield College where students compete in their houses for the House Cup, which will be accepted by the Captain of the winning house. The first set of points will be up for grabs on the 27th at Athletics Day. House Captains to be announced soon.

Athletics Day

Athletics will be held on the **27th February**. Fingers crossed for fine weather.

'Go Griffs'
Jamie Mason
Sports Coordinator

Anja Botes



Anja Botes is a Year 12 student; she was selected for Under 18 and Under 21 Touch North Harbour. Anja just got back from Touch New Zealand Junior Nationals where she played in the Under 18 Mixed team. Despite the awful weather the team still managed to come 4th overall. In 3 weeks' time, Anja

will be competing in the Touch New Zealand Youth Nationals where she will play for the Under 21 Women's team.

"Even though the weather wasn't that great, I still had a great time. I feel really proud of what my team has accomplished this year coming 4th place, seeing that the competition was so tough. I was honoured to represent both my province and school at a national level."

Coaches and Managers

With many teams representing Glenfield College each year it is vital that we have parent and community involvement in coaching and managing teams. All assistance is encouraged and supported. If you believe you possess a skill set which would be of value to Glenfield College Sport, please don't hesitate in contacting us or making yourself known. It is vitally important that parents and caregivers support their sons and daughters involvement in all aspects of sport. If at any stage you have queries or concerns please take the time to contact our Sports Coordinator, Teacher in Charge, or the principal so the correct pathways can be followed.

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General Notices



Uniform Club

The Uniform Club works by allowing you to add payments to a Uniform Club card, which can then be redeemed for goods at any NZ Uniforms retail outlet. The Uniform Club helps you save for your child's School Uniform throughout their school journey.

Join our Uniform Club and we'll encourage your savings for your child's School Uniform. By becoming a Uniform Club member you will receive a 10% discount off purchases made using your card on a great range of products like, Canterbury Clothing, Jansport Bags, Ascent Shoes. (Excludes School Uniforms)

Get started fill out the **Online Membership Form** and activate by making a deposit from as little as \$5.

Top up your card, weekly, fortnightly or monthly from your bank account using direct debit or Internet banking. Payments are also accepted at any of our stores. The minimum top up amount is \$5 and the maximum balance you can have is \$2000.

We Want to Share Your News!

At Glenfield College we are extremely proud of student achievement. We are keen to acknowledge student success by sharing their achievements with the wider community and through our newsletter, local media, social media channels and college website.

With recognition that a good number of achievements happen outside school hours, we need your support. You can assist us greatly by keeping in touch and letting us know your news.

Please email your success story and photo (if you have one available) to us at news@gc.ac.nz.

Examples of news can vary and can include making a national or local rep team, selection for an overseas exchange, winning a community award or being selected to represent your community in an area of interest. Nothing is considered too small so please don't feel shy about sending it in! We look forward to hearing from you!



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