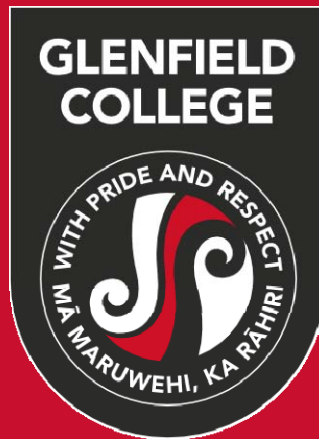


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Message From The Principal



A very warm welcome to our new Year 9 students and other new students as they complete their first week of Glenfield College.

This group, with their family and friends, were welcomed at the powhiri on Wednesday. To have so many students who embodied our school motto of "Mā Maruwehi, Kia Rāhiri, With Pride and Respect" was truly endearing. The way the new students wore their new uniform was indicative of how much the students of Glenfield want to be the best they can be.

This newest generation of students was issued the challenge of continuing the great work of the last two years in particular. If we

Dates and Events

Monday
5 February
School Closed

Tuesday
6 February
Waitangi Day
School Closed

Saturday
10 February
Robotics -- Pinehurst
School, Auckland
9:00am-5:00pm

all live and abide “with pride and respect,” we can achieve our goals.

Provisional NCEA results for 2017 have again reflected the excellent academic achievements of our students. Congratulations to all who achieved their personal academic goals for 2017. In doing so, you have built on the previous year’s success, raised the bar even higher and set new academic benchmarks for yourselves and fellow students.

Every student has an important place in our Glenfield College community, but none more so than our new students. A special thank you to our Year 12 and 13 Peer Support Leaders who are working to ensure our new students have the smoothest of transitions into our school.

Ka pai o koutou re whakato
Whakonui hoki i te re o Waitangi
Enjoy the Waitangi Day weekend

With Pride and Respect,

Mr Paul McKinley
Principal

Tuesday
13 February
Gateway Parents'
Information Evening
3:30pm

Wednesday
14 February
Photolife Student Photos

Thursday
15 February
Year 9 Parents' Evening
7:00pm

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Glenfield College News

2018 Prefects and Peer Support Leaders



Prefect Training Day

Tuesday 30 January saw our Year 13 Student Leadership group enjoy a day of team-building activities at the Sir Peter Blake Marine Education and Recreation Centre at Long Bay. They participated in a range of mental and physical challenges including climbing to the top of a 20 metre Norfolk Pine tree and building a raft and paddling it around buoy just off the shoreline. One group was more successful than the other at building a raft which actually stayed together for the whole journey. It was a successful day for seeing the cohesiveness of this group who will be working together this year in a range of school activities and leading the student body. For photos of the team-building activities, please click [HERE](#)



Powhiri for New Students

*Ngā mihi o te wā ki a tātou ki raro i ngā hīhī a Tama tūhoehoe, i te matua i te rangi.
Anō te ātaahua o te noho tahi a te teina ki te tuakana ki raro i te whakaaro kotahi.
Inā te mahi he rangatira!*

How fortunate we were to have such a joyous occasion happen under the prestigious blessings of our creator. Tuesday 31st January was the day of new beginnings for our eager and excited new Year 9s to Glenfield College. Blessed with a sunny day, the new faces of students and families who gathered to experience the formal welcome or pōwhiri. Officially welcomed by our own Toni Fox who looked amazing in new school attire to perform the karanga. This set the tone for 2018.

To see students fully engaged and excited about coming to Glenfield College really ignites us as staff and as a growing community. We are sure that this is the beginning of a great journey to the pinnacle of our students potential.

I'm sure you will agree with me when I say:

Ko te manu e kai ana i te miro, nōna te ngahere,
The bird that partakes of the miro berry owns the forest

Ko te manu e kai ana i te mātauranga, nōna te ao.
The bird who partakes in knowledge owns the world.

Our birds (students) have started their journey towards owning the world. This is a mindset that we have entrenched into our culture here in the Glenfield College community and we look forward eagerly as our birds take to the sky.

Nā to rourou, nā taku rourou, ka ora ai te iwi.
With your input, and with our input, we will sustain.

Let's go whānau, let's make this happen together.
Mā Maruwehi, Ka Rāhiri
With Pride and Respect.



To view more photos click [HERE](#)

First Day of School

On the 31st January, we welcomed our new Year 9 students as well as a number of students in other year groups. A lovely powhiri took place in the sunshine. Afterwards, the Year 9 students spent the rest of the day in their new form classes. During this time, the Peer Support Leaders ran activities to allow all of the new faces to get to know one another. The activities had an overwhelmingly positive impact, and I would like to send out a massive thank you to all of the peer support students. They made the day run wonderfully. Also many thanks to Miss Colquhoun, Mr Snookes, and Mr Smith (the year 9 form teachers) for warmly welcoming the new students to Glenfield College. It was the first excellent day of what I am sure will be an excellent year for Year 9.

Mr L Gardner
Year 9 Dean



To view more photos click [HERE](#)

Peer Support Programme

Last week a very able group of Year 12 and 13 students were invited to take part in two days of training in aspects of the Peer Support NZ Programme. Paul Ferner was our visiting facilitator with extensive experience in running the Peer Support programme in other schools. Rachel Colquhoun a Year 9 form teacher, Luke Gardner the Year 9 dean, and Margaret Sullivan counsellor, also joined in with various sessions.

The aim of these two days was for the senior students to have taken part in many 'getting to know others' activities that were fun and could be confidently used with Year 9 students. They also discussed group leadership qualities and skills and the responsibilities of caring for and understanding others.

Each Year 9 class will have their own group of Peer Support students who will be spending time with them this year building relationships, increasing confidence, and managing concerns.



New Signs

When walking around the school in the first days back at Glenfield College, you may notice some new signage. With our school colours black and red, we hope these signs ease navigation around the school for both new students and the parents of new students.



Community of Learning

Almost 200 teachers from the Kaipatiki Kahui Ako came together as learners on Tuesday 30th January, focused on what actions individual teachers could take to make all our learners within our community of learning 'assessment capable visible learners.'

As a result of the learning, all teachers will be undertaking a Visible Learning impact cycle that we hope will have a positive impact on the learning of all students in the Kaipatiki Kahui Ako.

For Glenfield College, the impact cycle will have teachers using evidence collected from student voice along with assessment data to identify areas for development and improvement with the key goal here being better outcomes for all learners here at Glenfield College.



A Warm Welcome to Our New Staff



Donovan Bickford
Services Academy Director



Leah White
Art Teacher



Jamie Mason
Sports Coordinator



Patrick Murphy
Maths Teacher

Sports



Sports Coordinator

Letter From the Sports Department

On behalf of the Glenfield College Sports Department, we welcome back all our returning students and our new students in what is shaping up to be a special year for 'Gryphons Sports.' Fortunately for us, we have continued to experience great summer sport weather. Many sports are well under way, and we are representing our college on the regional and national stage. As we move in to a new year, the sports department philosophy is that the student athlete's pursuits on the field should be equally measured with those off of it. In addition, we expect all who choose to participate in our sports programs to be responsible student-athletes and adhere to our motto of 'pride' and 'respect.'

'Go Griffs'
Jamie Mason

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.

Sports Department
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Important Reminders

School Closed Monday and Tuesday 5-6 February 2018

General Notices

Wanted: homestay families

Glenfield College is currently looking for new homestay families for 2018 for our International students. These will be short term and long term stays. We are looking for families who speak English as their first language, as well as some New Zealand/Chinese families. Priority will be given to families that have students attending Glenfield College.



Glenfield College will be paying \$280 per week per student on a fortnightly payment schedule. Payments continue through the April, July and September school holidays and if the student is returning to your home after the Christmas holidays then a bond of \$560 is given.

If you are interested please contact
Mrs Linda Airey (Manager of International Students)
l.airey@gc.ac.nz

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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