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*Term 4 Week 33rd November 2017*

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## Message From The Principal



This week has seen the culmination of events celebrating student success and achievement

Last week at the Spencer on Byron, the Gateway students represented the school with absolute pride, acting as fantastic ambassadors. Following on from this,

## Dates and Events

**Friday**

**3 November**

Last day for Seniors

**Friday**

**3 November**

Services Academy

Sports Day

10:00am to 2:30pm

at the Sports Awards Evening, we recognized student and family contribution and participation. Dayna Stevens was recognized for her outstanding ability for making the National Under 20 Football Team, as well as the New Zealand Secondary School Football Team, winning the Sportswoman of the Year Award. Sportsman of the Year was awarded to Darren Widjaja for his success in Athletics.

Glenfield College is a school serving the community, and this spirit was epitomized in the presentation to Luca Makoare, the younger sibling of one of our students, who received an All Blacks jersey for his role with the Girls' Rugby Team.



This week, we have had the Endeavour Awards where hard work, diligence, and commitment were recognized. In my address, I spoke specifically about an outstanding young man who I had met back in 2002 and his message for success was simple:

1. Have a plan
2. Surround yourself with good people

Many of the students who live this way were recognised last night at the Senior Prizegiving. The number of families in the theatre to share in the success of their children reiterated the importance of family being engaged and supportive of their child's studies. Special mention must be given to the Dux for 2018, Frank Li, who has reached the pinnacle of academic achievement for

Kelston Boys' High  
School

**Saturday**

**4 November**

Services Academy  
Graduation Parade  
10:30am to 12pm  
Mount Smart Stadium

**Wednesday**

**8 November**

Outdoor Education --  
Kayaking

**Thursday**

**9 November**

NCEA Exams Start

**Wednesday**

**15 November**

Outdoor Education --  
Kayaking

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our school. Congratulations on an outstanding accomplishment.

The first three weeks of Term 4 have been incredibly positive for the school. As Principal, I ask you to support your children over the next few weeks as they embark on NCEA Level 1, 2 and 3 examinations. This can be a challenging and stressful time, and we encourage you to continue to believe in their potential and ability by guiding them through their upcoming challenges.

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NCEA Exams take place from

**Thursday, 9th November**

through

**Friday, 1st December**

Morning exams begin at **9:30am**

Afternoon exams begin at **2:00pm**

For a more detailed timetable,  
[click here](#)

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## Glenfield College News

### Senior Prizegiving

On Thursday evening in the Kaipatiki Theatre, Senior Prizegiving celebrated the academic achievements and highlights of our Years 11 to 13 students. It was an evening where many families got to see their children go across the stage and receive special

recognition of all their hard work and commitment over the year. The audience exemplified the school motto of Mā Maruwehi, Ka Rāhiri, with Pride and Respect, when they enthusiastically acknowledged the successes of their peers.

Our top awards included **Alicia Lie**, who was Proxime Accessit with a GPA of 96.7% as well as **Frank Li**, who was Dux for 2017 with a GPA of 100%. Frank received a standing ovation from all in attendance. As Dux, his name will be added to the Honours Board in the main foyer -- an outstanding achievement that is rightly deserved.



Other recipients of special awards were:

**Kevin Gaveriel Colita** – Principal's Award for Best All-Round Year 11

**Nicola Moody-Turnwald** – Principal's Award for Best All-Round Year 12

**Alicie Lie** – Principal's Award for Best All-Round Year 13

**Leyah Bresler** – Lodge North Harbour Masonic Award for contribution to the welfare of others

**Cheyenne Walker** – K W Rankin Memorial Trophy for service to school and community

**Erik Grundy** – John Potter Memorial Trophy – for the student in his final year who has achieved the most in all fields of endeavour during his time at Glenfield College

For more photos of the Senior Prizegiving, please [click here](#)

## International Programme

On Wednesday this week, there was a morning tea held in the Wharekai for all International students to meet our new Principal Mr McKinley. Glenfield College has over 46 students who come from all over the World, including Japan, Thailand, Philippines, Germany, Italy, China, Korea, Tahiti, and even one student from Russia. All students enjoyed meeting Mr McKinley and appreciated his speech in which he conveyed how important that International students are to the culture and diversity at our school. The students confirmed what Mr McKinley expressed: *they made the right choice by coming to Glenfield College.*



## Gateway Final Evening

This year saw another successful Gateway Year. We received funding for 50 Gateway students this year. Fifty five students were placed in various job roles on the North Shore. Overall students felt Gateway provided a great experience and they appreciated the opportunity to explore their jobs of interest. Students have achieved an average of just over 21 credits, (TEC requires an average of 20 credits). Credits include level 1, 2 and 3.





A very well turned out group of Glenfield College students attended the North Shore Secondary Schools Gateway Consortium Awards Evening at the Spencer on Byron Hotel in Takapuna on Tuesday 24th October. Gateway is a work experience programme that is available predominantly to our Year 12 and 13 students. At the evening, parents, caregivers, and whanau were able to watch the students receive their Participation Certificates for completing the programme. Industry employers who worked with the students were also recognised for their generosity in hosting students in their placements. Many thanks to Mrs Rena Foolchand for her outstanding coordination of this programme within the school.



## Senior French Trip

The Senior French Class, along with their teacher Mrs Drabble, celebrated the end of five years of French learning at Le Rendez-Vous Café next to the Pumphouse Theatre in Takapuna. Savoury and sweet crêpes were the favoured choice of all, accompanied by some delicious iced chocolates, milkshakes and juices. The experience was in an authentically French environment.

The Manager was so impressed by the pride and respect that our students showed throughout our visit that she drew Mrs Drabble to one side at the end and offered a weekend job to our students, if they would like one.

## E-Learn

Senior students are sometimes able to take an E-Learn course as one of their courses if there is a clash with their timetable or if a subject is not available at school. We have had students from Level 2 and 3 in the past, and they participated in a variety of areas such as Economics, Art History, Classics, and Chinese. Only students who are self-motivated and determined to succeed are offered this learning option. Students have an “E-Teacher” from a school somewhere in New Zealand who sends them weekly work to do on an online platform, such as Google Classroom. The E-Class meets once a week for a Video Conference where you can see your E-Teacher and other members of your E-Class to check your work, ask questions, and have a more “traditional” type of lesson.

The following are some of this year’s E-Learn students’ views about their experience. If you have any questions about E-Learn, please see Mrs Drabble, E-Dean and E-Teacher of Level 3 French in Room 65.



### **Kayley Balderstone, Year 13, E-Learn Level 3 French**

I had a fantastic time in my E-Learn French class - it was immersive and instructive, but also allowed me to make friends with my classmates across the country in the same class. I'm very grateful to have been able to keep up my French and work it into my timetable; as a result I was able to travel to French-speaking Switzerland and use my language for five months. The system is great, and it taught me self-discipline, study skills, and organisation. Thanks for a good year.

### **Andy Liao, Y13, E-Learn Level 3 Chinese**

My experience about e-learning:

1. It is really strict.
2. I learnt a lot about Chinese even though I am a native Chinese person.
3. The teaching quality is really good
4. We have many communications between us and the students online which makes me get to know more friends
5. The e-teacher is really helpful.



### **Cheyenne Walker, Year 13, Level 3 Classical Studies**

In my last year at Glenfield College, I made the brave decision to take up an E-learning computer based subject: Classical Studies - the study of Roman, Greek, Egyptian, and other mythologies. It wasn't as difficult to take up E-learn as I thought. The students have to be great at time management, as it is basically one period a day where you sit in the library and teach yourself based on resources your E-learn teacher has given you. Once a week, you meet with the teacher and other students via video chat. I have enjoyed my year, and I'm happy I took it up. It was a fun and new learning experience that prepared me for university.

## **SPORTS**



### **Sports Prizegiving**

Last Thursday evening saw the celebration of sporting success this year with over 80 students recognised for their effort and achievement. Amongst the thank-yous were special thanks to Mr 'Johnno' Johnson and Mrs Rose Singe for their long-term commitment as coaches. Highlights were the naming of Mr Bryce Staveley as Coach of the Year for his work with the Boys Table Tennis team. Most Improved Team went to the Under 19 3 Boys Basketball. Team of the Year was the Girls Rugby Team. Sportsman of the Year this year was awarded to Darren Widjaja for his achievements in Athletics, Cross Country, and Basketball. The major award winner was Year 12 Dayna Stevens. She was awarded the trophy for Student Coach of the Year, the Super Mutual Cup for Outstanding Sporting Performance for her selection in the New Zealand Under 20 Football team, as well as taking



he trophy as Sportswoman of the Year. She had outstanding performances not only in Football, but also Cross Country, Rugby Tag Football, Touch, and Basketball.

For more photos of the Sports Prizegiving, please [click here](#)

## Letter From the Sports Department

Sportsmanship. One of the definitions of Sportsmanship is “the conduct and attitude of participants in sports, especially when considered commendable as in fair play, courtesy and grace in winning or losing.”

I am very proud of how the Glenfield teams have conducted themselves in the past two weeks, being the first to initiate congratulations to the winning team and the first to thank their opponents after a win. This positive attitude has had an immediate impact on the culture of the teams. The students who were not sure if they should join a team have now put their hands up, and they are enjoying the opportunity to be part of a team.

The Softball Boys team had a great start to their season, and they are in a good position to dominate their league. Their aim is to be very competitive at the Auckland Junior One Day Tournament at the end of November. The Girls Touch Football, Boys and Girls Volleyball teams have improved dramatically since the start of the season and, with a full complement of numbers in all teams, they are eager to end their respective seasons off on a high note.

### The Coach Impact

At one of the games this week, a parent from the opposing team approached me, commended the team on their improvement in performance, and stated that it was mainly due to the persistence and positive attitude of the coach towards the team. This coach is a student coach, utilizing personal experiences and a willingness to transfer knowledge to the players.

To create a sustainable sporting chance for our students, we encourage anyone who wants to get involved with Glenfield College Sport to get in contact us and become part of this amazing culture.

Our Coach Support Initiative (in conjunction with Harbour Sport) assists students, staff, and volunteers to improve their skills as coaches and as a direct result, improve sporting experiences for athletes.

If anyone wants to get involved in any way, please get in contact with the Sports Department per email [r.smith@gc.ac.nz](mailto:r.smith@gc.ac.nz) or per phone 09 444 9066 ext. 625

## Supporters Gear

Glenfield College has introduced a hoodie for Glenfield College students and their supporters. While this is **NOT** part of the school uniform, we strongly encourage all students to promote a positive image for our School and enforce our Pride and Respect values.

These hoodies are available to order from the Payment Centre. Payment **must be made in full** before an order can be placed. This means Students cannot put these on their AP's.

These cost \$55.00 each and an extra \$7.00 for those that may wish their name to be printed on them. Students are to advise of the name to be printed at time of payment. Orders will be placed fortnightly beginning from the end of business Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

Different sizes are available at the payment office for Students of all year levels and for Staff to try on.



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## 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](mailto: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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