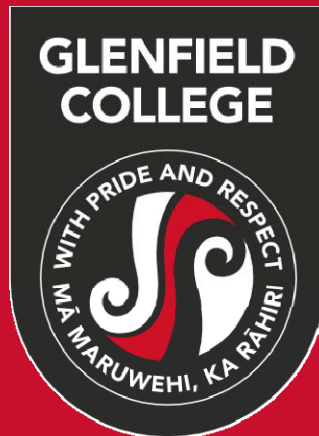


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Message From The Principal



The four key components of a high performing school are academic excellence, appreciation of the arts, sporting success, and a culture of service. Glenfield College excels in these areas, our most recent achievement being the [Junior Boys Softball winning the North Harbour Competition](#) on Monday night. Congratulations to **Josie Rihari** and the team.

A big focus next year is in the area of service. I found the following definition of 'service':

Dates and Events

**Thursday-Tuesday
23-27 November**
Junior Year End Exams

**Wednesday
29 November**
Outdoor Education --
Kayaking

**Thursday
30 November**
Whanau Hui TBC

[Junior Exams Timetable](#)

"the action of helping or doing work for someone"
synonyms: act of assistance, good turn, favour, kindness, helping hand

There is no doubt that a culture of service currently exists within Glenfield College, and this was shown in some outstanding acts over the last week. **Dayna Stevens** (Sportswoman of the Year) was the recipient of the [North Harbour Volunteer Award](#) for her commitment to the coaching of Glenfield College sports teams. We also had the [staff supporting Breast Cancer Research](#) by wearing the beautiful colour of pink and donating to the cause. The Junior School is currently participating in a Canned Food Drive competition seeing who can provide the most cans of food and other non-perishables for those in need. The total proceeds will be donated to the Glenfield Salvation Army. We thank the Year 10 Dean **Ms. Sarah Gray** for leading this initiative. The Services Academy participated in the March Out Parade at Mount Smart Stadium last week with Mr. James (Johnno) Johnson proudly witnessing his troops represent the school with absolute pride and respect.

Arguably, the greatest act of service this year took place the day after Senior Prizegiving when Year 13 student **Darren Widjaja** came into school with an unusual request. Darren was given book vouchers for some of his prizes, and he chose to purchase some colouring books and [present them to the students of Wairau Valley Special School and Wilson School satellite classes](#). In my 26 years teaching, this is one of the most generous acts I have ever witnessed. Darren's comments to me were "I thought they would like some books to colour, and I don't need all those books." A fantastic gesture from a fine young man.

These acts are what makes Glenfield College unique. Moving forward into 2018, we are looking at building on these foundations as we provide leadership opportunities for both juniors and seniors. Our goal is to make service second nature to Glenfield College students.

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Glenfield College News

Darren Widjaja

Year 13 student Darren Widjaja was named Sportsman of the Year and received several prizes at the Senior Prizegiving. Included in the awards he received were book vouchers. He then spent his time and his newly earned money to buy some colouring books to give to the students of Wairau Valley Special School and the Wilson School satellite class. The thoughtfulness and compassion that Darren showed are inspiring. The bar has been set, and we hope to see more acts of kindness from the rest of our students, following the example that Darren set.



North Harbour Sport Volunteer Award

Dayna Stevens was the recipient of the North Harbour Volunteer Award for her commitment to Glenfield College sports. She spends most of her spare time coaching the Glenfield College First Level football boys, when not playing football herself. She is also a referee for the Girls Secondary School tournaments in Rotorua and has acted as a referee for Glenfield College when she is needed. She simply loves football and does what she can to make sure

everyone can play.



Services Academy Sports Day and March Out

On Friday, 3rd November, the Glenfield College Services Academy competed for the Terry King Memorial Trophy. The Sports Day took place at Kelston Boys' High school. Glenfield College went up against seven other schools in this year's chosen sport: tag football. Even though the Kelston Boys' Services Academy took home the trophy, the day was about comradery and remembrance.

Terry King was a well-loved Services Academy director at Te Kuiti High School from 2010 to 2012. Before he was a Services Academy director, he was a Chief Petty Officer physical training instructor in the New Zealand Navy. Unfortunately, in 2012, he passed away suddenly. Now the local Services Academy directors try to gather once a year for a Sports Day in his honour.

This Sports Day is usually held the day before the March Out. The March Out Ceremony is the Services Academy Graduation, and it marks the completion of the full 12-month course. Thirteen Schools attended this year's March Out, and stood in front of friends and family with pride. Top Student was awarded to Courtney Kapi, and Most Improved Student was awarded to Justin Urbiztondo.



To see images from the Services Academy March Out, click [HERE](#)

Staff Supporting Breast Cancer Research



On Friday, 3rd November, all the staff joined together to support the Breast Cancer Research Trust by wearing a touch of pink and by donating money. Everybody looked fabulous, and it was suggested that this might be the colour of our new uniform for the teachers in 2018

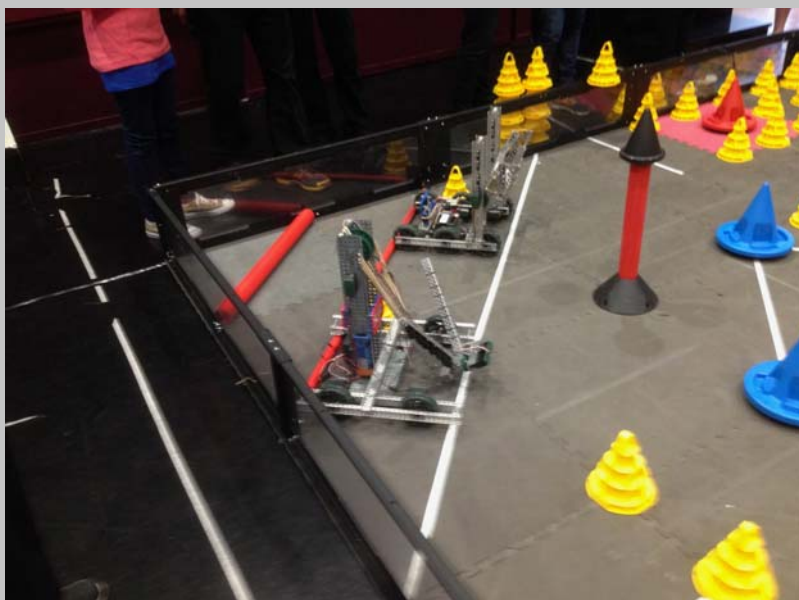
VEX Robotics Programme

Glenfield College runs an active VEX Robotics programme. The VEX competition uses an integrated learning approach to allow the students to solve the various, mechanical, electrical, and programming problems that arise as they seek to build the best robot in the world for the current competition.



We currently have six teams competing in the senior secondary school section. The teams are preparing themselves for their next big competition which is **3-7 December**. This is the Asia Pacific Robotics Competition (APAC) held in the Rotorua Events Centre.

The APAC competition in December will see more than 300 teams from 10 different countries competing in several different categories. We compete in the High School VEX EDR competition, which this year is called "In the zone." The robots collect and stack yellow cones onto red and blue mobile goals. It is lots of fun and quite challenging. Most teams have built and rebuilt their robots several times already.



APAC is the second biggest Robotics competition in world. The VEX World Championships, held in Kentucky, USA, are the biggest, with 1000 teams competing. Glenfield College has qualified at the NZ VEX Nationals and attended the VEX World Championships five times. In this time, we have received VEX Divisional World Awards for robot building and community involvement. We were awarded the VEX World Excellence award in 2015. This is the top team award. The school was awarded the VEX World Educate award in 2013 for integrating Robotics into education. In 2016 Mr Aston was awarded the VEX teacher of the year award and inducted into the VEX hall of fame.

SPORTS

Softball

A big congratulations to our Glenfield College Softball Team for taking 1st place in the North Harbour Secondary Schools League – Term 4, 2017

The boys dominated the season from the first game, and sealed the season in the final game against Long Bay College with a well-executed 4-1 result. They are looking forward to their participation in the Auckland Junior One Day Tournament on 30 November 2017 -- we hope to see you all there!

A special thanks to coach **Josie Rihari** for her dedication to the sport and for instilling a sense of pride within the boys to create the team culture that is so important at Glenfield College.

Also, **Shiva Swamy** has been selected to play for the North Harbour Softball U/15 Representative Team that will take part in the National Competition in Wellington, January

2018.



Important Reminders

SENIOR CHECK-OUT DAY TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2017 STUDENT CAFETERIA

Students should arrive to collect their check-out pack at allocated times for their year level, as scheduled below:

**Year 13 - 9:00am
Year 12 - 10:00am
Year 11 - 11:00am**

The check-out pack will include the school report and reporting dates and times for 2018. There may be other useful information from teachers as well.

The school yearbook is available free of charge to families who have paid their school donation. If you would like to purchase a copy, the cost is \$15. School uniform is not required on this day.

Please make sure that you have settled any outstanding amounts on your school account and ensure library books and sports uniforms have been returned prior to check-out day.

The Cafeteria will be closed

Friday, 8th December
Monday, 11th December
Tuesday, 12th December

Students should bring their own food and drink on these days.

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

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.



We have also have two new items available for purchase. These items are **NOT** part of the school uniform, but they are a great way to show pride in our school when out in the community. The new items include a Men's Staple Tee in Asphalt Marle (\$25 incl. GST) and a Track Short in Steel Marle (\$35 incl. GST)



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

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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