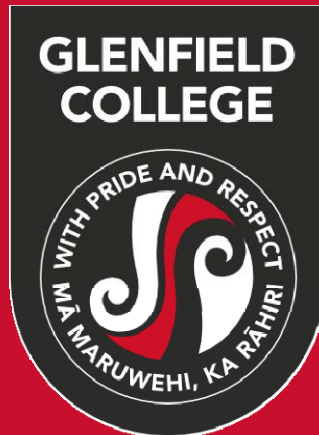


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Message From The Principal



A Great Finish to the Year

The 2017 school year comes to an end with the success of the Junior School being recognised at the Junior Prize-giving ceremony on Tuesday. As I often reiterate to the students, to walk across stage is a privilege and an acknowledgement of their achievements this year.

Dates and Events

Wednesday

31 January 2018

Year 9 and Peer Support

Leaders

First Day of Term

Thursday

1 February 2018

First Day of School

On Monday, we had the Endeavour Awards where I congratulated the students on their reports. Over the weekend, as I read them thoroughly, it was patently clear that there is real potential and talent within our Junior School. These students are the role models and future of Glenfield College, with the Year 9s in 2018 looking up to them for advice and guidance.

Last week we had the 2017 Leavers Dinner, and while 50+ students attended, I was pleasantly surprised to see 22 staff prioritise this event and choose to attend and support these students on a week night. It really does symbolize the way we at Glenfield College are a family.

In 2018, there will be many opportunities for students to contribute to school life. Twenty Year 12 and 13 Peer Support Leaders will undergo a two-day training programme in late January, and the Year 13 Student Leaders are certainly excited by the opportunity of leading school-wide events next year. These really are exciting times.

In this final newsletter for 2017, I would like to thank the parent community in its ongoing support for the school. The success of your sons and daughters has been realised through the strong partnership enjoyed between home and school. Also, thank you to our staff who continue to make a difference in the lives of our young people. Glenfield College has had a good year, and we plan for 2018 will be even better.

I wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing our returning students and meeting our new arrivals in the New Year.

With Pride and Respect

Paul McKinley

Monday
5 February 2018
School Closed

Tuesday
6 February
Waitangi Day

Friday - Tuesday
30 March - 3 April 2018
Easter Break

Friday
13 April 2018
End of Term 1

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Glenfield College News

Junior Prize-giving

Glenfield College's top Junior Academic students were celebrated at the Prize-giving ceremony on Tuesday, 12 December. The inaugural Junior Dux Cup was presented to Michael Oborn as he was acknowledged with a standing ovation for reaching the pinnacle of academic success in the Junior School.



The first place in Year 9 was awarded to Isabelle Pillay, who was placed first in Social Studies and English, as well as receiving an Academic Excellence Certificate for Science and Mathematics. Isabelle also contributed to the ceremony, performing both with the guitar and piano.



The Principal's award or Year 10 in 2017 went to Jhoemeela Magisa. Jhoemeela placed first in Year 10 Information Technology, Science, Mathematics, and Health. She also received Academic Excellence awards for Hard Materials Technology, Music, Dance, English, Health, and Social Studies.



We are very proud to see our Junior School thriving, and we hope to see these students continue on their path to success.

To view more photos, please click [HERE](#)

Junior Endeavour Awards

On Monday, 11 December, seventy Year 9 and 10 students received certificates for their efforts in their academic subjects in 2017. We are really proud of these students and the progress they have made throughout the year.



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Fond Farewell to Two Long-Serving Staff Members

This year marks the end of era for the Herd/Carrigan families. Stevie Herd was a long-serving English teacher, until her retirement in 2009, Ian Herd, a Property Supervisor and their daughter, Nicola Carrigan, was not only a student, but our Art teacher for the last 8 years. Nicky leaves us this year to take up a position closer to home.



James Johnson (Johno) has been a key staff member at Glenfield College for the last decade. The impact Johno has had on the lives of many students has been remarkable. Often where a father figure (significant male role model) has been absent in the lives of students, this gap has been filled by Johno. As with many great staff, Johno went above the call of duty, and his commitment to co-curricular activities was outstanding. Johno leaves us to seek a new challenge at a school closer to home. We wish him well.



Glenfield Intermediate Prize-giving

Mr McKinley was honoured to attend the Glenfield Intermediate Prize-giving, where he was privileged to present three students with Scholarships to Glenfield College in 2018.



Pictured above: Mr Paul McKinley, Henry Croft, Tayla Mower, Tyrone Antunovich

BEAMS Day at University of Auckland

“You are your only limit.” This was one of the slogans used to encourage students of Maori and Pasifika origin to expand their horizons at the University of Auckland’s annual BEAMS day. BEAMS stands for Business, Engineering, Architecture, Medicine and Science, and Maori and Pasifika students are under-represented in these disciplines. The students mixed with students from a range of other Auckland schools as they learned, amongst other things, the 12 possible majors in the Bachelor of Commerce and that Architecture is not just about designing houses and bridges. Most notably, they learned how to build da Vinci’s self-supporting bridge. The students enjoyed their day with the session on Health Sciences being one of the more enjoyable of their day. Well done to **Jackson** and **Yanni** on being selected as two of the 10 MVPs for the day.



APAC 2017



Glenfield College's Robotics teams represented us at the Asia Pacific Robotics Competition in the Rotorua Energy Events Centre Monday 4 to Thursday 7 December 2017.

There were 200 teams in 6 divisions competing for prizes in VEX EDR robots (metal) VEX IQ (plastic) BDS robots (like K'nex) and Huminoid robots. Glenfield Competed in the VEX EDR division with 80 teams in total.

Our Students designed and built their own robots, programming and driving to achieve a

winning system. Hemant Toora (Driver and Builder) Adam Macintyre (coach) 2918E produced our best winning combination coming 27th in the preliminaries. Our other 4 teams were ranked evenly behind them. Unfortunately, none of our teams were picked for the quarter finals

Our 5 teams were

2918E Hemant Toora and Adam Macintyre

2918G Joshua Green with Maia Green

2918H Michael Oborn

2918D Jackson Woodbury and Xander Green and Luke Oborn

2918C Chris Webb

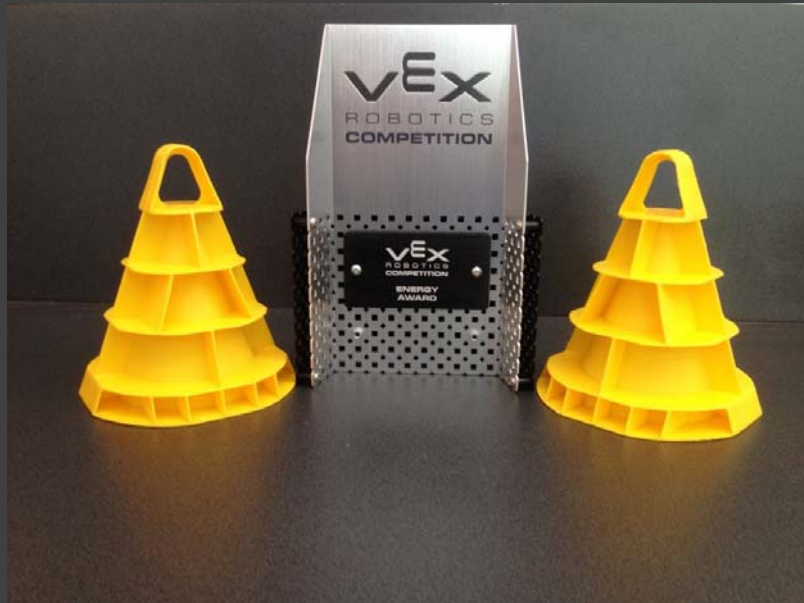
Michael Wornham and Matt Steyn with Mrs Aston and Mr Aston worked as Volunteers throughout the 4 days of the competition. Mr McKinley, our principal, visited the teams to encourage and support them in their efforts on the Wednesday and Thursday. This was appreciated by all students.

Mr and Mrs Green, parents of Joshua, Maia and Xander looked after the teams and were amazing in their ability to support encourage and build relationships within the teams.

The collegiality, helpfulness and friendliness of all our students stood out above all other teams at the competition and we were awarded the **Energy Award** for the High School VEX EDR division, one of only 3 awards to go to NZ teams. Truly an award which reflected the quality of our students. They did so well as they served the volunteers, other teams and each other.

"I was incredibly proud to be a Glenfield College teacher as I watched our students at work. The event has well prepared them to do well in our NZ national competition in February. Thanks for letting us attend the competition."

David Aston



Year 10 Long Bay Trip

On Friday December 8th, the Year 10s went to Long Bay Regional Park as part of the Junior Activities. It was a beautiful day filled with sun, fun, and laughter. The students were kept busy playing football, cricket, and volleyball. Some students showed off their kayaking skills while others cooled down in the water. The BBQ was cooked brilliantly by Shayle, Ryley, and Josiah and was enjoyed by all. Everyone had a wonderful time, and a special thank you goes out to all of the teachers who made it such a successful day.



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Year 9 Activities Day

On Friday 8 December, the Year 9s had a special day planned for them, with five very different activities to keep them challenged throughout the scorching hot day.

Our Year 9s made us so proud as they amicably completed an Amazing Race, launched water balloons at one another, showed off their Kiwi ingenuity as they built incredibly high towers out of marshmallows and dried pasta, competed in a Mathematics quiz, and put their creativity to the test as they designed their ultimate learning environment.

The students worked so well together, and it was heartening to see new (and sometimes unlikely) friendships being forged. Many thanks to all of the staff who helped to make this day such a success, and congratulations to the Year 9s for displaying such admirable attitudes and commitment.



View more photos [HERE](#)

Inter House activities Afternoon

Monday afternoon was filled with fun and fair play with students competing in activities in their house teams. The students played a Turbo Touch Tournament, competed in some fun relay races, and finished the afternoon with a very competitive Tug-of-War competition. Tauhinu house won both the Junior Boys and Junior Girls Tug of War. The real prize went to the staff who beat the a select student team in the final event.

It was fantastic to see the students working well together and getting in to the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship. Teams were mixed and I was so impressed at how well they

interacted and worked to help each other out. A massive thanks to the staff for coaching, managing, and playing in the event, too. What a fabulous way to finish the year and a positive display of Pride and Respect from our students.



Outward Bound

Jessica Martin and Guy Roberts were nominated by Glenfield College and then selected as the North Harbour recipients of the 2017 St Patrick's Day Golf Classic Charitable Trust Fianna Scholarships to attend a three-week Mind, Body, and Soul course at Outward Bound at Anakiwa in the Marlborough Sounds.

Both these students have also been selected as student leaders for 2018. The College expects them to gain invaluable life skills and believes this course will contribute immensely to their personal growth and help them as student leaders next year.

Jessica and Guy see it as "such a privilege and honour to be chosen for this Scholarship" and they were excited for the amazing opportunity that has been provided for them.

Glenfield College thanks the St Patrick's Day Golf Classic Charitable Trust for the opportunity afforded these two students and are looking forward to hearing about their adventures and benefiting from the new skills they have gained.



Pictured above: Jessica Martin, Mr Paul McKinley, Guy Roberts

Leavers Dinner

Last Tuesday saw the 2017 Y13 leavers celebrate the end of their secondary school schooling at the annual Leavers' Dinner at the superbly sited McHughs of Cheltenham. In an evening of laughter, and a few tears, students heard words of wisdom from Mr McKinley and Ms Smith whilst the students had the opportunity to say thank you to their teachers and classmates for their journey through Glenfield College. The students also viewed a video of their journey through the years as seen by cameras at various school events such as Athletics Days, Cross Country, tree planting, cultural concerts and more, which created great laughter. It was great to share the evening with such fine young men and women who are going to be our future movers and shakers.



Pictured above: Leyah Bresler, Dijana Kotevska

Important Reminders

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GLENFIELD COLLEGE TERM DATES FOR 2018



Pre-Term	Thursday 25 January	Staff Administration – all teaching staff in school
	Friday 26 January	Staff Administration Day – all teaching staff in school Course confirmation for Senior Students
	Monday 29 January	AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY DAY
Term 1	Wednesday 31 January	Year 9 and Peer Support Leaders
	Thursday 1 February	Day 1 – whole school
	Friday 2 February	Day 2 – whole school
	Monday 5 February	SCHOOL CLOSED
	Tuesday 6 February	WAITANGI DAY
	Friday - Tuesday 30 March - 3 April	EASTER
	Friday 13 April	End of Term 1
Term 2	Monday 30 April	Term 2 starts
	Friday 1 st June	MID TERM BREAK
	Monday 4 June	QUEENS BIRTHDAY
	Friday 6 July	End of Term 2
Term 3	Monday 23 July	Term 3 starts
	Friday 24 th August	MID TERM BREAK
	Friday 28 September	End of Term 3
Term 4	Monday 15 October	Term 4 starts
	Monday 22 October	LABOUR DAY
	Wednesday 12 December	End of Term 4

General Notices

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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