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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Over the last week, I had the privilege of attending the SPANZ Conference (Secondary Principals Association of New Zealand) where some outstanding speakers from New Zealand and overseas spoke. The key learning for me, as Principal of Glenfield College, was that we are absolutely on the right track and in many ways, leading the way with initiatives. The recently launched "Glenfield Way" was discussed with other Principals who were very impressed by the values that our students abide by. While "Pride and

DATES AND EVENTS

Tuesday and Wednesday

3 April and 4 April
Project K Wilderness
Adventure Induction
9am - 3pm each day

Thursday-Saturday
5 April-21 April
Project K Wilderness
Adventure

Friday
6 April
Year 9 Zoo Trip

Respect,” the school motto, underpins everything we do, the first value of resilience, moving forward, is going to be crucial for your children.

As a keynote speaker on well-being stated, “unwanted and unexpected change is often forced upon us... while we cannot control what occurs, we can control how we deal with this.” The definition of well-being is “feeling good and functioning well.”

At Glenfield College, our number one goal is “Developing the School Culture.” This can take many forms. Over this term, the following events that led to “Developing a School Culture” include: Honours Ceremony, Relay for Life, Peer Support Programme, Year 9 Easter Egg Hunt, the Premier Boys’ Softball Team attending summer tournament week last week. All of these are examples of students embracing school life and opportunities at Glenfield College.

Special mention and acknowledgement must be made to Mr Jamie Mason (Sports Co-Ordinator) and Ms Josie Rihari for taking the softball team away to the Waikato. They performed admirably, had two wins and, as they are a young team, it bodes well for the future.

Finally, I would like to share a quote with you that I heard last week, “Old people dream dreams, young people dream vision.” At Glenfield College, our focus is on helping your children fulfil their vision.

With Pride and Respect,

Mr Paul McKinley
Principal

**Monday-Friday
9 April-13 April**
Services Academy Basic
Leadership Camp

**Friday
13 April**
ANZAC Assembly

**Friday
13 April**
Last day for Y9 Options

**Friday
13 April**
Project K Parents' Update
6:00pm

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GLENFIELD COLLEGE NEWS

Auckland University Visit

Thursday lunchtime saw the first of our tertiary providers visits for 2018. The University of Auckland liaison officer presented introductory information about the range of courses, accommodation, and activities for prospective students. There was a pleasing turnout of students across various year levels, with roughly fifty students in attendance. In Term 2, we will have similar visits from the other universities as well as Unitec and the ARA Institute of Canterbury.



S.A.F.E Visit



Today we had Marianne McDonald from S.A.F.E (Save Animals From Exploitation) come and speak to our Level 3 Sociology students about a campaign they have been studying. This closely links to an internal assessment that is on-going and hopefully inspires them to achieve academic excellence in their upcoming work. Marianne and S.A.F.E. have campaigned for many issues in New Zealand, and much of their amazing work can be seen on their website and Facebook pages. Today she was talking about the Love Pigs campaign that successfully banned Sow Crates in New Zealand. She was inspirational to listen to and wowed the students with the practices she had fought against.



After her talk, many of the students had insightful questions regarding her work. One of which came from Mikayla Robinson in Year 13, asking, "How can we help stop this?" Afterwards Mikayla presented Marianne with a token of appreciation from Glenfield College.

"She was really interesting and made me consider my food choices and what I buy. Thank you, Marianne"
 -- Mikayla Robinson, Year 13

Glenfield College would like to thank Marianne for giving up her time to help our students understand that everyone at Glenfield College can make a difference in the world



Gateway Success



"I started my gateway placement at SKYCITY approximately 1 year ago; this was a 10 week placement which gave me a little taste tester of different work places within the hotel complex. This included Skycity Grand Concierge, Skycity Hotel Concierge, Skycity mini bar, and the reservations call centre. There was one department that stood out for me and that was the concierge department. I was humbled by the friendliness of all the staff and their ability to interact with guests as well as helping them with their requests. I knew this was the department I wanted to join, as the team were constantly interacting with and meeting new people on a daily basis. A year down the line, and I still enjoy waking up in the morning knowing that when I get to work, someone, whether it be a guest or a team member, is going to put a smile on my face. This is one of the many benefits of working at Skycity Hotel"

— Leyah Bresler, SKYCITY Hotel Porter

A glowing comment the hotel received from a guest that Leyah looked after.

"Concierge – Ms. Leyah is warm, friendly, helpful and outstanding. The best in the hospitality field. An asset to the Hotel. A real gem!"

Converge Summit 2017 Presentation

Last year, the Kaipatiki Community Facilities Trust (KCFT), alongside Takapuna and Devenport Communities, organized the Converge Summit for Year 10 students. Their purpose in forming this summit is to encourage students to be leaders of their generation and to push them to be more confident in project management. As part of these awesome summits, one group formed by Jhoemeela Magisa, Caroline Ueanteiti, Bataa Ganbat, Zaidyn Corbet, and James Rusell (former Glenfield College student), decided to look into our school cafeteria's food. They have been aiming to make our cafeteria food more healthy by, hopefully, this year or the beginning of 2019. These students have been working passionately on this project for almost a year now, and the results or outcome of their hard work was presented Wednesday, 28th March, at the Community Local Board meeting. We want to share the success of these students, who showcased both Pride and Respect, during their presentation. They gained lots of compliments and encouragement from both the Board and other participants involved in the meet up. We are proud to see how this group of students are growing to be a great help in our community.



Year 9 Easter Egg Hunt

On Thursday 29th March, to get in the spirit of Easter and having some fun at Glenfield College, we had our inaugural Year 9 Easter Egg Hunt.

The Peer Support Leaders specifically led this initiative and were supported by the Prefects. In the second half of Period 3, all the Year 9's met on the Netball Courts. Jackie Smith was in charge of giving out instructions, and then the Year 9's were then let loose to find clues, cut out Easter eggs (that could be traded for real ones), and also win some major prizes of chocolate Easter Bunnies.

A lot of fun was had by all, and it really was great seeing Senior and Junior students interacting and having fun.



To view more photos, [CLICK HERE](#)

Project K Wilderness Adventure

On Thursday, April 5 eleven Year 10 students are heading off to tackle 17 days in the wilderness as the start of their 14-month Project K journey. The students will be pushed way out of their comfort zones as they cycle, tramp and kayak their way around areas of the Coromandel. We wish them all the best for the challenges ahead and look forward to hearing about their experiences when they return.



Outdoor Education

Daniel Webb (Year 9) shows his skills on Lake Pupuke, while Liam Hibbard (Year 11) successfully tacks to return to shore. These students and others have made rapid progress after only two lessons in challenging winds, embracing our school value of being adventurous. There are still places available to join in this term.



Next term the Outdoor adventure will be Mountain Biking in Woodhill Forest. Register your interest with Mr Nyhoff or see Student Services for more information.

SPORTS

Sports Report



Coaching Support Initiative

The CSI programme provides the ability for coaches at schools and clubs to receive support and resources to invest in coaching related initiatives, including coach development, recruitment, and coach retention with the support of their Coach Developer. The first coaching session took place on the 15th March, where Anja Botes, Sebastian Viliamu, Dayna Stevens, and Courtney Kapi shared their personal views on how coaches have positivity influenced them. Throughout the next 7-8 sessions, they will move from theory to practical assessments where our young coaches will create a sustainable coaching environment that engages our Year 9's and 10's Sports Programme at Glenfield

College.

'Go Griff's'
Jamie Mason
Sports Coordinator

Outstanding Sports Performance



Livingstone Viliamu is a year 13 student that is dedicated to his sport. He is a leader who instills a sense of pride within the Glenfield Sports Teams he is involved with. He can be found playing touch (recently with the mixed team competing at Hato Petera), tag football, and basketball. He is also a key contributor to the Services Academy Team run by Staff Bickford. Livingstone has recently accepted a role on the North Harbour Student Council alongside Anja Botes, where he and Anja will both be the voice for our Juniors and Seniors in the Glenfield Community, helping to promote sport, recreation, and physical activity. Livingstone is a fine example of the schools motto 'Pride and Respect.' We look forward to seeing his achievements with the council and on the sports field.

Softball Championships

Monday 19th March saw the Senior Boys Softball Team travel to Resthills Park, Hamilton to compete in the New Zealand Secondary Schools North Island Tournament. The competition provided a stern test for our boys coming up against tough opposition such as St Peters, St Patrick's Silverstream, and Rutherford. It is fair to say that the boys can hold their heads up high; they have made their school proud, with their competitiveness, pride and resilience over the 5-day period, notching wins over Fraser High School and Fairfield College.



A big thank you must firstly go to Josie Rihari and Mr Mason for coaching the team and looking after them before, during, and after games. The boys

have learnt a lot this year through Josie's coaching and we look forward to seeing what they can do in the regular season at Rosedale Park and for years to come. A second big thank you goes to all the parents and supporters who pulled together to get the boys to Hamilton. This is the first time in a long time that a team has represented Glenfield College during Summer Tournament Week, and we hope it continues. Well done, boys.

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 skillset 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.

The following sports are in need of coaches

- Badminton
- Table Tennis
- Basketball
- Netball
- Football

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Easter Holiday Dates

As per Ministry of Education dates, school will be **closed for the Easter holiday period** from Friday, 30 March until Tuesday, 3 April.
It will **re-open** again on **Wednesday, 4 April** (Day 4)

GENERAL NOTICES

Safety at Glenfield College

As we progress through the term, the following general reminders are given to all:

- **Safety:** Students must remember to make safe choices about the routes they walk when coming to and leaving from school. Students are advised to walk in small groups and not to take shortcuts when walking alone.
- **Behaviour:** Walking in groups is encouraged but everyone must please be aware of other pedestrians and traffic. While it is easy to get distracted when talking to friends, students must make sure to watch where they are going and that they give way to others. Pride and Respect means having an awareness of those around you, and acting in the best interest of everyone.
- **Driving:** Parents are reminded that Kaipatiki can become quite busy at both ends of the school day. As a school, we are very concerned at the behaviour of speeding traffic down Kaipatiki Road. All drivers should maintain a safe speed when travelling to and from school.

- **Parking:** Parents who park on yellow lines are putting our students at risk. In the interest of student safety the yellow lines outside the College grounds.
- **Please do NOT perform U turns** on Kaipatiki Road or outside the school Gates.



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 reception@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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