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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL



While Term 1 has been a long one of 11 weeks, I would like to commend the student body on the way in which they have applied themselves.

Particular acknowledgement goes to the Year 9 students who have just completed the first term of many at Glenfield College. It was heartening to meet some of the Year 9 parents over the last two weeks at sport trials. They spoke enthusiastically about their children's experiences, how happy they are at the school, and how impressed they are by the quality of our teachers. As a school, we are fortunate to have outstanding teachers who genuinely care about your

DATES AND EVENTS

**Monday
30 April**
First Day of Term 2

**Monday
30 April**
New Year 9 Options

**Monday-Friday
30 April-4 May**
Services Academy Basic
Leadership Camp

**Tuesday
1 May**
AUT Visit

children.

As we come to the end of a busy term, we can reflect on a lot of achievements and an exceptionally sound start to the year. We have a foundation which is a basis for a busy, fulfilling Term 2, 3, and 4 where we aim to build on the potential of every student and become better people. Today we attended a moving Glenfield College Anzac Day Ceremony. It was great to have so many guests and over 40 students from our contributing schools. It was a time of reflection and learning about service and thinking of others before oneself. This was a student-led event and special mention should be given to Solomon Ioane and Ryan Dernie for their addresses. The Anzac Day ceremony will become an annual event that will be an integral part of our school year moving forward.

As we approach Term 2, it is important to recognize the role of sport and how it can act as a glue that holds a school together. Large numbers of students have signed up for sports teams, and it is still not too late. The mantra of "Pride and Respect" are best epitomized when representing our school in sport. We look forward to the winter season with anticipation.

To all parents, students, and staff, we wish you a safe, restful, and dry holiday.

With Pride and Respect,

Mr Paul McKinley
Principal

1:30pm, Library

Wednesday
2 May
Project K Community
Challenge Induction
3:30pm-5:30pm

Thursday-Friday
3 May-4 May
Project K Community
Challenge
8:45am-4:00pm

Thursday
3 May
Unitec Visit
1:30pm, Careers Room

Wednesday
16 May
Report Evening
Years 9 & 10

Wednesday
6 June
Mentoring Day
Years 11-13

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SCHOOL NEWS

ANZAC Assembly

On Friday, 13 April, guests were welcomed with a Haka Powhiri passing through the Field of Remembrance. The Field of Remembrance, erected by students of the Glenfield College Services Academy, includes names of local soldiers and nurses who never returned home from battle.



During the ANZAC assembly, students heard from Solomon Ioane, Courtney Kapi, and Pauline Law, former Naval Chaplain and member of The Order of New Zealand Merit.



A video of the Last Post and Reveille was played with a moving reading of The Ode. Students were able to connect and reflect on the significance of those who never returned home. The final benediction was given by Mr Paul McKinley. Their memory will never be forgotten.



Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou – we will remember them.

For more photos of the event, [CLICK HERE](#)

Student Commemoration of ANZAC Day

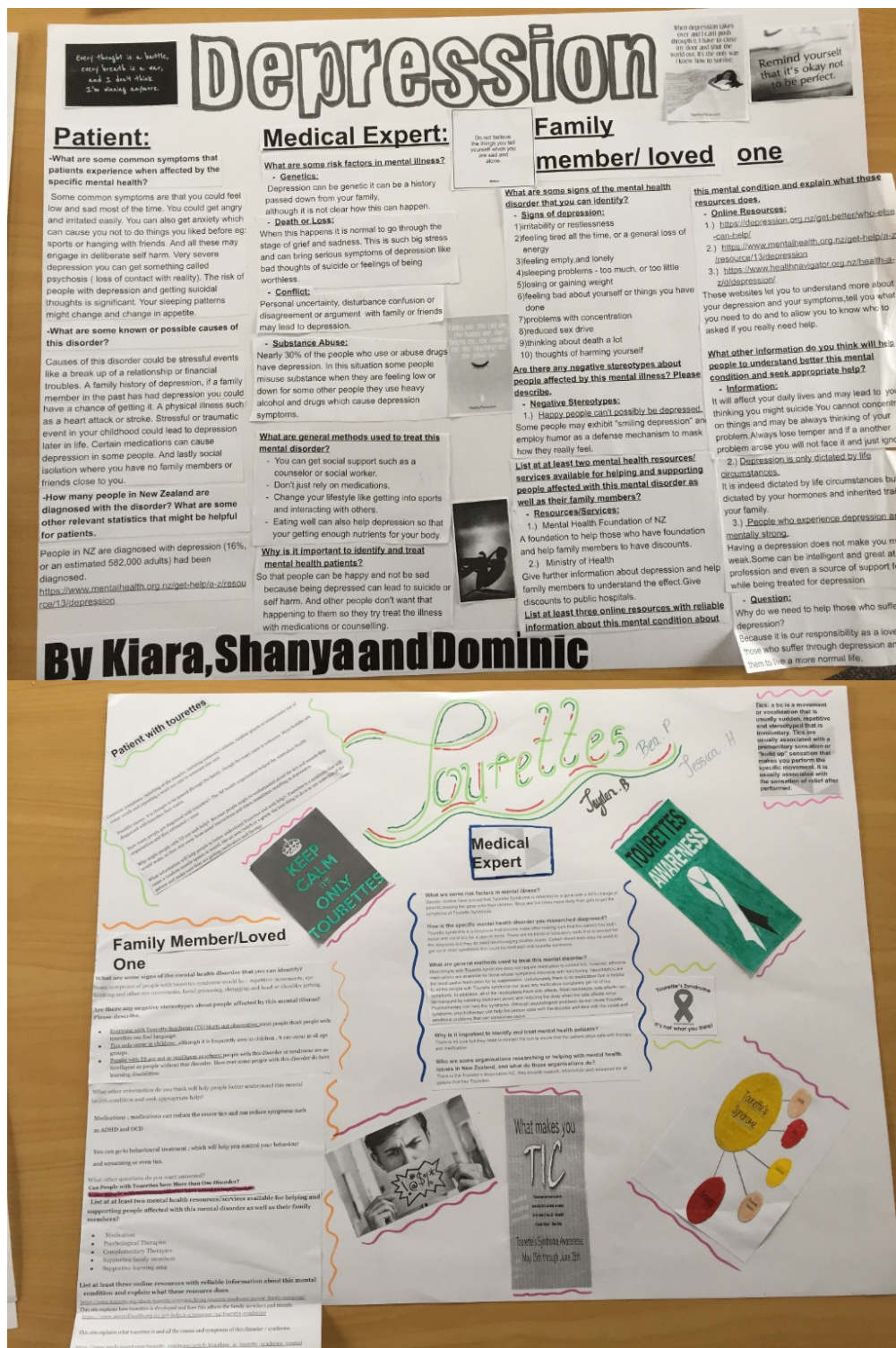
This week's theme in the Learning Support Centre is ANZAC Day. Jessica-Leigh Pirie, Year 10, produced a beautifully designed poster about ANZAC Day. She reflected upon the meaning of this special event and how families were affected by sending their fathers, sons, and brothers off to war. Jessica is thankful for this sacrifice made on our behalf so that we may live in peace today in New Zealand.



Mental Health Project

Year 10 students have been learning about Mental Health and developing their understanding of this topic. Students unpacked the stigma of mental health, stress, anxiety, and resilience during class lessons and as a research topic, students investigated a mental health issue from three different perspectives. The patient, the family member/loved one, and the medical practitioner.

Here are some of the posters that students completed:



NASA Astronaut Visit – Mike Hopkins

On Friday the 6th of April 8 yr 11 and 12 girls travelled to Westlake Girls' High School with Ms Colliar to hear all about life in space from visiting Astronaut Mike Hopkins, Mike spent 166 days in space and was in expeditions 37 and 38. The girls were enthralled with his talk and left feeling inspired and ready to take on the world.

Here are some of the post talk thoughts from the girls:

"Space makes the impossible possible"

"We loved seeing the photos Mike took of earth from the space station"

"It was interesting to hear that space has a distinct smell"

"I found it interesting that they shut the shutters on the space station when it turns around and in not facing earth so that they don't look into deep space"



Chess Challenge

A 30 minute Lunchtime Chess Challenge was organised in the Glenfield College Library for Term 1 of 2018 to see if any students were interested in Chess. It proved to be a great success; 24 students put their names forward to compete, even though there were many others who played just for the enjoyment of the game.

The preliminary rounds proved very interesting, and the calibre of players varied from occasional players to the fully devoted. They all gave it their best, but as with all competitions, there can be only one winner.

This Term's winner was **Chun Wai Poon**, who had a real battle with Laurence Lucindo. These two players were very evenly matched and very talented Chess opponents who were often seen competing with other students to hone their skills for the final.

A big thank you to all the students who participated in this Challenge to make it a great success, and we hope to see you in Term 3 for the next Chess Showdown with even more players.



Pictured are the top three players Chun Wai Poon (Centre), Laurence Lucindo (right) and Kataraina Anderson on the left.

Food Technology Master Chef

Year 9 Food Technology students worked hard to develop the skills necessary to design and make a dessert that met the given brief and specifications. Students (in pairs) had to ensure that the dish had a focus 'food' e.g cheesecake, and then they had to pair it with a designer ice cream. The dish had to incorporate fruit, and they had consider colour, textures and flavours.

Students had to plate a final dish and present it to senior students who judged the dishes on the above criteria but also had the fun of tasting each component. All students in the class presented dishes of the highest quality but there could only be winning pair and this term it was awarded **Phoenix Koligi and Nikita Lombard**.



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

Year 9 Trip to the Zoo

Glenfield College's year 9 went to the Auckland Zoo on Friday 6th April to study the different adaptive features of animals. The day was fine and warm and three zoo educators gave great interactive talks about how Elephants, Baboons, and Flamingos adapt to their environment, so that they can obtain food, reproduce, and survive the different challenges that come their way. After the presentations, the students moved around the zoo in their classes to observe and make notes on the different animals on display. They had a booklet to guide their note taking and this was used to produce an assessment back at school.



Our students looked really smart in their new uniforms and it was great to see them asking thoughtful and intelligent questions of all the zoo volunteers who were stationed at the different animal exhibits. A great day was had by all, and the educators were most complimentary of the demeanour of our students.

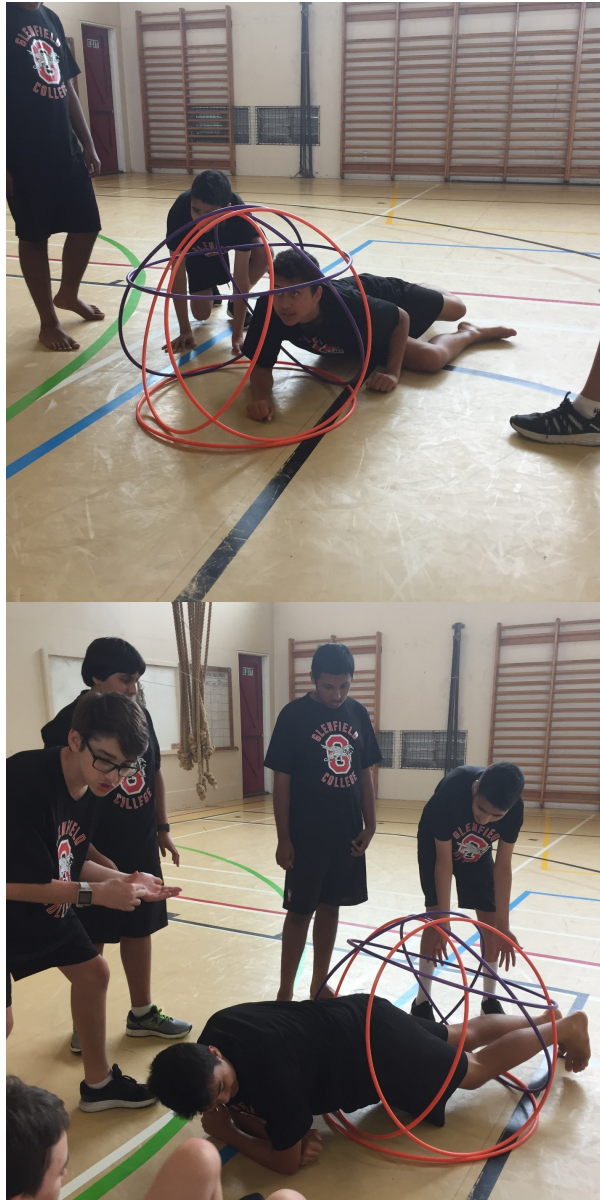
Shared Cultural Food

Today we celebrated cultural diversity in 9Sn. We have been studying cultural interactions this term and finished off by sharing food from our own cultures or by adopting someone else's culture. Each person had to introduce their food and what culture it was associated with. There was melktert, lamingtons, mini pizzas, vetkoek, samosas, steamed pudding and much more. A very yummy last day of term.



Year 9PE

During Term 1 the year 9 students have been working on developing their social responsibility awareness, problem solving skills, team work and communication skills using a variety of Adventure Based Learning Challenges and team games. Below are images of the students who had the challenge of building a sphere with hula hoops and having a team member pass through the sphere.



Jump Trip

In the last week of Term 1, the Level 1 physical education students went on a trip to the Jump Trampoline Park. While at Jump, the classes had to complete a challenge that ensured they used the interpersonal skills that they have been developing in class throughout the term. The students enjoyed the trip, the activities, and for some, the experience of going somewhere outside the classroom.



For more photos, [CLICK HERE](#)

Project K Update

On Thursday, April 5th eleven Year 10 students headed off on the challenge of their lives for their seventeen-night Wilderness Adventure, as part of Project K. The students do not have digital devices with them, so to keep their parents informed, every morning the instructors send a quick update home. Some of the highlights so far are:

- A variety of students really stepping up and showing off their leadership skills, particularly Tyrone Puckey and Ellen Karena
- The scary sounding abseiling adventure in the Karangahake Gorge, which all team members bravely took part in
- The kayaking and biking challenges the group have been taking on, including Hannah Forster and Paullen Yaneza working really well together on a tandem bike

We wish the group the best of luck and look forward to hearing all about their experiences when they return on April 21st.

SPORTS

Sports Report



Glenfield College provides a wide variety of sporting opportunities for our students to both participate, develop, and excel in. There is no end to the opportunities to take part in the sport of your choice here at Glenfield. As Term 1 comes to a close, we reflect on the last 11 weeks and the students who represented our College in Summer Sports.



Archery

On the back of much popularity in 2017, Archery has once again been a popular choice for students at Glenfield College.

We would like to thank Ms Kilroy for passing on her knowledge in the sport and the students competing every Monday.

Athletics

After an exciting Athletics Day, 13 students were chosen to represent Glenfield at the North Harbour Athletic Zones. We have so much talent coming through from different level groups,

and for Glenfield to compete and perform so highly is a credit to the culture we have created.

Tennis

We sent away two students to represent Glenfield at the Counties Manakau Tournament in the Junior and Senior divisions. Very proud that we have students competing all over Auckland.

Touch: Mixed

Building on the successes and foundations of the 2017 tag team, the mixed touch team were very competitive at the Hato Petera competition. Notching wins over Northcote, Long Bay, and Orewa.

Softball

For the first time, our boys softball team represented Glenfield at the National North Island Championship in Hamilton. The boys also participated at Mt Roskill and at Rosedale, Albany in the North Shore league, where they beat Long Bay to win the title. A big thank you to Josie for taking the team and coaching the boys and a big thank you for the support from all the parents.

Volleyball

For the second straight year our Boys and Girls Volleyball teams represented Glenfield at the Auckland Senior Championships. They also participated in the North Shore League, where the girls team went unbeaten defeating teams such as Carmel, Long Bay and Birkenhead College. A big thank you must go to Miss Colquhoun for organizing, teaching and mentoring our students for Volleyball this term and Mr King for helping with Transport.

'Go Griffs'

Jamie Mason

Sports Coordinator

2018 Glenfield College House Cup

All students are selected into a House, and they are encouraged to participate in as many House activities as possible. Form classes are made up of students from one house; the Houses are Kaipatiki (red), Mayfield (blue), Oraumu (yellow) and Tauhinu (green). House Leaders are appointed annually and Deputy House Leaders are elected by the House at the beginning of the year.

A series of Inter-House Competitions are held annually during Terms 1,2,3, and 4 to foster involvement, team work, and lively competition. These include the Athletics Day, Relay for Life, Inter-house Competitions, Academic Achievements, and Extra Curricular Activities. Points are allocated to each house at the end of every competition as students vie for the enviable position of winning the house at the end of the year. The House Colours of the winner, are displayed in the gymnasium, sports office, and other halls throughout the school.

The house system and house competitions build community spirit and help younger students integrate into secondary school life through social interaction and bonding. Senior students have the opportunity to learn important leadership skills that can be used later in their tertiary education and/or workplace. The house system also allows students to learn the importance of team work and to build on their leadership skills.



New Sports Uniforms



Netball



Basketball



Hockey



Football

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

Term Holiday Dates

As per Ministry of Education dates, school will be **closed for Term Break** from Saturday, 14 April until Sunday, 29 April.
It will **re-open** again on **Monday, 30 April** (Day 6)

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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