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*Term 2 Week 5, 31st May 2018*  
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## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL



"Why not you?"  
"Only I could change it."

Earlier this week, Paula Bennett visited Glenfield College and spent an hour with head prefects Nicola Moody-Turnwald and Filip Ograbek sharing her experiences and answering questions. It was an interesting and enlightening opportunity to find out from a leading New Zealander about facing challenges from an early age and how she chose to overcome them. The two takeaway comments that stood out were the two above. Paula stated that she came to the realization that when confronting challenges

## DATES AND EVENTS

**Friday**  
**1 June**

Mid-term Break  
No School

**Monday**  
**4 June**

Queen's Birthday  
No School

**Tuesday**  
**5 June**

Year 9 Lang X Changeover

**Wednesday**  
**6 June**

and opportunities, it came down to asking herself, "Why not you?" She also explained that through resilience and perseverance in her personal and professional life, she was able to make the changes necessary to ensure her success. Thus, she realized, "Only I could change it" was the inspiration behind all that she has achieved.



It was a privilege to have Paula visit the school and we look forward to her returning at a later date to speak to some groups of our students, as she really did have some inspirational stories.

Following on from this visit, Year 11 and 12 students were fortunate to have Darren Pereira of Success Integrated speak where his talk was about Achieving your B.E.S.T. Darren is a motivational speaker from Melbourne, Australia who visits New Zealand three to four times a year and works with high school students. His message was best summarized in two words that the Year 12 students repeated to me: "I can."

Darren focused on goal setting and how if students aim for Achieved, this is what they will get. However, if they change their mindset and focus on aiming for Excellence and doing the very best they can, the outcomes could be very different.

In summary, I would wish that you take the time to read through the newsletter, as we have once again had a very busy two weeks. The Cultural Week, the School Cross Country, Winter Sports, MUNA, to name but a few. The school is continually providing opportunities for your children and encouraging them to excel. To assist yourself keeping up with all events with Glenfield College, I strongly encourage you to download the new **School App**.

As we approach the mid-term break, I would like to thank the staff for all of their hard work and wish them and yourselves a safe, warm, and restful break.

Mā Maruwehi, Ka Rāhiri  
With Pride and Respect,

Mr Paul McKinley  
Principal

Mentoring Day

**Thursday  
7 June**

Music Department  
Performance Evening

**Thursday  
7 June**

BCITO and MAI FM  
1:30pm Technology  
Carpark

**Friday  
8 June**

School Ball Assembly  
8:45am Kaipatiki Theatre

**Saturday  
9 June**

School Ball

**Thursday  
14 June**

ARA Institute of Canterbury  
Visit  
1:30pm Careers Room

**Thursday  
14 June**

Field Days  
Mystery Creek

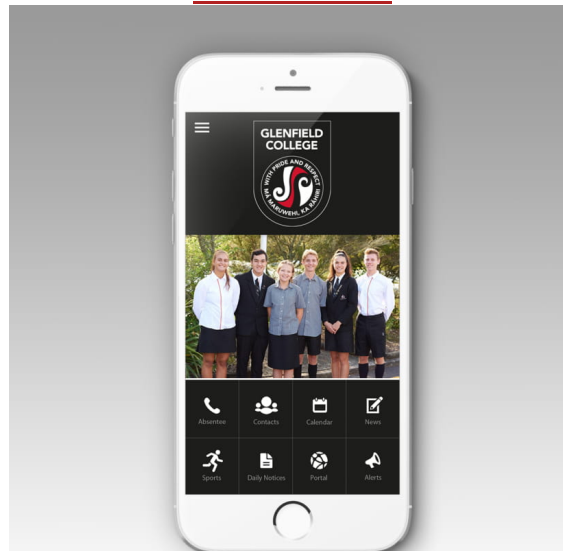
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## SCHOOL NEWS

### Cultural Week 2018

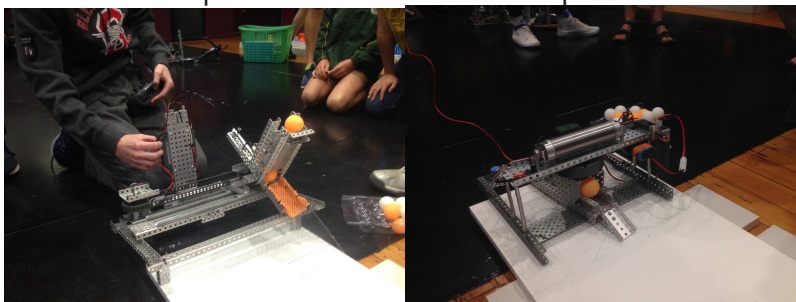
In celebration of our school's cultural diversity, we have organized a Cultural Week at Glenfield College. The week commenced with a student-led assembly where representatives of the student body were invited to participate in a cultural quiz about the world. Following that, the Cultural Week's Sports Tournament was a great way for students to be involved within the school's diverse cultural community through a game of dodge-ball. The games were led by school prefects throughout the week. On Tuesday, our Cultural Food Festival was a success. Students were given the opportunity to share traditional dishes with their peers along with members of the school staff so that others got to experience a little piece of their culture. Our Cultural Concert, which was held on Wednesday, was a crowd pleaser. Students expressed their various cultures on stage through performance art. Here in Glenfield College, we appreciate all ethnicities and feel that it is only appropriate to celebrate all cultures. We believe that all culture is beauty.



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## Kiwi Challenge and Season Launch

On Saturday 26 May, a collection of schools from around Auckland attended a robotics event in Glenfield College's Kaipatiki Theatre. We saw the regional finals for this year's VEX Kiwi Challenge, a competition in which students had to use pneumatics and a motor to launch table tennis balls onto a field in an attempt to land the balls into a pre-set arrangement of scoring positions. Glenfield had two teams entered, one produced by Ettan Dutta, Thomas Dickson and Henry Croft and the other produced by Joshua Green. Each required students to gain an understanding of how pneumatics works and then to build and program their devices. Joshua came first equal with his robot in this competition.



Saturday also saw the launch the new robotics game for the 2018-2019 VEX robotics season. As part of the launch, there was a boot camp with a set of instructional sessions on how to do well in various aspects of the competition.

The BBQ fundraiser was run by Tracey Macintyre and her help was much appreciated. A successful day all round.





## Slam Poetry

Over the past couple of weeks Ms Williams' Level 2 External English class and her 10W English class were thrilled to host Ken Arkind and Stevie Sikuea, spoken word poets from the South Auckland Poets Collective and Action Education.

Year 10 students, Rianne Framo and Emily Freestone had this to say about their experience:

*"We did a lot of fun and exciting activities and exercises that helped expand our knowledge about slam poetry and about ourselves. These activities helped improve our writing skills and to express the thoughts that we initially didn't know how to express. The games and activities really made us step out of our comfort zones, and surprisingly, we really enjoyed it. Overall, we had very enjoyable sessions, with lots of laughs, some tears and a lot of funny moments. These workshops really helped us and inspired us to appreciate spoken word poetry."*

Ms Williams felt really proud as she watched and listened to her students really engage with Ken and Stevie's energetic teaching styles. One of her highlights was hearing the very 'creative' thank you poem written and performed by Alexander Edwards and Neihana Smith. A big thank you must also go to Mr Lee for organising the visits.



## MUNA 2018

On Friday 18th and Saturday 19th May, Solomon Ioane and Ryan Dernie (representing Cuba) attended the 2018 MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly). MUNA 2018 showcased an array of costumes, personalities, and some of the upper North Island's best aspiring diplomats.

The two-day conference involved around 80 schools representing 100 countries, who are all members of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The conference entails students carefully researching their assigned country in preparation for the discussion of five remits, an emergency situation, and impromptu debate, as well as other matters which arose during the two days.

The representatives from Glenfield College were fantastic and definitely left their mark. A huge thanks to Glenfield Rotary for there financial support to make our attendance at MUNA possible.



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### **Tertiary Provider Visits**

Tertiary provider visits continued this week with presentations from Victoria University of Wellington and the University of Waikato. A number of students took advantage of the opportunity to find out about the courses on offer and what differences they have from the other New Zealand universities. There are two more presentations after Queen's Birthday weekend from Massey University and the ARA Institute of Canterbury.



*Waikato student liaison officer Cassandra Suemai with senior students.*

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## **Cultural Week in the Learning Support Centre**

At Glenfield College, we are a culturally diverse school of thirty-seven different nations. Each year, we celebrate Cultural Week when our students eagerly anticipate every day because they have the opportunity to celebrate their cultural identities. There are many activities during this week including sports, a food fair, and a concert. Students attending Learning Support are encouraged to share what they do as a culture, as each is different, in order to learn more about each other's different ethnicities. Amongst other things, the students make posters in their own language, share stories, identify countries from around the world, teach each other simple greetings, and write about the history of their families and their move to New Zealand. We have flags from every nation displayed and along with colourful artwork. It is wonderful to see and experience the interaction of many diverse cultures.

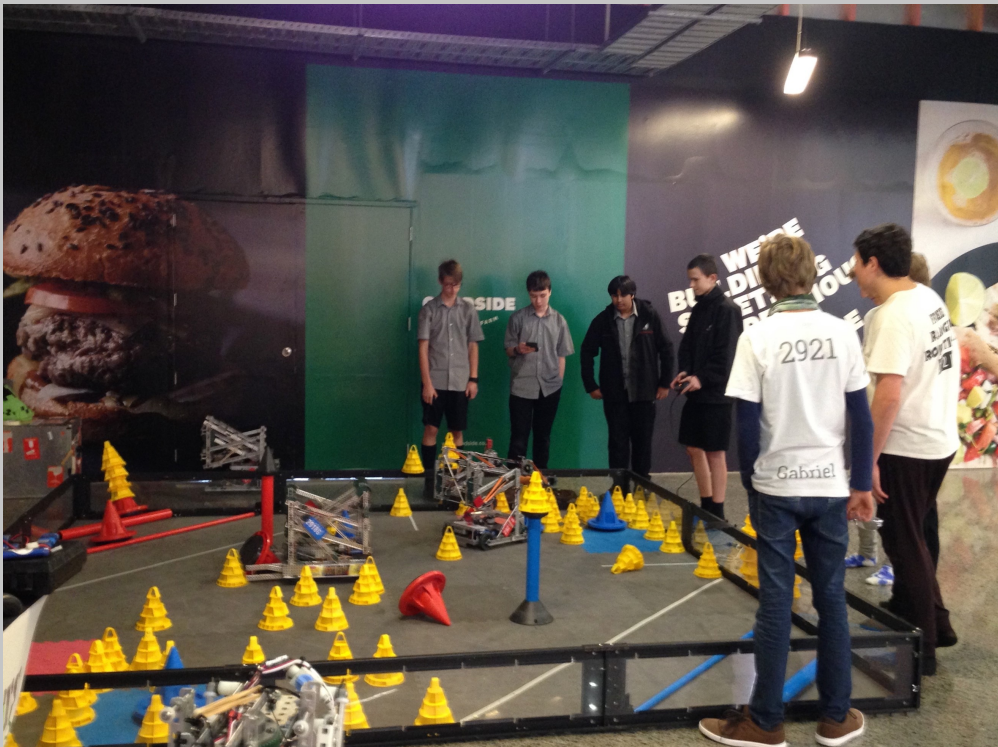




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## Tech Week 2018

Last week was TECH Week in New Zealand. Smales Farm Technology Park held an official event as its contribution. Glenfield College's Robotics team was asked to provide two robots to support Smales Farm on Thursday 24 May. Henry Croft, Ettan Dutta, Thomas Dickson, and Joshua Green went to the B-Hive for six hours to drive their robots and to talk to those who were interested in the VEX Robotics Programme, which is run in schools.





# SPORTS



## Sports Report

### Badminton

Another great week for Girls' and Boys' Badminton. Two of our three teams had wins with the Chickens defeating Westlake, the Aces also beating Westlake and the Wizards narrowly losing 5-4 to Rosmini. Well done to all teams.

### Basketball

Team 1 Under 17s remain unbeaten with a 77-33 win over Long Bay.

Our Junior Boys went 3 wins from 3 games defeating Takapuna in a much tougher 55-6.

Team 1 Under 19 defeated Hobsonville Point 61-29

Team 2 Under 19 defeated Rangitoto 47-15

Team 3 Under 19 defeated Rangitoto 58-21c

### Football

The Boys Development XI played Kristin A on Saturday, and scored their lone goal of the match through Ilhan Serif.

The Boys 1st XI were away to Northcote on Saturday and eager to make it 3 wins from 3 games. Having played Northcote four times in pre-season, they were aware of the threats that their opposition possessed.

In the first half, the wind and short pitch was a major factor, so the boys were forced to turn Northcote around and use the pace of James Crooks and Kai Strobel to play in their half. After hitting the post three times inside the first 25 minutes, the boys' hard work paid off and the boys took the lead in the 30th minute, courtesy of a follow up finish by James Crooks. One goal became two five minutes later as Kai Strobel found space inside the box after beating his marker to launch the ball into the bottom left corner to make it 2-0 and into the changing rooms 2-0 up. The second half was a much different game, Northcote were desperate to find a goal, and the boys were forced to defend for long periods. However, a Man of the Match performance by Tane Wikiara with some amazing saves in 'Goal' ensured that the match would remain 2-0. The first clean sheet of the year and a gritty 2-0 win over Northcote. Well done Boys.

### Hockey

The Girls 1st XI made it two consecutive wins in a row on Friday Night in Albany. Another five-star and 5 goal performance by Aimee Brentnall ensured a 5-0 win over Takapuna Grammar.



### **Netball**

The Year 9 Team 1 netball girls had an excellent first full game of the season, coming away with a 26-18 win over Rangitoto. The girls implemented the key skills we'd focused on in training, and really worked on straight line passes and getting in front of the opposition. Holly Schwalger and Peggy Courtney did a brilliant job stepping in to Goal Defence for half the game each, the first time for either girl to play in that position. After a really strong final quarter we came away with a convincing win and a team in high spirits



Thank you,  
'Go GriFFs'  
Jamie Mason  
Sports Coordinator

## A Big 'Thank You' to Sports Staff

The winter sports season is in full swing, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank the following teachers and support staff for their commitment to coaching and managing our sport. The Glenfield Staff were kindly thanked with a nice warm winter jacket to wear throughout the week and weekends in their respective codes.







## Cross Country 2018



On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May, Glenfield College played host to the 2018 Cross Country. The downpour of rain throughout the week added a different element to this year's course and the anticipation surrounding this event was as evident as the students rallied in the gymnasium before the race started. This year we had 256 students participate, as either runners or marshalls, which is a fantastic achievement.

As in years past, this was another fine example of just what an amazing culture and community we have here in Glenfield. Huge thank you to all of those involved in



making this a superb and very slick event. To the marshalls, guides, runners, staff and parents – thank you! And a huge congratulations to the winners!

To see the results, [CLICK HERE](#)  
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## Outstanding Sports Performance

Mikayla Robinson, a Year 13 student, is one of our most experienced leaders in sports at Glenfield College. She currently plays for the Team 1 Netball Team and plays in a composite Women's Rugby Team with Northcote. At school, she is one of the leaders in the Services Academy and loves to be involved in the school culture. Mikayla is a fierce competitor on the netball court and we look forward to seeing her involvement in both netball and rugby throughout the Winter Sports Season.

## 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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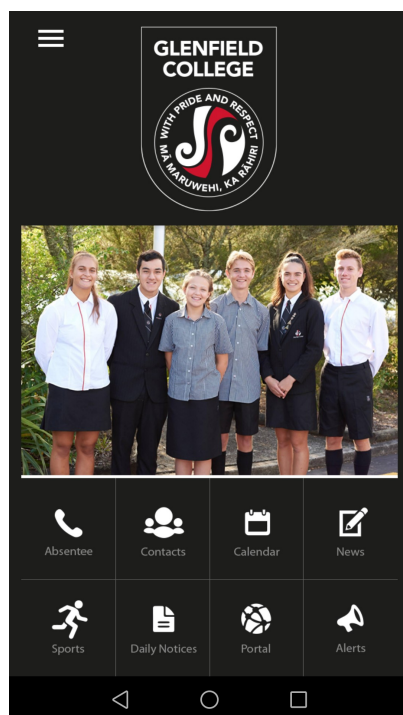
# IMPORTANT REMINDERS

## Mid-term Break

School finishes on **Thursday 31st May** and resumes **Tuesday 5th June (Day 6)**.

## School App

The new Glenfield College app has all important parent and student information in one convenient place. You can report an absence, access the Parent Portal, access the calendar and keep up with school news. It has an easy to use panel with large icons on the home page, but you can also select the menu (upper left corner) and explore the links containing additional information, including maps, terms dates, bell times, etc. Thus far, the most important feature has been the notification system. You can subscribe to the notifications that meet your needs, like sports or other co-curricular activities, or you can simply opt to only receive urgent notifications for the whole school. We hope to use this notification system more frequently, and your participation make it possible.



To download, search SchoolAppsNZ and download the app.

# GENERAL NOTICES

## Lost & Found

With the winter season quickly approaching, please remember to **label** all articles of clothing, especially jackets and jumpers. All lost items are sent to the **Student Centre**, so please check there first for lost belongings.

## 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](mailto: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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