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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL



NCEA and the Seven Keys to Being Successful

There has been quite a lot of speculation about the current NCEA review. NCEA is now into its 17th year as New Zealand's school qualification. Glenfield College has been part of the development of NCEA since its introduction in 2002. While there may have been some initial teething problems, it was a vast improvement on the old, antiquated examination system where 50% of those who sat were going to fail regardless of how well they performed.

DATES AND EVENTS

Tuesday
19 June

Massey University Visit
1:30pm-2:10pm

Wednesday
20 June

Year 10 Enterprise Studies
Trip
Tip Top

Wednesday
20 June

KATTI
University of Auckland

NCEA has provided many young people with a pathway after school into the tertiary sector and the workforce. While I am a strong advocate of NCEA, it has come at a cost with the significant amount of Internal Assessment having a ripple effect on both staff and students. A typical senior student at Glenfield College could be having to undertake approximately 35 internal assessments across the academic year, and this is excluding the high stakes end of year examinations.

While Glenfield College will always prioritise academic studies and achievement, we pride ourselves on prioritising a rich, holistic education that includes the Arts, Sports and Service.

Moving forward, myself and many other principals will be encouraging the Ministry to look at reducing the number of internal assessments and ensuring our qualification is capable and manageable for students and teachers.

In light of NCEA and the fact we are almost at the halfway point of the year, I would like to draw your attention to an article about a man called Steve Gurney who, as an Adventure Racer, would run, kayak and bike ride from the West Coast of the South Island to the East Coast in one day. He won the Coast to Coast 8 times. In his article he wrote about 7 key tips to being successful:

1. Simple habits make a difference – make sure you're getting early nights and turn off digital devices
2. Limit your social media! Comparing your life to what is online can get you down, remember what people post online is never the full story
3. Eat healthy – something that's repeated again and again but it really does makes a difference
4. Exercise – go for a walk
5. Get out in the sun – soaking up Vitamin D is so important, even more so in these cold winter months
6. Each night before bed, write down three positive things you are grateful for – try it for a month
7. Stay positive – read positive books, be around positive people, think positive

Mā Maruwehi, Ka Rāhiri
With Pride and Respect,

Mr Paul McKinley
Principal

**Thursday
28 June**
L2 PE Trip

**Saturday
30 June**
Robotics Auckland
Scrimmage

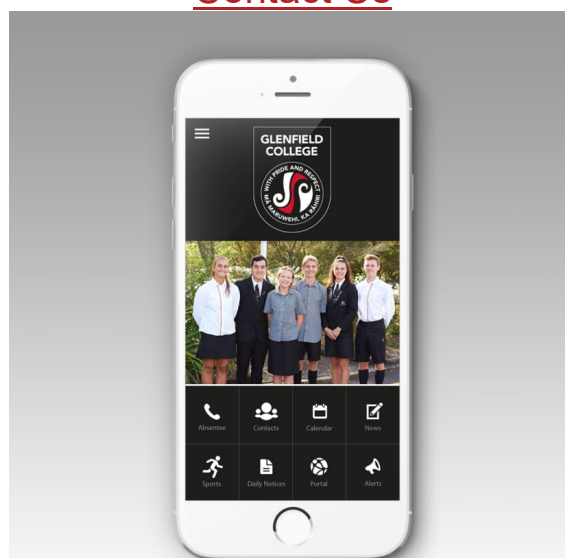
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SCHOOL NEWS

Fieldays 2018

On Thursday, 14 June, 33 of our lucky Year 12 and 13 students headed down to Mystery Creek to have their eyes opened to the world of agribusiness and agriculture at the 2018 National Fieldays. With over 133,588 visitors and more than 1,000 exhibitors, Fieldays is the Southern Hemisphere's largest agricultural event and the ultimate launch platform for cutting-edge technology and innovation.

Glenfield College were incredibly fortunate to be invited to the event by the NZ Young Farmers' group, who were sponsored by Beef + Lamb New Zealand. When we arrived, we enjoyed a talk by Beef + Lamb New Zealand's CEO, Sam McIvor, who shared his journey from school to where he is today. We then headed off on our amazing race challenge, where we had to ask different exhibitors questions and take selfies in specific location. The aim of this was to discover the vast range of career opportunities available in the sector. We were excited to learn that new graduates in the field typically start on \$70,000 and can easily earn up to \$200,000 by the time they are 30! After this, we headed back to our base where we had a surprise guest speaker – none other than our Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern. We loved hearing her down to earth stories of her time growing up on an orchard and hearing how much she values the agriculture sector. After this, it was lunchtime, where we enjoyed the free burgers provided for us.

After some more sightseeing and discovery, it was time to jump back on the bus and head out of real New Zealand and back to the cityscape of Auckland. We are so grateful for this

worthwhile and rewarding opportunity and definitely look forward to learning more about the myriad opportunities this fruitful sector has to offer.



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

School Fitness Centre

As of Monday, 18 June, the school's fitness centre will be open for the students to use. The fitness centre is located in the Art Block and will be available for use during the following times:

Tuesday and Thursday 7:30am-8:20am
Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 3:10pm-4:00pm
Day 2 and Day 4 during lunch

During these times, Donovan Bickford, our Services Academy director, will be in the gym supervising all student activity.



The Glenfield College Annual Ball

The Glenfield College Annual School Ball took place on Saturday night at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Auckland City. About 160 students and Staff attended the function looking absolutely stunning in their Ball attire.

The theme of the Ball was Tokyo Dreaming and the ballroom was themed with copious amounts of cherry blossom and bamboo plants. The students danced the night away to a very professional DJ having earlier dined on a delicious banquet of hot foods, salads and very yummy desserts.

Throughout the evening, the students got the chance to vote for the King and Queen of the Ball plus the Prince and Princesses at each year level. A very popular interlude during a full on lively evening. Everyone had a great time and the student's behaviour was exemplary which the hotel staff and management made comment on.

A big thank you goes out to the Ball Committee for all the hard work they put into making the evening a most enjoyable event on the school calendar.



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

Services Academy Bushcraft Camp

On Monday 28th May, the Glenfield College Services Academy students embarked on another adventure which saw them living and camping in the Woodhill Forest. Camping was a new experience for most of the academy students, especially military style.



Each morning students packed up their tents and their camping site, which would be carried in backpacks for the rest of the day, only to be set up again at the end of each day. They were given a map, a compass, and a grid reference bearing to navigate to a new location.



Students bush-bashed for some of the day, which meant they shot a bearing and marched straight to their destination, regardless of what was in the way. Overall, there were many trips and cuts, but spirits were high as they hiked over 40 kilometres in three days.



The academy students demonstrated The Glenfield College values, especially resilience and adventurous. Wednesday night, students had to sleep in emergency shelters, which they had constructed themselves. The only warmth they had was the shelter, themselves, and a thermal matt. No sleeping bags or blankets were allowed in the shelter. Some students were warmer and slept better than others.

The students learned a lot and (mostly) enjoyed their experiences.

Music Performance Evening

On Thursday evening, 7th June, the Music Department held its annual music performance assessment concert for senior music students. The students performed their pieces live in front of the invited audience and their performances were video recorded to collect evidence towards the achievement programmes at Levels 1-3.

It was an overwhelming, but hugely successful night for the school musicians. Overall, they displayed a solid understanding of the musical styles and conventions, secure instrumental technique, and developed musicianship. The performances by Year 13 students – Olive Huang (piano), Keitaro Sasabuchi (violin), Reika Obata (voice) and Jack Jang (guitar) – were particularly noticeable, setting a high-level benchmark for the aspiring young music students.

Also, Glenfield College music students have provided musical entertainment for every school assembly in May to celebrate the NZ Music Month. The soloists and groups delivered quality and confident performances to promote music within the school community.



(Jack Jang and Reika Obata)

SPORTS



Sports Report

Basketball

Girls U19 Basketball

53-22 vs Takapuna

43-26 vs Kingsway

The girls remain unbeaten in the U19 competition with further wins over Takapuna and Kingsway. The experience of Courtney Kapi and Anja Botes have the team playing some excellent basketball particularly on the defensive end. It's a pleasure seeing this team perform and self-manage week in and week out.

M.O.M

Kingsway - Courtney Kapi

M.O.M

Takapuna - Dayna Stevens

Netball

Year 9 Team 1 Match Report

26-18 win over Rangitoto

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 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. Jamilia Tepu was an absolute machine in Goal Keep. Well done, girls.

M.O.M

Jamilia Tepu

Football

Boys 1st XI Match Report

2-2 vs Western Springs

In the last 3 weeks the boys have had victories over Northcote, Auckland Grammar and St Peters where their preparation and hard work have turned into results. They knew coming into the match, Western Springs were a side who would challenge them to the best of their ability, so a huge performance was needed. The 1st half was an excellent display of football by Glenfield College, great ball movement in the midfield through Issac O'dea and Shariff Abdullah allowed our wingers to consistently attack through Kai Strobel on the right flank. However it was Western Springs that would head into the changing rooms 1-0 up at halftime and Glenfield left to rue some misplaced shooting. The 2nd half was an open game, and Ilhan Serif came off the bench to score a great flick on to level the scores at 1-1. Chances were plenty for either team and it was Western Springs that capitalised on a defensive error with 3 minutes to play to make it 2-1. However there was another twist in the tale; with time expired, Shon Hyun Kim found space in the box and buried a shot from inside the box into the net to make it 2-2. A fantastic game for all spectators (not so much for coaches) and probably a fair reflection of the match.

M.O.M

Jacob O'Dea

Thank you,
'Go GriFFs'
Jamie Mason
Sports Coordinator



Outstanding Sports Performance

Q & A

What would you say is your best trait in your chosen sport?

I play basketball, most of the time I let my team be themselves, as well as putting in 100% effort and getting to know how other players on the team work and I just put trust in my team and do the best in my abilities and pick them up when they down

What does sport at Glenfield mean to you?

I love this sport, so it means a great deal to me so I'm putting all I have got into it

How about for your future, whether it is academically or through sport?

I want to be really good academically and put in as much effort as I do with my academics as I give to my sport.

How has your basketball team performed over these last 7 weeks?

The U19s have been playing with great power, trust and we are pushing each other at training. us perform on Friday Nights where we make great moves and work hard to fix the bad ones as team.

Best of luck for the rest of the sporting year, Yonatan; we look forward to seeing your progress.

Thank You

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

Sports Department

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.



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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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