

## School Newsletter

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## Principal's Message....



Since the last newsletter, there have been a lot of experiences and activities that embrace the Glenfield Way.

Firstly, we had 20 of our Year 11 and 12 students return from the Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre in Tongariro "OPC". This really took the students outside their comfort zones and they all had the most incredible week. I strongly recommend you read the article below written by the teachers who took the team. I have asked many of the students who attended to mark the week out of 10, with the lowest an 8 and the highest was an 11(?). It was a resounding success and we look forward to this becoming an annual occurrence. As discussed previously, we now build towards the Year 9 and 10 outdoor education camp in December.

### DATES & EVENTS:

**Monday 3rd- Friday 7th  
September**  
Tournament Week

**Monday 3rd- Friday 7th  
September**  
Tongan Language week

**Monday 10th September**  
Got a Trade Speedmeet

**Monday 10th- Friday  
14th September**  
Maori language week

**Thursday 13th**

Last week the Arts were in the spotlight with the annual Dance Showcase being held over two nights. Congratulations to Ms. Jordyn Wilson and her exceptionally talented students for putting on two wonderful evenings of entertainment. The 38 items were symptomatic of Glenfield in that they were fun, enjoyable and embracing of all participants and the audience.

This week we have had 26 students representing Glenfield College at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Tournament Week. I have had the pleasure of watching the Boys' Football in Napier for three days and the Girls' Netball at the Mount for the last two. They have epitomized what is great about Glenfield, and while it has been challenging, they really have showed resilience. They get it, and what I mean by this is the fact that this week is about memories, and just like OPC, it is a week they will never forget. When they think about Glenfield College after they leave, one of the first recollections will be OPC, Tournament Week or the upcoming Year 9 and 10 camps. These really are exciting times.

Finally, I would like to wish the Year 11 - 13 students all the very best for the upcoming Senior Exams. These exams are critical in acting as a benchmark in helping them prepare for the high stakes NCEA Examinations in November.

Mā Maruwehi, Ka Rāhiri  
With Pride and Respect,

**Mr Paul McKinley**  
Principal

**September**  
Senior Exams start

**Thursday 20th  
September**  
Whanau awards evening

**Tuesday 25th-  
Thursday 27th  
September**  
Academy adventure  
race

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### **Gateway Work Experience - by Jackie Smith**

For my Gateway experience, I was interested in the hospitality industry and I wanted to see all aspects of the hospitality business. Through a nine week placement at Sky City Hotel and Sky City Grand Hotel, I was able to gain job experience that



made me realize I enjoyed working in the hotel environment. While on placement, I worked with the Mini bar team where I stocked people's fridges with food and drink as well as working as a Concierge which included helping guests with anything they required, whether it was to bring their bags down for checkout or helping them work the TV. I loved my time doing work experience in such a well-known and highly prestigious hotel, the people I worked with were always caring and made me feel welcomed. I feel as though I have gained more confidence through this, I am mostly going to take away this new knowledge of the hotel business and hospitality Industry, and hopefully will be able to figure out the direction my career in the hospitality industry would take. I would definitely recommend Gateway to anyone wanting a career in hospitality. I look forward to taking the next step into my hospitality career. "Thank you Sky City for a great experience."



Colours were in full bloom at the Glenfield College Daffodil Day fundraiser on Friday, 31 August. Students and staff participated with enthusiasm, wearing yellow, blue, purple, pink and floral clothing to show support for the Cancer Society.

At lunchtime the Theatre was overflowing with eagerness for the baking on offer, which was kindly donated by staff, parents and students.

There was also a lolly guessing jar, which held a total of 174 yellow lollies. The closest guess was our Groundsman, Mark Bredin, who guessed 169.

Thank you to Miss Williams and her team of students for organizing this event, and to everyone who donated baked goods. \$1,100 was raised in total.

By Nicola, Filip, Liam and Jessica



## Glenfield College's Annual Dance Showcase

On Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> of August, 50 students from years 9 -13 took to the stage to perform in Glenfield College's annual dance showcase. 36 dances, 4 troupe dances, 1 crew dance, 21 student choreographed dances, 22 NCEA assessment dances all crammed into a two hour performance.

*"I participated in the 2018 dance showcases. I was nervous to perform, but enthusiastic to take part in something I love to do. I got the wonderful opportunity to perform in multiple dances, troupes, as well as year 10 and level 1 dances. I loved participating in the dance showcase."* –**Hannah Forster, Year 10**

*"The atmosphere of the dance showcase was phenomenal. When dances were being performed, the dancer's backstage eyes were glued to the grainy footage on screen. As I've always been a "drama kid", suddenly deciding to pick up dance in my last year was unexpected, however it has been extremely rewarding too. Being backstage in a play is so different to showcase as you're full of nerves. In showcase however, you're bubbling with energy and you can't wait to perform, extending your body in ways you never thought possible (I wasn't sure I could extend my body at all in the beginning of this year to be honest). I had a fantastic time in showcase this year and it saddens me I won't get to perform in another one."*

**Filip Ograbek, Year 13.**



*"I performed in my first dance showcase in 2015. Being a nervous year 10, new to performing on stage, the support I received from dancers in the year levels above me was incredible. Being able to pass on this support to other dancers across the years has been so rewarding. Showcase allowed me to find my passion for dance and it soon became one of the most exciting even of the year for me, and I know this is the same for many of my classmates. The extended hours of rehearsal allowed me to form many strong friendships with dancers from all year levels. It has been amazing to share such an exciting experience with so many different people who all come together to share their passion for dance. Dancers are always so supportive and encouraging to each other, allowing each person to enjoy their experience. With 2018 being my last Showcase, it was very sad knowing it would be the last time performing with the people who I had become so close to over the past four years. Showcase has definitely provided so many incredible memories and friendships that I will continue to hold onto once I leave school."*

**Emma Gorst, Year 13**



### **Outward Bound Opportunities**

Outward Bound New Zealand is a not for profit organization offering outdoor experiential learning courses to New Zealanders young and old.

Our **Explorer** course is offered to teens aged 14-15 years during the Sept/Oct school holidays. The course is aimed at building teen resilience in a fun and healthy environment.



## OUTWARD BOUND

### School Holiday Teen Course

Our Explorer course is the ideal start to life's great journey for teens aged 14-15 years.

This seven day programme is designed to give you the skills - and friendships - to help you find a clear path for growth.

Activities include tramping, camping, kayaking, running, sailing, swimming, rock climbing and high-ropes.

“ I swapped social media for adventure, worries for quality chats with new friends and my comfort zone for some crazy and unforgettable experiences. ”

#### Key outcomes include:

- Make friends and have fun
- Develop self-awareness and self-identity
- Increase confidence and motivation
- Experience success as a member of a team and develop team skills
- Develop an appreciation for the outdoors

#### Upcoming course dates

Thurs 27 Sep - Wed 3 Oct

Sun 7 Oct - Sat 13 Oct

To find out more get in touch on 0800 688 927

[outwardbound.co.nz](http://outwardbound.co.nz)

On August 19, 20 Glenfield students went with Miss Colquhoun and Mr Gardner to the Hillary Outdoor Education Center in Tongariro National Park for a six night trip. During this week the students were pushed to improve their resilience and self-management skills. They started each day by having a group meal and then completing tasks to assist the Center and its running. After this was finished they had exciting activities each day that allowed them to work as a team while having amazing fun. On the first day the students had an exciting trip up Mt Ruapehu where they had skiing lessons in the morning. In the afternoon the students had time to have fun on the snow and even joined in a 25 person snowball fight. On the following days the students took part in a mixture of high ropes courses, bush walking, canoeing, orienteering and group challenges. These activities were excellent fun and also allowed the students to work as a team to achieve some excellent outcomes.

As well as the activities during the day, the students worked as a team to help prepare meals and tidy the Center. They took care of their own areas and showed great commitment to help each other succeed. Overall, they had a great week of fun and success.





# SPORTS



## Sports Report



### Glenfield College Tournament Week

Both the Boys 1<sup>st</sup> XI and Girls Netball teams have had a fantastic week away and have been great ambassadors for the school.

*While it has been a challenging week for both teams, they have been fantastic ambassadors for Glenfield College and have genuinely played with pride.*

*Congratulations to Blessing Kerehoma who was named in the Grade D Tournament Team*





Thank you  
'Go Griffs'  
Jamie Mason  
Sports Coordinator

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## **A Message to the Players and Supporters**

Please, no matter what your role (player, spectator, team official, game official, warden, coordinator, duty person or panel member), ensure you are supportive and respectful to everyone involved in your sport whether on court/field or off. Negative behaviour has a huge impact on the enjoyment of sport. Please encourage good sportsmanship and strive to be the best you can be in your role.

## **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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# **GENERAL NOTICES**

**Glenfield College School Traffic**



All parents and students, at peak traffic hours, before school and after school, please **DO NOT** turn right out of the school carpark.

**TURN LEFT** and use the roundabout if you are traveling up Kaipatiki Rd.

### Lost & Found

With the winter season coming to an end, 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.

### 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 Day 2 and Day 4	3:10pm-4:00pm during lunch

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



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### 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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