

## School Newsletter End of Year 2018

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## Principal's Message



As the 2018 year draws to a close, while one would like to think it's quietening down, education has been in the media for a number of reasons.

It is disappointing to see a range of schools go public with their discontent over another school. Quite simply, there are no winners in this situation and it brings to the fore other schools and their actions when enrolling students or prioritising sports over other areas. I can say that the Glenfield Way values are embodied by the school as a whole and that we are beyond reproach in our actions.

Late last week, one of the many Education Reviews undertaken by the government, that involved Board of Trustees had feedback presented. To say, as a school, we find this disconcerting would be an understatement. It appears as if the tail is wagging the dog and because there are concerns in a few schools, they are imposing a "one-size-fits-all" onto the rest of the country. Glenfield College has an excellent Board of Trustees with a range of skill sets that meet the needs of governing a school. To see this dismantled for the new proposed structure is disappointing, to say the least.

Onto the positive and most relevant topics to our school: The Students! That is why we are here. I would like to congratulate all Year 9 & 10 students who attended the School camp last week. Quite simply, it was outstanding. The joy and fun, as well as tiredness, were all clear examples of students getting out of their comfort zones and being adventurous. Special thanks must be given to Ms. Rachel Colquhoun, who led and made this happen. It involved a lot of hard work and effort, but I know the students appreciated the first camp for junior students since 1980!

Today we celebrated the academic achievements of Year 9 and 10 at the junior prize-giving. As I have often stated to the students, we are exceptionally proud of the Junior School. They are the future of Glenfield College and as a school, we are in great heart.

I would like to congratulate the following students who gain the recognition they deserve for their achievements:



Year 9 all-rounder - Henry Croft

Year 10 all-rounder- Madisyn Macleod



Junior Dux- Isabelle Pillay

First in Year 9- Braeden Fisher

Finally, I would like to wish all our community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It has been a great 2018 and we look forward to 2019 as we continue to build on the achievements of the Junior School.

With Pride and Respect  
Mā Maruwehi, Ka Rāhiri

Mr. Paul McKinley  
Principal

## Dates & Events

### Monday 28th January

Auckland Anniversary day

[Event Calendar](#)

### Wednesday 30th January

All new students to the school - 8.45am

[Term Dates](#)

### Thursday 31st January

**Sunday 3rd - Tuesday 5th February**

2019 Prefects Camp

**Wednesday 6th February**

Waitangi Day

**Tuesday 12th February**

Gateway Parents evening

**Thursday 14th February**

Year 9 and new parents meeting

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Year 9 School Camp at Shakespear Lodge, Whangaparaoa

Here are a few highlights from their trip away:

Day 1: It has been an awesome first day at camp despite the testing weather conditions with all the rain. All of the students have had a good first day and have been enjoying time with new friends. The day consisted of getting to know their activities; beach games, a swim at the beach and a quiz night. The students are looking forward to a fun day of activities tomorrow.

Day 2: We started out the day with thunder and lightning right above the camp followed by a downpour during our first activity. This weather didn't change the students' enthusiasm to get out and into the activities. The rest of the day consisted of beautiful sunshine with all the activities being able to go ahead including climbing, kayaking, orienteering, and raft building. The students took it all in their stride and persevered through the day and are looking forward to an exciting game of spotlight and the Burma trail.



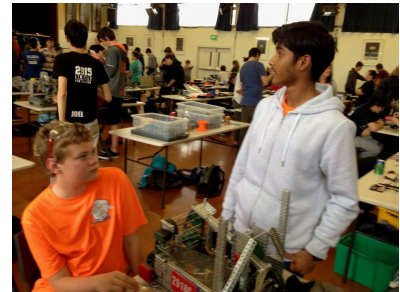
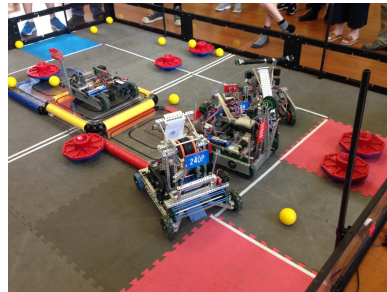
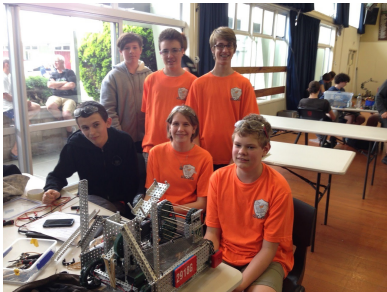
### Year 10 School Camp

Fifty Year 10 students headed up to Shakespear Regional Park to create lifelong memories to share with their children (in many, MANY years to come), in the form of camp stories. Despite some "interesting" weather, they had an absolutely fabulous time as they pushed themselves out of their physical and mental comfort zones. They discovered they were capable of far more than they ever thought they could achieve, particularly during the rock climbing and mountain boarding activities. The successful camping experience ended on a high with a leisurely stroll up a hill, resulting in beautiful views of stunning scenery. The teachers were so incredibly proud of the Year 10 students who really did demonstrate the values of the Glenfield Way and showed they are more than ready to move into the senior school.



## VEX Robotics Scrimmage Competition

We had three teams at a scrimmage at Onehunga High School on Saturday. There were 30 teams in the competition. One team, 2918G, made it through to the semifinals, one team made it through to the quarterfinals. Everybody had a great day, lots of fun and lots of learning. It was our final scrimmage for 2018. We have three more scrimmages and the national championships in February next year. Teams will be working hard over the holidays to iron out any bugs.



## Head Prefect Speeches at Junior Prize-giving





Nicola Moody-Turnwald, Head Girl

First of all congratulations all of the prizewinners today, what you have achieved this year is amazing and you should all be proud of yourselves and the efforts you have put into your studies and other aspects of school life. If you feel like this year wasn't your year then that's okay, it's only the start of your journey and there's so much more you will learn and do, so make sure you take every opportunity that is given to you here so you can improve and achieve your goals.

Something that one of my favourite teachers told me years ago that has really stuck with me is that it's not always the people who seem to naturally be the "smartest" or "most talented" who succeed in life, but those with drive and the determination to achieve. Basically it can be summed up to "Hard work beats talent when talent fails to work hard". If you have a strong work ethic and are driven, then you will go far not just in school, but in life as well.

Another piece of advice is surround yourself with the right people. People who challenge your perspectives and ideas and encourage you to chase your dreams. It can be hard to find these types of friends, but once you find them you will see how much their support will benefit you. Making connections with people is one of the most rewarding things in life and having great friends will make your high school experience so much better.

I can't stress to you enough the importance of making the most of your time in high school, it only happens once in a lifetime so make sure you work hard, get involved and support each other. I look forward to seeing what you all will achieve in the future, thank you.



Filip Ograbek, Head Boy

I have been at Glenfield College for five years; in those five years so much has changed in this school. Each year the year 13s leave and the juniors are left to continue on the legacy of pride and respect. So how do you build a legacy and why should you? You build one by aspiring to be the best you can be in everything you do. There are fantastic teachers in this school that believe in all of us to achieve our dreams; we just need to believe in ourselves. And why should you build a legacy? Build one because you care, build one to secure the excellent foundation that already exists within this school, and so that the students to come after you are prepared for the spirit of excellence that you've helped create.

When I was a Year 9 I was afraid to do anything, after five years I wish I could've done everything. My biggest piece of advice to all of you sitting here today is to do everything you possibly can, even if you don't believe you can. Play every sport, every instrument, and do theatre. There are so many opportunities just waiting for students at Glenfield and so many more that are being created; I wish when I was a Year 9 there would have been a junior camp like there is now and that just shows the positive direction the school is headed in.

So be aspirational, be resilient, show integrity by taking every opportunity presented to you. Create a legacy by being adventurous and giving service to the school, do it because you have pride and respect for yourself. Lastly, when balancing school, work, social life, family, extracurricular activities, remember to relax. Smile more, laugh more, education is empowering but one bad grade doesn't define who you are. This high school experience goes by in the blink of an eye; remember to try enjoy it. Thank you.

## Sports Report

### Junior Outstanding Performance Report



U19 Senior Girl Basketball Champions, Phoenix Koligi, bottom right.



Phoenix is a bubbly and friendly year 9 student with a massive passion for sports and outdoor activities. Even though she has spent time overseas in Australia during the year, Phoenix has put her hand up and taken the most of her opportunities at Glenfield College. She was the youngest student (closest Year 12) in the U19 Senior Girls team who won the North Harbour competition, beating Vanguard in the final. She has also been a key figure for the Volleyball A Team who compete at the Barfoot & Thompson Centre during Term 4. We look forward to seeing her participate and step up into a leadership role in 2019 with the vast amount of experience she has gained this year.

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## Glenfield College Phone Cases



Available for purchase in 2019 - iPhone and Samsung cases. Please tell us which design you prefer by going to [https://www.facebook.com/GlenfieldCollegeOfficial/?ref=br\\_rs](https://www.facebook.com/GlenfieldCollegeOfficial/?ref=br_rs).



Year 9 Students Tayla Mower and Phoenix Koligi with their new Glenfield College phone cases for the Summer.

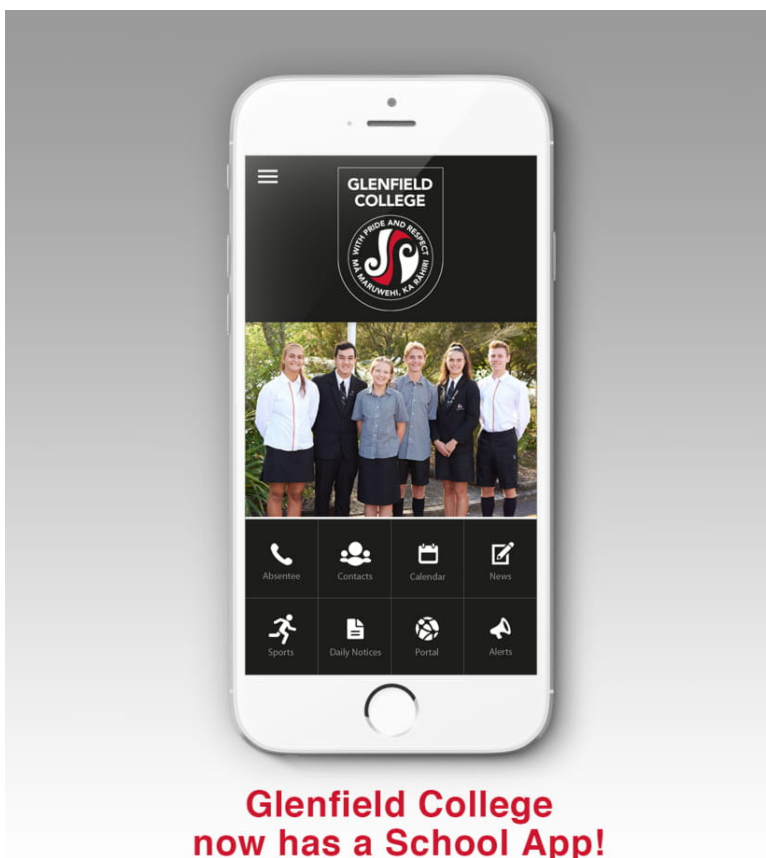
## Download Our School App

If you haven't already, make sure you download the Glenfield College app for notices, events and other important school messages.

Use the app to notify us of your child's absence, contact a teacher, access the parent portal and link to maps and key websites.

Receive alert messages instantly for your chosen groups. To download the app for free on your iPhone or Android click this link.

<https://glenfieldcollege.apps.school.nz/share/> Apps NZ



### Glenfield College now has a School App!

Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android device and  
**Search 'SchoolAppsNZ'** to download the app onto your device.

Then search 'Glenfield College' to find your school's app.

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

## GENERAL NOTICES

### 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-8:20 am
Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday	3:10pm-4 pm
Day 2 and Day 4	during lunchtime



**Drowning Prevention Auckland**

# SPLASH

**Break-Away Holiday Programme**  
**11-17yrs**  
**January 2019**

FREE school holiday programme - Have fun, make new friends, strengthen your swimming skills and learn how to keep yourself and your mates safer around water. Previous water experience not essential.

- West Wave Pool & Leisure
- Parakai Springs & Hot Pools
- Manurewa Pool & Leisure Centre
- University of Auckland Epsom Campus
- Point Erin Pools
- Pukekohe Jubilee Pool
- Mount Albert Aquatic Centre

Mon 14th, Tue 15th, Wed 16th, Thurs 17th January  
Mon 21st, Tue 22nd, Wed 23rd, Thurs 24th January  
9.00am - 2.30pm daily.  
**Includes FREE lunch**

To Register email: [Splash@dpanz.org.nz](mailto:Splash@dpanz.org.nz)

Spaces are limited and will be filled on a first-in basis. Registration essential.  
Drowning Prevention Auckland is the trading name of WaterSafe Auckland.



**FREE PROGRAMME**

- water safety
- aquatic games
- beach safety
- snorkeling

For more information:  
Ph 09 368 5611 or  
Email: [Splash@dpanz.org.nz](mailto:Splash@dpanz.org.nz)

Enrolment forms available from  
[www.dpanz.org.nz](http://www.dpanz.org.nz)



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# The POLICE in NEW ZEALAND

## Free Information Session



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**TOPICS:** The Kiwi Way - How the Police can help you • Family violence •  
Neighbourhood disputes • Traffic accidents • How to deal with scams? •  
What are my Rights if I'm arrested? • What Rights do the Police have? •  
Missing persons • Dangerous dogs in public • Burglaries • Going to Court

**WHEN:** 11.30am Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**WHERE:** Hearts & Minds • Level 1 • (Above NorthArt) • Northcote Central •  
Refreshments: Tea, Coffee and Snacks are provided.

**CONTACT:** RSVP to [Northcote@cab.org.nz](mailto:Northcote@cab.org.nz) • or phone 09 4802971 • or register at  
Northcote CAB, Ernie Mays Street, Northcote Central

Citizens Advice Bureau Northcote  
offers free, face to face support to new migrants.  
Contact details.

0800 FOR CAB (0800 367 222)  
[www.cab.org.nz](http://www.cab.org.nz)

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## Television Series Opportunity For Families

*Screentime NZ & TVNZ are looking for Auckland based families with confident opinions about bringing up kids and running a household.*

*Series participants will swap lives for a week to see how others live, learn and love.*

*This series explores different domestic approaches and offers a rare chance to experience living someone else's life.*

*Ideal applicants will have strong beliefs in the way they raise their children and manage their homes and will be happy to share them with others.*

*Families will be paid for their involvement with the show.*

*We are looking for a great range of family groups across Auckland, all cultures, all family dynamics - traditional couples, same-sex couples, grandparents raising kids - all mindsets.*

*We are looking for families with children older than 6 years old ideally.*

*Our only prerequisites are that there are 2 or more adults parenting the children within the home AND all participants must be Auckland based due to our very tight filming schedule.*

*We are filming this series between 9th February and 20 March.*

*To participate, your household will need to be available for filming for SIX CONSECUTIVE DAYS during this time.*

*Contact: [couples@screentime.co.nz](mailto:couples@screentime.co.nz) for more information.*

*Please be sure to email your name, your mobile and the area you live in.*

## 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.



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