

## School Newsletter Term 1, Week 1

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## Principal's Message



Welcome back to Glenfield College for 2019.

Greetings and welcome to all new students and families at Glenfield College, as well as returning students. I hope you have had an enjoyable summer holiday. We are genuinely excited and pleased to see so many returning, happy young adults, while also meeting and finding out about the students and families who have joined us.

This is an exciting year for Glenfield College as we celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> year providing education for families in the Glenfield area. More information regarding the reunion will be provided shortly.

I would like to congratulate all students who were involved in NCEA examinations for Levels 1 to 3 last year. The results are, once again, healthy and show ongoing improvements that are occurring within Glenfield College. However, most importantly, they are showing a change in mindset amongst our students. The self-belief and recognising that they 'can do' is noticeable to all involved. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to acknowledge and thank our teaching staff for their commitment and dedication to the students.

This year we welcome six new staff members (see below for their introductions). One of the greatest challenges in the New Zealand education system, for schools, is to employ quality staff. I am delighted with our new appointments as they are of the highest quality and know they will add value to the school as a whole as we move forward.

Raising the bar are three key words that will be a constant this year. Already Glenfield College has focused on how we can raise the bar in 2019. Evidence of how we are achieving this has been seen in the two day Peer Support Programme run last week (these young leaders are outstanding), the Community of Learning ("CoL") conference held at AUT early this week, where the focus was Cultural Responsiveness and Well-being, and finally, the Year 9 Powhiri held on Wednesday. Please take the time to read the articles below as these events highlight the direction Glenfield College is moving.

Over the next two weeks, we have a number of events that involve engaging with you (the community). I encourage you to familiarise yourself with the calendar for

upcoming events.

With Pride and Respect  
Mā Maruwehi, Ka Rāhiri

Mr. Paul McKinley  
Principal

## Important Dates & Events

### February 3rd, 4th, 5th

Prefects Camp 2019 (Motu Moana Scout Camp)

[Event Calendar](#)

### February 6th

Waitangi Day

[Term Dates](#)

### February 7th

Whanau Hui: 6pm in the Wharekai

[Sports Fixtures](#)

### February 12th

Leadership Assembly: 2pm in the Kaipatiki  
Theatre

Gateway Parents Evening: 6.30pm in the School  
Staffroom

### February 14th

New Parent Evening: 6.15pm in the School  
Library

### February 19th

Honours Assembly: 2pm in the Kaipatiki Theatre

### February 21st

Athletics Day

### February 27th

NCEA information evening in the School Library

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Our Annual Powhiri for New Students

Our annual Powhiri that welcomed all Year 9 and new Year 10-13 students was held on Wednesday, 30 January. It was well-attended by not only the Year 9 students, but many parents and families as they hand over their children to begin their next journey in education at Glenfield College. The leadership of a range of students was a real highlight. This included the Peer Support Leaders who had contacted their Year 9 students the previous day by phone to welcome them. The Prefects (while hot in their blazers) looked stunning and the influence of Lyric Wii, Toni Paulo-Fox and TK Davis made us all proud. Glenfield College is a strong advocate of student-led events and these three young adults thrived in this opportunity. Jessica Bickford, on her first day, responded exceptionally well on behalf of all the new students. Special thanks also goes to Rev John Marsden and Millie Richardson (Board of Trustees member) for their support and guidance.





**New Staff Members**

### **John Bonneywell (Deputy Principal and teacher of Mathematics)**

John comes to us from Auckland Grammar School after 15 years' service where he has held a number of roles, including Year 11 Dean. John is the father of two young children and is passionate about education.



### **Joshua Montreal (Art & DVC)**

Joshua comes to us from St. Peter's College in Newmarket where he has taught for the last two years. He is a very talented DVC teacher who enjoys challenging students to reach their potential. He is looking forward to lifting the profile of his subjects.



### **Sinead O'Hara (Chemistry)**

Sinead is new to New Zealand, having spent the last few years teaching in the Middle East, after having taught for two years in the UK. She is a keen athlete who enjoys running half marathons and competing in triathlons. Sinead also enjoys Duke of Edinburgh and is looking forward to being involved in co-curricular activities.



### **Catherine Graham (Mathematics)**

Catherine joins us after teaching for two years at Manurewa High School. She is a keen sportswoman who particularly enjoys Squash. Catherine is a strong advocate of mentoring students and helping them achieve to the best of their abilities in all areas of life, as they seek to contribute to society.



### **David McMurtrie (Physical Education and Food Technology)**

David is a North Shore resident who has a passion for sport. His love of rugby led him to travel to the United Kingdom to play for a year. He particularly enjoys working with students and helping them understand what they can achieve through hard work and dedication.



### **Mark Hill (Digital Technologies)**

Mark has recently arrived in New Zealand after 20 years teaching in the United Kingdom. He is a keen cricket coach and enjoys teaching in his area of Computer Studies. The move to New Zealand, Glenfield and the stunning weather continues to impress him. He is looking forward to connecting with our community.



## **Peer Support Leaders for 2019**

19 Senior Students were selected and completed a Peer Support Training Programme the week before school started for the rest of the school. Glenfield College was privileged to have Mr Paul Ferner return to train another year of Peer Support Leaders with HOD Guidance, Ms Fan and Year 9 Dean, Miss Colquhoun. Students were highly receptive to feedback and guidance. All students showed respect and commitment for one another. They also involved themselves with great enthusiasm on both training days. Key areas of the skills-based training included: communication, time management, self-management, leadership, organizational and group management. Peer Support also covered the importance of EQ as well as IQ in a work environment. It invited students to practice self-evaluation to promote personal growth so that they would be effective role models for the rest of the school. This group of students are known as the 'leaders' of the school and will work closely with the Year 9 students, as well as the wider school community. Mr. Ferner was impressed and confident in the calibre of all Peer Support Leaders. The 19 Students for 2019 are Karl Amponin, Rhys Bridger, James Crooks, Rossmay Dela Cruz, Isadora Ferneda, Oceaniya Fesili, Sean Go, Liam Hibbard, Luis Lucindo, Jhoemeela Magisa, Greer McNab, Anais Neculman, Hiueni Nuku, Chun Wai Poon, Jazzmyn Rustenhoven, Peaches Scott-Marino, Yanni Shepherd, John Villon, Jimmy Vitale.

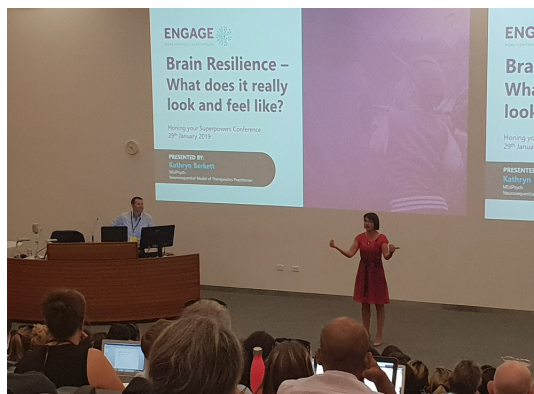




## The 2019 Kaipātiki Kāhui Ako Conference

On Tuesday 29th January staff from Glenfield College were joined by colleagues from across our Kaipātiki Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning) schools for 'The 2019 Kaipātiki Kāhui Ako Conference' at AUT. The Conference themes were happiness and wellbeing, and staff were treated to two outstanding keynotes and their choice of 24 excellent workshops, largely led/presented by members of the Kāhui Ako. The keynote speakers were the engaging and thought-provoking Kathryn Berkett, who talked about 'Brain Resilience' and how understanding how the brain works might help us work more effectively with our students; and Dr Tony Fernando who talked about personal 'Happiness and Wellbeing' and attempted to equip us with information that might guide us in our search for happiness through reviewing how our mind perceives different "happiness" states. The Conference provided a refreshing and engaging start to the year for the staff of the

college, setting the scene for what we hope will be a fantastic year of learning in 2019.



## Do you have a suggestion or some feedback?

Glenfield College welcomes your feedback and suggestions, please feel free to email us with your ideas. We'd love to hear from you!



Please email us at [suggestions@gc.ac.nz](mailto:suggestions@gc.ac.nz)

## Coming to School Late/ Leaving School Early

A reminder to students who arrive after the bell at 8.45am in the morning, or who need to leave school at any time during the day: please sign in/out at the Student Centre with a signed note from your parent/caregiver. The note should include the reason that you are late/leaving. A pass will then be issued to the student. At high school, it is not acceptable for students to leave school during the day for personal reasons such as birthday lunches, driving lessons, haircuts, etc. Permission for such things will not be granted.

## 2018 Senior Automotive Students

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A couple of our Senior Students may have incorrectly received invoices from Unitec. If this is your child, please ignore this invoice and do not pay. If a copy could be forwarded to [j.kilroy@gc.ac.nz](mailto:j.kilroy@gc.ac.nz) so that we can follow through for you to have this invoice cancelled. Unitec have apologized for this error and any inconvenience or stress that may have been caused to our Parents of these Students.

## Sports Report

### A message from the Sports Coordinator



Welcome back, we hope you have had an enjoyable break and you are feeling refreshed as we look forward to another exciting year of Sport at Glenfield College.

Building on the foundations of a standout year last year, 2019 brings a sense of optimism and anticipation, and we look forward to the challenge of going one better this year. Over the holidays I read an amazing book called 'Grit' written by Angela Duckworth. Grit (put simply) is perseverance, passion and how consistent you can be striving for long term goals. No doubt, all of our students have goals that they want to achieve in a sport this year, and when I look at the theme of 'Mindset' for Term 1, the words perseverance, passion, and consistency are all traits of a positive mindset. Let's enjoy the start of the year, and don't be scared to get involved in the sports on offer such as Volleyball, Touch Rugby, Tennis, Orienteering, Athletics, Squash, and Lawn Bowls.

## Charity Golf Event



On the 25th January, our Sports Coordinator Jamie Mason represented Glenfield College at the Clarks Beach Golf Charity Foundation Tournament. \$130 was raised for the Cancer Society Trust, which will go towards all money raised in the 'Relay for Life', to be held at the start of April this year.

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Year 10 Students Tayla Mower and Phoenix Koligi with their new Glenfield College phone cases for the Summer.



If you haven't already, please download the Glenfield College School App for notices, events, and other important school messages.

You can use the App to notify us of your child's absence, contact a teacher, access the parental portal, and find links to maps and key websites.

Receive alert messages and notices instantly from your chosen groups, such as your child's sports team.

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## GENERAL NOTICES

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### School Fitness Centre

During 2019, 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:

From Thursday 7th February, it will be open every day after School and every lunchtime.

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

### 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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