

School Newsletter Week 3, Term 1

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Leadership and New Families Joining Glenfield



Important Dates & Events

Thursday 20th
Pop Up Globe Theatre
Trip

February 19th at 2 pm
Honours Assembly in
the Kaipatiki Theatre

February 19th at 6 pm
Whanau Hui Meeting in

College

The focus at Glenfield College this week has been leadership and engaging with our school community.

On Tuesday, students responsible for leadership in Sports, Arts, co-curricular activities and Peer Support Leaders, along with our Prefects, were presented with their badges. The assembly was MC'd by Staff Donovan Bickford with guest speaker, Joanne Donson, both having some excellent messages. The three key points, so eloquently put across by Jo were:

1. Always aim for the very best, and don't settle for less;
2. The importance of decision-making and ensuring that they are well thought out and balanced;
3. Don't be afraid of taking risks and be adventurous

It was so heartening having such a large number of parents make themselves available to attend and then enjoy and refreshments afterward. Please click [here](#) to the list of students and photographs.

Last night the Year 9 Parent Information Evening was held where parents were able to find out more about Glenfield College by meeting with children's Form Teacher and Peer Support Leaders. Being new to a secondary school can present many challenges and new experiences that need to be navigated. At Glenfield College, our focus is on ensuring that we have fantastic teaching and learning occurring within a safe environment. The Peer Support Leaders Programme helps put our students at ease and the support of a buddy helps alleviate any initial concerns. As a Principal, I would like to thank the Peer Support Leaders specifically for all their work and energy. They have made a difference for many of our new enrolments that won't be forgotten in a hurry!

Finally, while we have only been back for three weeks, the school is well and truly underway with Sports, Kapa Haka, Dance, and other co-curricular activities occurring. For the students, it is never too late to be involved. Don't get left behind. "Just ask!"

Mā Maruwehi, Ka Rāhiri
With Pride and Respect
Mr Paul McKinley
Principal

the Wharekai

February 21st
Athletics Day

February 27th at 6.15 pm
NCEA Information evening in the School Library

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SCHOOL NEWS

Leadership Ceremony at Glenfield College

On a hot Tuesday afternoon, a range of students were recognised when they received their badges for activities and Leadership roles in 2019. These groups included Prefects, Peer Support Leaders, Sports Captains, and Co-curricular. However, the key message given by Mr. McKinley at the beginning of the ceremony was that all students at Glenfield have leadership qualities within them. The message was for them to discover them and maximize them. Mr. McKinley specifically spoke about the Glenfield Way and how the eight core values all represent qualities that we find in Leaders.

A special thanks must be given to all the parents and whanau that gave up their time to come along and support their children as they got the recognition they truly deserved.

Head Students: Zach Donson Head Boy, Emma Turner, Head Girl, Te Whena TK Davis Deputy Head Boy, Aimee Brentnall Deputy Head Girl.

Prefects: Sharif Abdullah, Anja Botes, Arianne Mae Castano, Bradley Curtis, Toni Paulo-Fox, Ezra Shepherd, Cate Stewart, Kai Stroebel.

Peer Support Leaders: Karl Andrei Amponin Year 12, Rhys Brider Year 13, James Crooks Year 12, Rossmory Dela Cruz Year 12, Isadora Ferneda Year 12, Oceaniya Fesili Year 12, Sean Timothy Go Year 13, Liam Hibbard Year 12, Luis Lucindo Year 12, Jhoemeela Magisa Year 12, Greer McNab Year 12, Anais Neculman Year 12, Hiueni Nuku Year 13, Chun Wai Poon Year 13, Jazzmyn Rustenhoven Year 12, Peaches Scott- Marino Year 13, Yanni Shepherd Year 12, John Michael Villan Year 12, Jimmy Vitale Year 12.

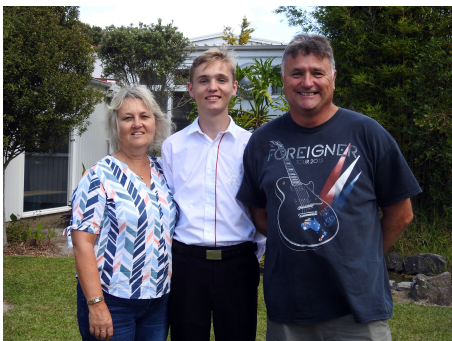
Arts & Culture: Savannah Baker-Breeze Year 12 for Dance, Te Whena TK Davis Year 13 for Kapa Haka, John Horn Year 13 for Drama, Michael Oborn Year 12 for Music, Toni Paulo-Fox Year 13 for Kapa Haka, Holly Sievert Year 12 for Kaipatiki Theatre.

Service: Joshua Green Year 11 for Robotics, Layha Nieuwoudt Year 10 for Robotics, Alyssa

Savident Year 13 for School Library, Mele Maka Year 13 for Services Academy.

Sport:

Sharif Abdullah Year 13 for Boys Football, Karl Andrei Amponin Year 12 Boys Basketball, Anja Botes Year 13, Girls Basketball, Aimee Brentnall Year 12 Girls Hockey, Blessing Kerehoma Year 13 Premier Netball, Holly Sievert Year 12 Girls Football.



Year 9 Parent Information Evening

Last night we saw a great turn out for the Year 9 Parents evening. The evening was a great success despite the very hot conditions and the fact that it was Valentine's Day. This meet and greet evening was mainly as an introduction to the College for many families with informal talks for the Form Teachers and Peer Support Leaders associated with all the Year 9 Form classes. There was an opportunity to chat with various other members of staff connected with the wellbeing and development of the students. Please continue to support your sons and daughters, it is hoped that there will be many more enjoyable events like this in the coming months and years as the students and their whanau continue their journey through Glenfield College.



Gateway Parent Information Evening



We had a great turnout on Tuesday at the Gateway Parent Information evening with over 50 people meeting with Mr. Alastair Tod (Careers Advisor) and Mrs. Rena Foolchand (Gateway Coordinator). Caregivers of students who have signed up for this work experience programme were able to find out the background to the programme and the level of commitment required by the students. Gateway gives students the opportunity for work-based learning in the vocational pathway or pathways of their choice. There is nothing better for a student than experiencing a job for a number of days to see if it

matches their expectations. Students also accumulate credits towards their NCEA. We are grateful to all employers in the community who are willing to support Gateway by offering work placements. We wish our Gateway students all the best and are sure that Gateway will help them in their career decision-making process.

Netball is coming to Glenfield



The expression 'a picture is worth a thousand words' best sums up the new Netball Courts. We are incredibly excited by the work that has been completed. We hope to have them completed and available to our students for use in the next fortnight.

NZ Robotics National Scrimmage



With two weeks to go until the NZ VEX Robotics nationalals every Saturday in February is a competition day.

Saturday 9 February saw 31 robotics teams from Auckland and Tauranga competing in a scrimmage in Glenfield College's Theatre. Glenfield College had three teams competing. We also had one Glenfield Intermediate team competing as well. This team comprises of three of our Year 9's but are competing as Glenfield Intermediate, which they attended and competed as last year. It was a busy day with each team working at producing their best results. Each team competed in six ranking matches. 2918G with Joshua Green, Layha Nieuwoudt and Daniel Webb ended up ranking 3rd out of the 31 teams. Teams 2918H with Thomas Dickson, Ettan Dutta, and Henry Croft and 2918C with Shub Roy ranked in the middle of the field. Glenfield Intermediate's team with Luke Oborn, Daniel Herbert, and Sam Legg, were working hard at ironing out their glitches and improved as the day progressed. 2918G moved through to the quarterfinals and were knocked out in the semi-finals by the ultimate winners. A more than creditable performance. It was really great to see every one of our students working well together and displaying sportsmanship in every one of their games. A big thank you must also go out to the parents who come along and support their students and run the fundraising sausage sizzle. What a wonderful group.

Year 12 Career Students Visit Whenuapai Air Force



Three keen Year 12 students took advantage of the opportunity to find out more about careers within the New Zealand Defence Forces. Although the visit was of an airbase, the students had the opportunity to ask questions about all the forces with personnel from the Army, Navy and Air Force present. The visits are offered so that students can find out more about the various trades and other career paths available to them within the forces. On this visit, the students were shown through the Avionics section, which looks after computers, cameras, radar and other technology used on aircraft; the firefighting section, with a recent recruit being a former Glenfield College student Sem Beregatnov; and the last stop of the visit being 6 Squadron which is responsible for the Navy's Seasprite helicopters. Further opportunities will be available for other students as these visits are a monthly event.

In the photo above: Cody Nuttney, James Crooks and Josh Richmond in the passenger part of the helicopter.

Sports Report



A message from the Sports Coordinator

Volleyball

The Volleyball season was back up and running this week with both boys and girls teams competing at the Barfoot and Thompson Indoor Courts.

Boys

Glenfield A won their first game due to Westlake Boys defaulting, and our Glenfield B side led their encounter with Kristin B, however, couldn't capitalize on their lead, to go down 2 sets to 1. In the final match of the round saw both Glenfield sides taking each other on with the A team winning 2 sets to 0.

Next week's games feature

Glenfield A vs Northcote

Glenfield A vs Kristin

Glenfield B vs Birkenhead

Glenfield B vs Kristin

Girls

Both Glenfield A & B teams showed plenty of fight as they both lost narrow matches to Rangitoto & Long Bay respectively. In the final matches of the round, Glenfield A cruised to a 2 sets to 0 win over Westlake Girls Black, with Glenfield B going down 2 sets to 1 against Westlake Girls Green.

Next week's games feature

Glenfield A vs Carmel

Glenfield A vs Westlake Girls Blue

Glenfield B vs Pinehurst

Glenfield B vs Westlake Girls Red

Community Education

Many of us can remember a time when the Community College was a thriving hub of multiple courses happening each night around the College. Did continuing education go out of vogue? That I can't answer, but I do know that it is also time to start listening to the community and hearing what they want.

Currently, we have a limited range of courses available:- ESOL (English for speakers of other Languages), Sewing, Xero Courses, Accountancy & Tax, and a new Mindfulness & Wellness course about to start. We have people looking at Excel, Word, Spanish, French & Te Reo but we are in need of Tutors for these subjects.

If you or people you know have talents or skills and would like to earn extra money, please get in contact with us. You may be a Master of Renovations, awesome at crafts, a keen writer, a florist or flax weaver. Are you an amateur Historian with knowledge of the area, do you speak Mandarin, draw or paint? We want to hear from you! We want feedback and input and are ready to listen.

Contact: Julie Kilroy via email info@gcc.co.nz or j.kilroy@gc.ac.nz or by phone 09 444 1353.

Fortnightly Report 2019

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Introduction

The fortnightly reports are designed to improve communication with students and parents on the level of effort/achievement that has been shown both in class and at home each fortnight. Where possible students will be told the criteria used for the report grade that fortnight. This should increase transparency and give more timely feedback. (5 Reports per term will be emailed home).

The grades given range from 1-5, where 1 is Concern and 5 is Excellent.

Where a student has been awarded a grade of 1 or 2 the teacher should have given the student a brief verbal explanation of why they got that grade (e.g. you didn't complete either piece of homework well enough). Teachers are encouraged to also give students brief verbal feedback if they are close to improving their grade, but haven't quite managed it.

Report Dates for Term 1

Week	Report Emailed and Uploaded to Kamar Portal
3	Friday 15 February
5	Friday 28 February
7	Friday 15 March
9	Friday 29 March
11	Friday 12 April

A copy of the Report Grade Range is also emailed out each fortnight with the report.

Direct Contact

Staff can also be contacted directly by email, to explain when the performance level is a Concern or Needs Improvement.

Parental Portal

Parents are encouraged to view Assessment results, Attendance and Pastoral Concerns on the Parent Portal.

Not Received

If you are not receiving these reports/newsletter please email admin@gc.ac.nz to confirm your email address.

University Scholarships for Year 13 Students

MoneyHub is a consumer finance website that has published a guide to hundreds of scholarships for any Student planning to start university in 2020. The comprehensive list includes scholarships offered by every University, as well as those specifically available to local students. A list of privately-funded, Maori, Pacific and International university scholarships completes the list. Applications close throughout the year, with tens of millions of dollars available. MoneyHub has also published a list of tips for scholarship success.

For more details and to find suitable scholarships, visit the [MoneyHub Scholarship page](#)

Coming to School Late and Leaving 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 a 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.

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

Glenfield College School App



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.

To download the app for free on your Apple or Android Device please click on the image.

Helping Parents Save Money With AT Hop Cards



Help parents save money with AT HOP

With a new school year on our doorstep, we have a reminder for parents.

You may already be aware that AT HOP is a reusable prepay smart card for travel on trains, ferries and buses around Auckland.

Paying for kids school travel with an AT HOP card is cheaper than paying with Cash. Parents can save even further by loading the correct concession on their child's AT HOP card.

To apply, parents need to buy and register an AT HOP card for their child and apply to load the correct concession on their card.

It's time we talked Pornography, Young People and Sexuality



Presentation by Maree Crabbe

On Wednesday 13 March 2019

7.00—8.30pm

At Westlake Boys High School

Tickets \$10.00 from Eventbrite



For many young people, it's now harder to avoid pornography than to see it.

If your child has access to a mobile phone or other internet-enabled device, then it's very likely that they will see pornography, even if they never seek it out.

Many adults are unaware of how pervasive pornography has become, the nature of the material young people see or how it's affecting young people's sexual understandings and experiences.

Pornography's influence poses many challenges for young people, for the adults who live or work with them and for society in general

Pornography has become a parenting issue we can't afford to ignore...

Readily available and aggressively marketed online, exposure to hardcore pornography is now mainstream. Porn has become a default sex educator for many young people, with serious implications for their capacity to negotiate free and full consent, for mutual respect, sexual health, and gender equality.

About Maree Crabbe

Maree Crabbe coordinates the Australian violence prevention project *Reality & Risk: Pornography, young people and sexuality*.

She is Co-producer and Co-director of the documentary films *Love and Sex in an Age of Pornography*, broadcast in 12 countries, and *The Porn Factor*, broadcast in Australia. She is also author of *In The Picture* – a resource to support secondary schools to address the influence of explicit sexual imagery.

Maree has worked with young people – and on issues affecting young people – for over 25 years. She has developed and delivered programs focusing on sexual violence prevention, sexual diversity, pornography and the prevention of sexually transmissible infections.



Glenfield College Phone Cases



Available for purchase this year - iPhone and Samsung cases. Please tell us which design you prefer by going to https://www.facebook.com/GlenfieldCollegeOfficial/?ref=br_rs.



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

GENERAL NOTICES

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 travelling up Kaipatiki Rd.



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