

School Newsletter Week 9, Term 1.

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Term 1 Week 9, 29th March 2019

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Nākoutou

Empathy
Pukuarohai tangi
nā tātaukatoa.

When you cry,
your tears are shed by us all.

 **Important Dates
& Events**

2nd April
Bake Sale



It is very difficult, and in many ways, impossible to put into words the challenges our small country has faced over the last two weeks. The dignity and respect of all actions taken by the school and the way it has been received by

the students best typified by the Maori proverb above. The lighting of 50 candles at the vigil last Friday was a moving event and tears were shed, but there was a lot of support and hugs from many students who wanted to look after their own.

By now, all students will be in the middle of a busy assessment schedule. Whether they are in the junior school or doing NCEA Levels 1, 2 or 3, students are at the stage where a large number of assessments are being completed. All your children should be focusing on their studies, applying themselves at home and realising that deadlines are there to be met.

In the past week, two different speakers have come into Glenfield College to talk to your children. "Attitudes" spoke to all year levels, specifically about life skills and how to address social issues. Darren Pereira came in to speak to Year 9 and Year 11 students about mindset and study habits. These outside presenters are well-qualified in talking to the youth of today and provide a different voice to that of the teachers and parents. We hope the students were listening!

As I stood on the side of the Football field on Monday as our First XI had their playoff game, a parent commented on how she couldn't believe Term 1 was almost over. Daylight Saving is fast approaching and the winter season will be upon us. We have a lot to look forward to in the coming weeks. Duke of Edinburgh students have almost completed their Bronze award, we have the Relay For Life with 86 students signed up and pre-season early morning training sessions are well underway. The key message for all students is that it is not too late to get involved and sign up.

"Better to be part of something, than have regrets when you are doing nothing."

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

6th and 7th April
Relay for life

2nd - 19th April
Project K Year 10
Wilderness Adventure

12th April
End of Term 1

29th April
First Day of Term 2

1st May
Music Trip

4th May
School Ball

7th May
Cross Country

8th June
School 50th Jubilee

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SCHOOL NEWS

Student Seminar With Darren Pereira



Over the last two weeks, we were fortunate to host two external organisations who presented on the issues of mental health, relationships, growth mindset and study skills.

Both Liz Anderson from “Attitudes” and Darren Pereira from Success Integrated in Australia, gave engaging presentations, in very different styles. Our students gained a lot from these two sessions, including different techniques to help them in the future.

Feedback received from students included:

“I learnt that I can improve academically if I have a growth mindset and I believe in myself”

“I learnt that I can change from “I can’t” to “I can”

“I learnt about relieving stress”

“Always aim high and believe”

"Be the person you want your kids to be and do what makes you happy, not others"

Duke of Edinburgh Camp at Piha



On Friday 22nd, 14 of our Year 11 students went to Piha to complete the final expedition of their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. These students have been working on being physically active, learning new skills and providing a service in their community for the last six months. All of the group successfully navigated around the area, even making it up to the Kitekite Falls. The students enjoyed the beautiful sunset on the beach before cooking their dinner of either hamburgers, burritos or noodles. They all showed great teamwork, determination and resilience as they completed this challenge, which definitely pushed them outside their comfort zone. Mr. Gardner, Ms. Ferguson, and Ms. O'Hara would like to take this opportunity to say well done to the students on completing the expedition!

In Term 2, our current Year 10 students will be given the opportunity to start their Bronze Award and we will be offering the Silver Award to students in Year 11 and Year 12. For more information about the Duke of Edinburgh Award please follow this link: <https://dofehillary.org.nz/>

Mr. Aston Wins a Spot to Space Camp

Congratulations David Aston, HOD Science at Glenfield College, who has won a spot on the Space Camp Inspection Tour in July!



Mr Aston says, "The trip will really enhance my teaching as it will enable me to experience first-hand aspects of Science and Physics which otherwise would only be seen on Youtube clips or in books. This will change the way I enthuse students for years to come."

We have a few final spots available for the tour during the July school holidays, 2020. Enquire

today to secure your place.

<http://bit.ly/SCinspect>

GIS Careers Event Day



Photo: A group shot of all of the attendees at the event.



Photo: Dr. Kerski's presentation on why Geographers are vital members of society and hold an important role in a city, such as Auckland's, future.

On Wednesday 19th March, Mr. Gardner took four aspiring Geographers to a Geography and GIS (Geographic Information System) Careers Events Day. This was held at the Auckland Council headquarters. The presentations allowed the students to listen to real geographers, recent graduates and political experts. The aim was to inspire the next generation of Geographers and demonstrate the wide variety of possibilities out there for those who study Geography at Levels 1,2 and 3 as well as beyond. One of the Glenfield students attending was Arianne Mae Castano. She said: "The Geography Careers Event we went to was entertaining and it was good to meet people who work in the field. They talked about various events and activities. It was educational for students and teachers. It gave us knowledge of how important Geography is". This was an excellent opportunity for our students to listen to real examples of how far Geography can take you and we are grateful to the Auckland Council for inviting us to this event. To find out more information, follow this link: <https://gisgeography.com/gis-day/>

Learning Hub is in Full Swing at School

The Glenfield College Learning Hub kickstarted officially on Tuesday 19th March in the school library. Level 2 Services Academy students who had been at Induction Camp during a recent maths assessment used the time to complete this missed work. They were joined by other junior and senior students seeking help with class content and areas they had not fully understood. We would like to invite all of our students at the College to make the most of Tuesday and Thursday afternoons when a range of specialist teachers give their time to help



students with their learning.

Defensive Driving Course

AA will be running their defensive driving course through Community Education for those that may be interested or have kids who are at or nearing the age of driving. There are only 20 places available so get in quick. If you would like to know more, or to book, please follow the link.

<https://www.gcc.co.nz/courses/aa-defensive-driving/>

Our Annual Fundraiser a Huge Success



The raffle will be drawn next Thursday (4th April) so all money and ends need to be returned to school asap. All proceeds will go towards the upgrade of our lighting and sound equipment in the Kaipatiki Theatre. A big thank you to Anne Crooks for organising it and also to Michelle Atkinson, her parents and Kim and Ellen Du Plessis for helping out with ticket sales. A big thank you to 'Lounge Around' for the amazing first prize too.

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.

Sports Report



A message from the Sports Coordinator

Football

The 1st XI has been training since the start of the term in preparation for their promotion match against Birkenhead College. On Monday all their hard work would be put to the test in their first leg vs Birkenhead College. They got off to a perfect start with Isaac O'Dea finding space 20 yards out to launch his shot into the back of the net to give Glenfield a 1-0 lead. Approaching halftime, the boys had done enough to thwart all of Birkenhead attacks and were rewarded when Captain, Sharif Abdullah, sent a shot from 35 yards out and over the keeper's head to go into the sheds 2-0 up. The second half was a tight tussle and some great finishing from Birkenhead allowed them to fight back and even the match up at 2-2. The second leg will be played at Shepherds Park in Week 11. Fantastic effort from the boys who had lost to the same team ,4-2, last year.



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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.

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.

GENERAL NOTICES

School Fitness Centre

This year, 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, Staff 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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