

## School Newsletter Week 3, Term 2.

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*Term 2 Week 3, 17th May 2019*

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An exceptionally busy two weeks has been highlighted by a range of activities. Since the last newsletter, we had the highly successful School Ball where students dressed up and enjoyed an evening of fun and dancing with friends and staff. Special mention needs to be made of Ms Chrissy Jones-Major, as this was her last ball after having organised 36 of them over her years here!

 **Important Dates  
& Events**

**24th and 25th May**  
Kaipatiki Sounds Great  
at Birkenhead College



Chrissy, more words will be written at the end of the year, but from all those students over the past 36 years who enjoyed their most important night of the school year, thank you!

Last Friday we held our inaugural

Mother's Day Breakfast which was attended by over 70 people. Three highlights of the morning for me were:

1. The words of wisdom from guest speaker, Mrs Brenda McPherson (Principal of Windy Ridge Primary)
2. Seeing so many grandparents, parents and children meeting new people and enjoying the event
3. Connecting with our community

Special thanks to Ms Gill Ferguson for all her work in making this event happen. Gill and her team of young men arrived at 6.30am and did an outstanding job of providing a high-quality breakfast.

The very next day, the blessing of the newly resurfaced netball courts was well attended. I have never seen the school so busy on a Saturday morning and I encourage you all to come down to support our sports teams and enjoy a coffee or some baking from our NASA Space Camp fundraising team.

On Wednesday I sent out a letter that launched our latest initiative, SchoolTV. I cannot encourage parents enough to take the time to explore and look at the various video clips. Never has parenting been more challenging and following on from the Pink Shirt Day today, we need to tackle and address these social issues head-on. Click here to watch a video clip on cyber-bullying <https://gc.nz.schooltv.me/newsletter/cyber-bullying>.

To the parents of the Year 9/10 students who attended the Parent/Teacher report evening on Wednesday night, it was great seeing such a high turnout. The key to academic success is the relationship between staff and students and most importantly, parents. While our youth navigate their teenage years, they really need a parent or significant adult to stand alongside them and help guide them. Please never underestimate the importance of your role. While they may not always appreciate your input, it will be remembered in later years.

Mā Maruwehi, Ka Rāhiri

**28th May- 30th May**  
Cultural Week

**31st May**  
Mid Term Break

**3rd June**  
Queens Birthday

**7th June**  
25-year Celebration of  
Long Service Staff  
Members  
Reunion School Tours  
1-4pm

**8th June from 6pm**  
Schools' 50th Reunion

**5th July**  
End of Term 2

**22nd July**  
First Day of Term 3

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Principal



Book your ticket to our 50th Reunion here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2183676511725464/>

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Pink Shirt Day at Glenfield College

Pink Shirt Day was a success this year at Glenfield College. The students raised \$425 with all the proceeds being donated to the Mental Health Foundation. Our students looked amazing all dressed up in their pink and bright rainbow colours creating awareness for bullying.

STANDUP, SPEAK UP, STOP BULLYING!



## Glenfield College Annual School Ball







Once again, the Glenfield College School Ball at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Auckland City was an outstanding success. The theme was "Out of this World" and the Ball certainly lived up to the name. The students enjoyed a night of great music and dancing complimented by the most delicious three-course meal. There was much happiness and inclusiveness on this special school occasion and the students' standard of dress and behaviour was exemplary. There were many beautiful ball gowns and immaculately dressed young men dancing the night away, everyone voting and eagerly awaiting the results of the King and Queen of the Ball. The night passed quickly as a professional photographer and 'snap stand' recorded and created memories for a lifetime. Twenty-three staff members attended and commented that they had a lovely, relaxing evening interacting with students and their partners who were invited from other schools.

## Mother's Day Breakfast Was a Real Celebration





Last Friday morning Glenfield College celebrated the role that Mothers and significant role models play in the lives of our children. It was a special morning with Grandmothers, Mothers, and students hearing some fantastic words of wisdom from guest speaker, Mrs. Brenda McPherson (Principal of Windy Ridge Primary). Special thanks must go to Ms. Gill Ferguson and her team of students who helped prepare the breakfast. Deputy Head Girl, Cate Stewart, along with Phoenix Koligi and Emily Freestone, also did incredibly well with the blessing of the food and thanking our special guests.

**New Netball Courts are in Full Swing**





Last Saturday was the official opening of our resurfaced netball courts. In conjunction with Netball North Harbour and the Kaipatiki Local Board, the courts were blessed by our local Kaumatua at 8.30 am. A brand new netball arena for local primary schools: Bayview, Beach Haven, Birkenhead, Kauri Park, Marina View, Marlborough, and Windy Ridge. A huge thank you go to all involved. This is such a fantastic asset to the school and the wider community.

## Auckland Maths Olympiad



On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, Glenfield College students competed in the Auckland Maths Olympiad at the University of Auckland. The morning was spent rubbing shoulders with Auckland's top mathematicians, solving challenging problems, and immersing themselves in life as a university student. A big congratulations to Ben Carey, Alvin Huan, and Celine Li who all successfully took part in the day.

## Space Camp Quiz Night



Friday 10 May saw the NASA Space Camp group run a Trivia Quiz night in the school cafeteria. 70 contestants took part on the night, in an attempt to be the best. Lex Lawler was our MC and students carried out all the duties needed to make the night a success. We had a lot of fun and eventually crowned one team the champions for the night. There were 28 items in our silent auction which were all well supported and made a valuable contribution to the funds raised. We are really grateful to all who sponsored items for the auctions. Saturday saw the group manning the BBQ down by the new community netball



courts. They worked well and contributed to the success of this community venture. It has been really great to see the efforts of our students as they raise funds for their trip of a lifetime to Huntsville, Alabama USA.

If you would like to know more about the Space Camp Tour, please follow this link. <https://www.gc.ac.nz/glenfield-college-usa-space-camp-tour-2020/>

## Cross Country a Huge Success

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May, Glenfield College hosted the much-anticipated Cross Country race. A large number of students competed in the event, held on the 3km (1 lap) or the Senior Championship 6km (2 laps) with a mix of tricky terrain and the daunting hill to start the race on the bottom fields. The weather was perfect with the sun out during the entire event. This meant everyone only got drenched by sweat whilst running. There was some excellent running/racing and some outstanding results, as shared below.





## Cross Country Results 2019

### Year 9 Boys

1. Albie Fisher (9O) – 10:58
2. Armah Churcher-Gill (9T) – 13:07
3. Ashton Conlon (9O) – 13:12

### Year 9 Girls

1. Rebecca Freestone (9T) – 13:02
2. Fredalyn Villagrancia (9T) – 16:52
3. Elif Kapucu (9K) – 17:12

### Year 10 Boys

1. Henry Croft (10K) – 9:52
2. Braeden Fisher (10K) – 12:17
3. Kallie Smit (10O) – 12:57

### Year 10 Girls

1. Peggy Courtney (10O) – 15:37
2. Deina Tuiloma (10K) – 19:10
3. Giani Van Niekerk (10M) – 19:10

### Senior Girls Champ

1. Manahil Abdullah (11T) – 27:09
2. Emily Freestone (11M) – 28:18
3. Hannah Forster (11M) – 30:41

### Senior Boys Champ

1. Sharif Abdullah (13K) – 20:29
2. Kaizan Swan (13M) – 21:32
3. Hanif Abdullah (12O) – 21:39



## **Important Notice About NCEA Fees**

You may be aware that the Government has recently announced the removal of this fee for **all** domestic students in New Zealand.

If you have not paid the \$76.70 for NZQA, then please don't as it is no longer required to be paid.

If you have already paid, then the Finance Office will be in contact with you soon with further details.

Please note the International NZQA fee is still required for International Students and will need to be paid by the end of August.

## **Glenfield College Talent Quest**

Get your ticket for this event by following this link:

<http://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2019/jun/kaipatiki-kahui-ako-talent-finale>

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# Talent Finale

15.06.2019

\$10 tickets available @  
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Limited to 500 seats at Kaipatiki  
Theatre, Glenfield College

SHOW STARTS  
AT 6.30PM  
SEATED BY 6.15

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## ASTHMA Can Be Controlled

We are fortunate to host an asthma clinic at Glenfield College every term, run by a specialist asthma nurse from Auckland Asthma. The appointments are free. If your child's asthma is not well controlled or you would like advice or information, please contact Lesley Elliott in the Sickbay (441 9773 or [l.elliott@gc.ac.nz](mailto:l.elliott@gc.ac.nz)) to make contact with the asthma nurse or to book an

appointment at her next clinic. Asthma can be a very serious condition, killing over 50 people each year in New Zealand.

## Sports Report

### A message from the Sports Coordinator



#### Hockey

Hockey has had a major lift with Chesters Plumbing and Bathrooms kindly donating hockey sticks, balls and goalkeeping gear to help the teams with their matches on Wednesdays and Friday Nights. Our 1<sup>st</sup> XI Boys drew with Kaipara with some great hockey being played, especially with a host of new players this year. It is great to see you out competing and improve your skills under the watchful eye of Ms

O'Hara and Mr Bonneywell. Our 1<sup>st</sup> XI Girls had a tough defeat against Westlake Girls High School, but with some more training throughout the week with Ms Colliar and Ms Allaker, we are sure our girls will bounce back.

#### Badminton

Over the last few years, badminton has slowly become one of the most popular sports throughout New Zealand, and we are fortunate enough to have experienced support with Mr Hett and Ms Higgins (who have been massive drivers of the sport) with over 40 students competing for Glenfield College. In the first round of matches, Glenfield 2 won 7-2, Glenfield 3 won 5-4, Glenfield 1 Girls won 9-0 and our Premier Boys won 5-0 over Westlake

#### Football

Our 1<sup>st</sup> XI remains unbeaten in their first season in the A4 competition, after an impressive 4-3 win over Onehunga High School last week, the team had to settle for a 0-0 draw with Dilworth, as neither side could find the back of the net. Our Junior Boys' Development couldn't find a win against Westlake Boys but never gave up against tough opposition, seeing the 15 junior boys represent our college with so much pride is a fitting testament to the hard work put into the Winter sport preparations.

## GENERAL NOTICES

## 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.

## 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](mailto:suggestions@gc.ac.nz)

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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 travelling up Kaipatiki Rd.



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