

School Newsletter Term 4, Week 5.

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Term 4 Week 5, 15th November 2019

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"Education is the movement from darkness to light" Allan Bloom

Over the last two weeks, we have seen a lot of progress, opportunities and events occur for all students at Glenfield College. While the Years 11 to 13



Important Dates & Events

15th November
 Trivia Night
 Glenfield Rugby Club
 from 6pm

28th November
 Year 9 Unitec Visit

29th November

students have been away on study leave, many have been returning to school to meet with teachers and fine-tune their exam preparation. It is so positive, as Principal, seeing the attitude and approach from our young adults as they recognise, through hard work, perseverance and commitment, education can help them, as per the quote above.

For the junior students, Mr Bonneywell, Mr Snookes and the Deans, Ms Colquhoun and Mr Gardner, have continued to provide an interesting and varied programme. As the students have just finished their exams, the key is to keep them engaged and motivated. Congratulations to the junior school body for their maturity and desire to improve.

Update on Recent Changes in Education

I can confirm that Glenfield College has opted into the Government's donation scheme. There will be further information forthcoming, however, the key is that we ask the community to support the school in areas such as sports fees, take-home components for subjects and any activities/trips that involve an overnight stay. The financial running of a small organisation like a school is challenging and the Board genuinely needs support from our community.

On Tuesday, the Government released updated recommendations regarding the Tomorrow's School Review. In many ways, they were somewhat anti-climatic, yet there are some positives. There is a definite need for equity and excellence in education which I believe Glenfield College is addressing head-on. The topic of zoning is interesting and I look forward to our community supporting and endorsing Glenfield College as a school of choice moving forward. We are definitely getting feedback, through our enrolments, that we are on the right track.

On a final note, I would like to thank and acknowledge all our students currently in the community as I have been informed about what excellent role models they are and how they are wearing the uniform with "Pride and Respect".

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

Year 10 Unitec Visit

5th December
Junior Sports Afternoon

6th December
Junior Prize-giving
10am Kaipatiki Theatre
School finishes at 12pm
End of Term 4

29th January
Powhiri for Year 9 and
all New Students

30th January
Start of Term 1, Full
School

1st to 3rd February
Prefect Camp

6th February
Waitangi Day

7th February
School Closed

9th April
End of Term 1

10th April
Good Friday

27th April
ANZAC Day

28th April
Term 2 Starts

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SCHOOL NEWS

International Students had an Adventure



During this week and next week, our International students are enjoying activities offered to them outside of the school grounds while our senior students take NCEA leave. So far this week, they have gone on tree adventures, travelled up to Goat island where they snorkelled, went 10 pin bowling, laser combat and had a soak at Parakai hot pools. Next week, they have many more activities planned to participate in. This has been a great way to spend time with their peers and trying something new out of their comfort zones.

Mahurangi Trip for Year 9 Students



On Friday 8th November, our Year 9 students spent the day at Mahurangi West. The outing was part of a Migration and Heritage Studies programme of learning taught at Glenfield College. Students learnt about how the Maori used the land at Mahurangi before the arrival of the Europeans, how the land changed when the Europeans arrived and also discovered evidence of two cultures coming together through an exploration of the on-site Urupa. It was a fun and enjoyable day out for all. Please follow this link to view the photos and a couple of short videos:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/129130977@N02/albums/72157711688034762>

Community and Wellbeing Day for Year 9 and Year 10 Students



On Wednesday 6th, following on from their exams, the Year 9 and 10 students took part in various activities around wellness and the community. We were fortunate to have a team of Town Planners from Auckland Council come into school to seek feedback from our students for what they want for the Glenfield

area in the next 20-30 years. The interactive consultation process was well received and our students came up with many ideas about the area they want to live in for the future. They looked at all aspects of the community, from transport and roads, through to the green field areas and recreation facilities. This was followed by a wellness session for our Year 9 students. The aim of the session was to give students the tools to deal with the pressure and stresses of school life. In one session, students practised mindfulness colouring, learned about the importance of gratitude and shared ideas to create a culture of kindness at Glenfield College. In the second session, they practised yoga, belly breathing and completed a meditation session.

Northern Region Services Academy Graduation



On Sunday 3rd November, students from the Northern region Services Academics graduated at St Pauls College in front of hundreds of family, friends and the New Zealand Defence Force staff. Joshua Richmond and Holly Sievert spoke on behalf of all the Services Academy students, with Josh speaking about lessons and values learnt including comradeship, commitment, courage and stoicism. Holly spoke about how the physical fitness programme had strengthened students, both mentally and physically and how all teamwork had been strengthened. Shiva Swamy was awarded Top Student for Glenfield College and Devante Sione-Makapa was awarded Most Improved Academy Student for Glenfield College. The graduation parade culminated in a spine-tingling haka with Glenfield College Services Academy students performing with absolute mana, pride and respect. Thank you to all parents who have supported the Services Academy and students through 2019 and well done to

all Service Academy students. To see more of the photos, please follow this link: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/129130977@N02/albums/72157711631751476>

Glenfield College Trivia Night

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COME SUPPORT OUR KAPA HAKA STUDENTS

GC FUNDRAISER TRIVIA NIGHT

GLENFIELD RUGBY CLUB

DATE: 15TH NOV

TIME: 6PM BAR OPENS

7PM TRIVIA COMMENCES

\$10 PER PERSON (TABLES OF 10)

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Measles Outbreak

Measles during exams

Measles can stop students sitting exams and taking part in end-of-year activities.

If students get measles they may miss NCEA and other exams.

Their friends and classmates may also have to stay away from exams, if they have not had a measles vaccination.

Doctors will vaccinate your young person for FREE.

Do it now, so measles doesn't interfere with exams, sports, camps, activities or holidays.

Be aware of measles symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Rash
- Sore red eyes

For advice, call your doctor or Healthline (0800 611 116)

Measles info at: arphs.health.nz/measles



We do not presently have any confirmed cases of Measles at Glenfield College, but several other local schools do. Thank you to all the families who have already responded to our recent request for information regarding their child's Measles immunity. If you have not already done so, please email our school First Aider Lesley Elliott on l.elliott@gc.ac.nz with evidence of your child's immunity. This can be your child's immunisation record book or a printed statement from your NZ GP's surgery. Please help us protect your child and our community by providing this information.

Urgent Outstanding Sport Fees

Please ensure any outstanding fees are paid asap. Letters have been sent home to all students with fees owing. Fees can be paid either online, through our Finance Office or a payment plan can be organised by speaking to Julie Kilroy (ph: 441 9776) or j.kilroy@gc.ac.nz. If you have any queries about these fees, please contact Julie Kilroy. Non-payment of fees will affect participation in sport in 2020.

Blazer Reminder for 2020

Reminder to all Year 10 & 11 2019 students that in 2020, you will be required to have a blazer as part of the new Senior Uniform both on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please click on this link for the details: <https://www.gc.ac.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Reminder-for-Blazers-2020.pdf>

SchoolTV

It's never been more challenging for parents to raise happy, healthy and resilient children. Like never before, parents need to be informed with clear, fact-based



information on the many challenges faced by today's youth. Topics such as youth anxiety, depression, self-harm, drug and alcohol use, cyberbullying and many others need clear explanation and guidance. SchoolTV is an ongoing resource available to our parents. Each edition addresses a major topic with expert interviews, fact sheets, parent quiz, recommended apps, books and much more. SchoolTV aggregates information from many great

resources such as BeyondBlue and ReachOut. SchoolTV provides a single stream of independent factual information that saves parents the time and confusion of searching online. To find out more, please follow this link: <https://gc.nz.schooltv.me/>

Sports Report



A message from the Sports Coordinator

Junior Volleyball Boys

The Junior Volleyball Boys had their final matches at the Barfoot & Thompson Stadium on Wednesday afternoon. It was a successful afternoon with some great Volleyball played, our boys beat Kingsway 2 set to 1 which earned them a final placing of 4th and 5th.

Golf Initiative

Our eight students are still continuing with their Golfing, with five trips to the Driving Range to improve on their swing, they will hit the 'Miniputt' course over the next two weeks to work on their putting before playing a round at Huapai to finish the initiative.



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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.

Glenfield College Uniform



Glenfield College Uniform Available from 'New Zealand Uniforms'

Store: 19A Douglas Alexander Pde, Albany

Phone: 09 477 6300

Email: albany@nzuniforms.com

Store Hours: Weekdays 9am – 5pm, Saturday 9am – 1pm

Web: www.nzuniforms.com

Payment Options:

NZ Uniforms accepts Cash, Eftpos, all major Credit Cards and WINZ payments. We also offer finance through Gilrose Finance, PartPay and have a 'Uniform Club' which is a great way to save for your School Uniform purchases.

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It's easy, set up an account and make automatic payments (weekly, fortnightly or monthly) in advance and watch your balance grow. When you are ready to make your Schoolwear purchases with NZU, your money is already available and waiting to be spent! Call or visit the store today to get started.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Water Safety Day

Water Safety Day

23rd November

2 - 6pm

@St Mary's Bay



FREE

- Have a go SUPing.
- Have a go Sailing.
- Have a go kayaking.
- 360 Oculus Go



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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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