

School Newsletter Week 3, Term 4

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Term 4 Week 3, 1st November 2019

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A week of
celebration and
goodbyes!

Yesterday, Glenfield College celebrated the Senior School Academic Prize-giving and last night, Leavers' Dinner. Both of these events were an opportunity to

Important Dates & Events

1st November
Last day for Seniors

4th and 5th November
Junior Exams

6th to 8th November
Lumino Dentists for Juniors

acknowledge and celebrate the talent that exists within our student body. Highlights of the day included the naming of our Staff Excellence Award Recipient (Sue Higgins) and Support Staff Excellence Recipient (Julie Kilroy). As I explained to the audience in my address, one of the most important assets in a school is the staff and we really are very lucky at Glenfield College. The commitment, drive and desire to provide the very best opportunities for our students is excellent and bodes well for the students yet to walk through our gates.

We had two excellent speeches yesterday from Mr Dan Bidois (MP for Northcote) and Cate Stewart (Deputy Head Girl). Mr Bidois focused on sharing the story of his journey, how he overcame obstacles, set goals and achieved them. Mr Bidois is an exceptionally talented man who has come from a humble background, worked hard and continues to succeed. Cate Stewart spoke exceptionally well and focused on her last 1,734 days – the number of days between her arriving as a Year 9 student and her leaving today. Cate's message was simple. Firstly, she wanted to thank the staff for all their support, guidance and teaching while also reinforcing the need for all students in Years 9 to 12 to embrace every opportunity offered at Glenfield College. Cate explained all the new initiatives that have been re/introduced in the last two years and acknowledged that in hindsight, she wished she had gotten more involved. Hopefully the students were listening.

Congratulations to all prize-winners and their families on their success.

Congratulations also to the Prefects of 2020 who were named earlier this week. The effort and time that all students put into their application forms was very heartening and also highlighted for me the variety of talent within this cohort.

To all students in Years 11 to 13, we wish you all the very best as you go on study leave and prepare for the NCEA external examinations.

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

7th November
NCEA Exams start

8th November
Year 9 Mahurangi West
Trip

15th November
Fundraiser Trivia Night
Glenfield Rugby Club

5th December
Junior Sports Afternoon

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

27 January
Auckland Anniversary Day

29th January
Powhiri for Year 9 and all
new students

30th January
Start of Term 1
Day 1, Full School

3rd to 5th February
Prefect Camp

6th February
Waitangi Day

7 February
School Closed

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SCHOOL NEWS

Student Prefects for 2020 Announced

After a thorough application process coordinated by Ms Gray, where students outlined their contributions to the school over the last four years, along with their aspirations for the future, the Prefects for 2020 were selected. Congratulations to the following students and we look forward to seeing your leadership skills develop over the

next year.

Karl Amponin
Benjamin Carey
James Crooks
Rossmory Dela Cruz
Bataa Ganbat
Liam Hibbard
Luis Lucindo
Jhoemeela Magisa
Anais Neculman
Michael Oborn
Jazzmyn
Rustenhoven
Yanni Shepherd
Selena Timmins
John Michael Villon
Jimmy Vitale



Senior Academic Prize-giving



Yesterday, we held our first daytime Senior Prize-giving. This enabled the whole school to attend,

along with approximately 150 parents and family members.

The ceremony was an outstanding success where the academic achievement and excellence of our students was celebrated. The audience was also very privileged to hear speeches from Mr Dan Bidois (MP for Northcote) and Deputy Head Girl, Cate Stewart. Mr Bidois brought along with him his Year 11 report from Howick College and read aloud his Economics teacher's comments, which were not complimentary. Mr Bidois left school at Year 11, but after completing a Butchers apprenticeship and surviving cancer, he went on to complete four degrees and studied Economics at Harvard University! This was an excellent story of achievement. Cate Stewart presented a moving speech with a perfect message for Year 9 to 12 students – “get involved and take up every opportunity”. Special mention must be made to the Proxime Accessit, Haoran Liu and Dux, Xinchong (Celine) Li (pictured). Thank you to all involved and we wish our Year 11 to 13 students all the very best as they prepare for their NCEA External Examinations. To view the photos, please follow this link. <https://www.flickr.com/photos/129130977@N02/albums/72157711585290922>

Successful Sports Awards Evening



The Sports Awards evening was held on the 23rd of October in the Kaipatiki Theatre. A big thank you for all staff, parents, coaches and volunteers who made up the large crowd of 300+. Sound advice was shared from guest speakers Erikana Pedersen (Silver Fern, Canterbury Tactix) and Seafi Lafaialil-Sapolu (Samoan International) regarding work ethic, resilience and striving to be the best version of yourself. It was a special night which highlighted the sporting success of our students. Our team trophies, 'The Grindlay Cup for Outstanding Performance by a Team' was rightfully taken out by the Junior Boys' Basketball and "The Botes

Family Cup for Outstanding Improvement by a Team” was won by the 1st XI Girls’ Hockey. Sportsman of the Year was Sharif Abdullah (for the second year running) and Sportswomen of the Year was Blessing Kerehoma. You can view the photos from the night here: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/129130977@N02/albums/72157711472522316/with/48950354321/>

Year 9 and 10 Examination Timetable

Buses will run as normal during exam time.
The school Library will be open until 3.10pm for STUDY purposes.

Year 9 and 10 Examinations – Week 4, Term 4

Monday, 4 November 2019

Year	9.00 – 11.00 am	11.00 – 12.00	12.00 – 2.00 pm
9	Science	Lunch	Social Studies
10	Mathematics	Lunch	English

Tuesday, 5 November 2019

Year	9.00 – 11.00 am	11.00 – 12.00	12.00 – 2.00 pm
9	English	Lunch	Mathematics
10	Social Studies	Lunch	Science

Wednesday, 6 November 2019

Year	09.00 – 10.50 am
10	P.E. / Health

Year 10 – Periods 3 – 5 normal Wednesday times
Year 9 – normal Wednesday times

Instructions for all students for Junior Exams

1. Please check your exam timetable carefully and make sure you are at venue at least 20 minutes before the start time as shown on the timetable. Please use the bathroom before you line up.

NOTE: Morning exams run from 9.00am to 11.00am, but you are expected to be ready to enter your exam venue at 8.45am. Afternoon exams run from 12.00 to 2.00pm and you are expected to be ready at 11.45am.

2. Exams will be written in the following rooms:

Year 9 – Rooms 15, 16, 25 & 26

Year 10 – Rooms 12, 21, 22 & 32.

3. Your bags must be left at the front of the exam rooms, mobile phones must be switched off and wrist watches removed and both need to be placed in your bag. You may not leave these in your pockets or on your arm during the exam. Digital devices and watches etc may not be accessed at all whilst you are in the exam room.
4. You will be required to line up outside the exam venue and enter the venue under teacher instructions only.
5. Please have all your writing materials (pens, pencils, rulers, calculators etc) in another clear plastic bag which you will be required to show staff members as you enter the exam room. Written answers should be in blue or black ink only.
6. You are permitted to bring a clear plastic water bottle into the exam but this must be placed under your chair in the exam room. Obviously, you may not bring food into the exam.
7. You are expected to wear correct uniform for the exam. This includes regulation shoes, jackets etc.
8. Do not ask to leave the venue before the exam is due to end.
9. Do not disturb other students, you may not communicate to others in any way.
10. If you are too ill for school on the day of an exam, your parent or caregiver must call the school to inform us of this. You will be required to write a catch-up exam as soon as possible. You should see Mr Bonneywell in this regard.



Mr J Bonneywell



During Term 3, Glenfield College teamed up with Blue Light, the New Zealand Police and Water Safety Auckland to create experiences and opportunities for adventure for our Year 10 male students. The programme is designed to challenge the students both physically and mentally while developing their resilience and help them build positive relationships. Throughout the Term, the students engaged in a 7am boxing lesson every Friday, followed by a hearty breakfast and a guest speaker, such as Francis Meli (ex Warrior and Kiwi League Star), the first Tongan born High Court judge, Navy and service officers and TUPU, part of the CADS (Community Alcohol and Drug Group.) On Wednesday afternoons, the students participated in water safety activities with Water Safety Auckland, learning valuable information about water and boat safety. The programme culminated with a two and a half-day camp, based out in Huia, where the students travelled to Bethells Beach to endure a gruelling sand dunes fitness session, followed by water safety at the beach, CPR training and reading the ocean. The final full day was based at Wero Water Park where the students learned to safely cross rapid rivers and learned to white water raft. Their final activity was Crossfit, where the students were pushed to their limits in a number of physically and mentally challenging exercises and activities.

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 regarding 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>

Glenfield College Trivia Night

Measles in Auckland schools

The only way to protect your family is to make sure they are vaccinated or immune.

Please see your doctor now to catch up on missed vaccinations. They are FREE at your GP.

If your children are vaccinated, they won't need to stay at home if there is measles at your school.

Keep your child at home if they are sick and watch out for symptoms:



If you or your children show symptoms please stay at home and call your doctor or Healthline (0800 611 116) for advice.

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 Lelliott@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 to protect your child and our community by providing this information.

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Sports Report

A message from the Sports Coordinator

Another year of Senior Sport done, we wish all our departing Seniors the best of luck on their future sporting endeavours. Some of my favourite highlights of the year include Winter Tournament Week (Netball – Northcote & Football – Taupo), Senior Volleyball Auckland Championships, new backpacks and what a fitting way to conclude our sports with the successful Sports Awards. I leave our Seniors with this quote. "There are only two options regarding commitment, you are either in or you are out. There is no such thing as life in-between".



We look forward to the Junior Volleyball season, especially the Auckland Junior Volleyball championships at the end of the term. We will also be holding a variety of Junior house competitions as the weather starts to improve. To our Juniors, I leave them with an appropriate quote: "Do you know what my favourite part of playing sport is? Getting involved". It is never too late to get involved at Glenfield College, take your opportunities and get stuck in.

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Sports Fixtures can be found at <https://www.gc.ac.nz/sports/sports-fixtures/>

SCHOOL 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.



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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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