

School Newsletter Term 4, Week 8

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“Our gift to you is education and all the things you have done this year. We have put a lot of thought into this gift and a lot of time and effort. We think it is the best gift of all. We hope you will appreciate this gift of education and put it to good use”.

This morning at the Year 9 and 10 Junior Prizegiving, the quote above was the main theme of my message to the student body. As we approach summer and the Christmas season, being the season of giving, I thought it was best to help our students understand what Glenfield College has given them.

Important Dates & Events

27th January
 Auckland Anniversary Day

29th January
 Powhiri for Year 9 and all New Students

30th January



In 2019, they have received the opportunity to attend a Junior Camp at Finlay Park in Cambridge. Through this, they experienced activities that took them all out of their comfort zones and most importantly, will provide everlasting memories.

Many Year 10s this year have been involved in the Duke of Edinburgh led by Mr Gardner. Just last week, 27 students were tramping in the Coromandel up to the "Pinnacles". These sort of opportunities are second to none and I can't encourage the Year 9s enough to get involved and not miss out.

In sport, there have been so many opportunities presented by Mr Mason and the teaching staff in netball, football, basketball, badminton, table tennis, hockey, squash, volleyball and touch rugby. The shift in school representation in sport and having absolute pride in wearing the new black, red and white uniforms is putting us back on the map of North Harbour Sport and beyond.

In the classroom, the exceptional dedication of the teaching staff is arguably one of the greatest gifts we can give. In many ways, nobody typifies this more than Chrissy Jones-Major who we farewelled on Monday night after 40 years of service. Chrissy had a love and passion for helping students and would often dip into her own pocket to ensure students didn't miss out. Chrissy, while we will miss your infectious smile and can-do attitude, we wish you all the very best as you embark on a new part of your life.

Finally, the greatest gift we can present to your children is the Glenfield Way: Pride, Respect, Resilience, Self-Managing, Aspirational, Integrity, Service, Adventurous.

As I said to the students, if you can have these values when they depart Glenfield College in years to come, they will be well-equipped for this outside world.

As a starting point, I hope they have these values over the Christmas and summer break.

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

Start of Term 1, Full School

1st to 3rd February
Prefect Camp

6th February
Waitangi Day

7th February
School Closed

12th February
Class Photos
Year 9 Parents
Information Evening

18th February
Honours Assembly

19th February
Gateway Parents
Information Evening

24th February
Level 3 Geography Trip

26th February
NCEA Information
Evening

9th April
End of Term 1

28th April
Term 2 Starts

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SCHOOL NEWS

Junior Prize-giving Awards



This morning the Junior school celebrated an excellent 2019 year where a lot has been achieved. Special guest speaker, 2018 Head Girl, Nicola Moody-Turnwald, had a message about study habits, keeping career options open and well-being. The school really appreciated the strong turnout of parents and whanau as they celebrated the successes of their children as they came across the stage.

Special congratulations to:

Luke Oborn	First Place in Year 9
Rebekah Freestone	Principal's Award for All Round Excellence in Year 9
Jordan Page	Junior Dux
Cris Escandor	Principal's Award for All Round Excellence in Year 10

Glenfield College Farewells Ms JM



On Monday 2nd December, Glenfield College farewelled a truly amazing teacher and friend. A gathering of friends and staff celebrated her time here and spoke of her amazing journey at the college. Ms Chrissy Jones-Major leaves our school to move to Australia to spend more time with her family. We wish you all the very best Ms JM for your new adventure in Australia. To see more photos of the evening: please follow this link: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/129130977@N02/albums/72157712051925621>

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>

Duke of Edinburgh Students' Adventure



Last Friday, 27 students led by Mr Gardner, headed off to 'The Pinnacles' in the Coromandel. They have completed three months of service, sport and skills to accomplish the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh International Bronze Award. These students used teamwork to navigate to and from the hut they stayed in, as well as completing tasks which also gained them five NCEA Level 1 credits. They have all worked extremely hard to accomplish this Award and after completing this hike, they should all feel proud of their achievement. Duke of Edinburgh is available to all students in Years 10-13 and if any students wish to join in 2020, please see Mr Gardner at the start of Term 1, 2020.

Visits to Unitec were Very Educational



On Thursday 28th and Friday 29th November, our Year 9 and 10 students

travelled to Unitec in Mt. Albert to discover possible options for them after they finish their schooling at Glenfield College. They were given a tour of the campus and learnt about all sorts of courses they offer. A couple of activities they took part in were the Mataaho Trades Challenge, Game changer (Electrical Engineering), and sketching the future (Using 3D drawing and sketching techniques to develop products and gadgets).

Relay for Life Fundraising Event



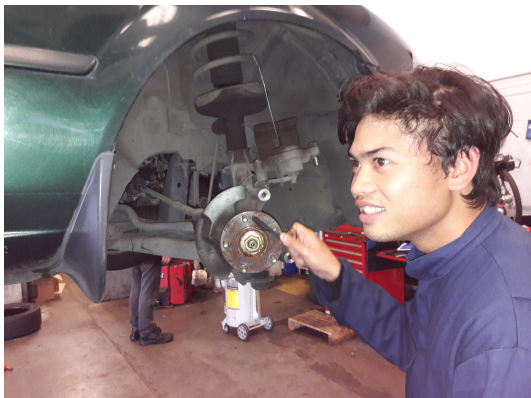
During the last few weeks of Term 4, our Year 9 and 10 students have been washing teachers' cars to raise money for Relay for Life. The students have done a great job cleaning both the inside and the outside of the cars. They have raised \$150 to go towards our Relay for Life fundraising total! Well done to the students and thank you to Miss Graham and Miss Smith for helping supervise the students during this event.

Trivia Night a Success

GC FUNDRAISER TRIVIA NIGHT

On Friday 15th November, the Kapa Haka group held their Trivia Night fundraiser at the Glenfield Rugby Club. The night was a great success, raising over \$4000 in profit to go towards purchasing new piupiu. It was especially pleasing to see the wider community involvement in supporting our school with donations and, on the night, participating in the Trivia competition. A huge thank you to everyone involved, especially our whānau, our school and a wider community of Glenfield for helping make this night a success.

Gateway Students Successful Year





Gateway students have enjoyed their experiences in the world of work as it provided them with a realistic view of the various work environments and job options open to them. Some students gained full-time employment while others gained part-time employment through their placements. Glenfield College is grateful to all the employers who supported the Gateway Programme. We look forward to their continued support in 2020. Please email Rena Foolchand on r.foolchand@gc.ac.nz for more information on the Gateway Programme.

First Aid Training Helps Save Lives!



Glenfield College offers First Aid and CPR training to our staff and students to ensure workplace health and safety. First aid and CPR saves lives, particularly where there are grave injuries and it is critical that immediate action is taken. Training gives critical knowledge and confidence to effectively manage an emergency without fear or confusion. Trainees learn how to perform CPR, use an automated external defibrillator, bandage injuries, and control blood flow to injuries. These are critical skills for emergencies anywhere, not just the

workplace. One of our Year 12 students, Ethan Peters, trained as a First Aider on the 7 November 2019 and saved a life while on his church camp two weeks later. The patient is well and is grateful to Ethan for stepping forward to help him. Ethan thanks Glenfield College for offering students the opportunity to be First Aid trained. Thank you, Ethan, for stepping forward to save a life.

Help is Just a Phone Call Away

Christmas is a time many people look forward to, as it's a special occasion for families to spend time with their loved ones. However, it can also be a financially and emotionally stressful time. For people without close friends or family to celebrate with, the sense of loneliness may be too much. Support agencies are often in higher demand from people seeking help during the holidays. 24 hour helplines such as Lifeline 0800 54 33 54 are prepared and encourage anyone who is feeling overwhelmed or vulnerable to reach out to them. It is also a good idea to talk to a trusted friend, neighbour, family member or a health professional, to restore a sense of wellbeing.

Remember there are helpful clips on School TV covering relevant topics such as: resilience, anxiety, depression and blended families. Please follow this link for more information: <https://gc.nz.schooltv.me/>

Urgent Outstanding Sport Fees

Please ensure any outstanding fees are paid for asap. Letters have been sent home to all students with fees owing. Fees can be paid for 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.

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 those 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.

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

Glenfield College Volleyball Tournament

On the 21st and 22nd of November, the Junior Volleyball Boys and Girls



represented Glenfield College at the Auckland Junior Championships held at Pulman Park, Takanini. Although we came up against a lot of well-coached



teams, we were extremely proud of our students who continuously turned up to matches to compete and give it their best. The tournament

itself was a big step up in competition and a lot of valuable lessons were learnt by our students. Congratulations to all students that were involved.

Golf Initiative

The 'Golf Initiative' is drawing to a close with only a week left for our golfers. Over the last two weeks, the team have been working on their swing analysis, using video and still shots to see their setup and follow through. Here is a sneak peek, at what they have been doing during their time at the driving range.



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2019 has been a year of change, success and growth for Glenfield College Sport, the future looks positive for prospective students who will no doubt have every opportunity to wear the black and red colours at our college. There have been many highlights in 2019 and here are a few of my favourites; Winter Tournament Week, (Northcote) Netball Premiers & (Taupo) Boys 1st XI Football, South Island Secondary Sports Conference (Dunedin), (Pulman Park) Volleyball Auckland Championships, Golf Initiative, Glenfield College Backpacks, Sports Prizegiving and Guest Speaker Erikana Pedersen, Blessing Kerehoma's MVP performance in the North Harbour Secondary Schools Rugby Final. I am looking forward to the start of the 2020 sports season with Glenfield, with sports Archery, Athletics, Cross Country, Futsal, Lawn Bowls, Touch, Tag, Volleyball and Water Polo all beginning to gain traction within the College. Stay fit and active over the summer and most importantly stay safe, from myself and the Sports Department we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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 Wellbeing Centre, which is now located in the Student Services Block, 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 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.

'Uniform Club' :

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.



You can find the uniform information here: <http://glenfieldcollege.nzuniforms.com/catalog/school-uniform-1104209.htm>

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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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