

## School Newsletter Term 1, Week 1

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## Message from the Principal

Tena koutou ki te whanau o Kaipatiki College

Greetings and welcome back for 2020 and a special welcome to all who joined the Glenfield College community for the first time.

On Wednesday morning, we welcomed all new students to the school with a special assembly led by Staff Donovan Bickford. He spoke passionately about the opportunities and exciting times that are ahead for students at Glenfield College.

The provisional NCEA results continue to be above national averages and I congratulate all students who achieved their academic goals and fulfilled their potential. Every year we aim to improve and build on the previous results.

As Principal, I am delighted with the calibre of the new staff who will undoubtedly add value to our school community this year. A significant amount of work has gone on behind the scenes over the summer break. Special thanks to our Property Manager, Roy Harding, and his Property Team for ensuring our facilities are well-maintained and conducive to an excellent teaching environment. Special thanks also to Vivian Fan (Guidance Counsellor) who led the Peer Support Training Programme for two days last week. These fine young people have a significant impact when assisting our Year 9s integrate into Glenfield College.

It is very exciting entering a new decade and very much thrilling time being a Glenfield College student. I look forward to meeting you all and working with you over the year.

Mā Maruwehi, Ka Rāhiri

With Pride and Respect

Mr Paul McKinley

Principal



*With Pride and Respect*



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## Term Dates for 2020

Term 1: Wednesday, 29 January to Thursday, 9 April

Term 2: Tuesday 28 April to Friday 3 July

Term 3: Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September

Term 4: Monday 12 October to Wednesday 9 December

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# Important Dates to Note This Term

Prefect Camp	1st-3rd February in Taupo
Waitangi Day	6th February
School Closed	7th February
Leadership Ceremony	11th February at 2.10pm
Class Photos/ ID Photos	12th February
Year 9 Parent Evening	12th February 6.15pm in the Library
Honours Ceremony	18th February 2.10pm

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## New Staff Members



From left: Elise Huggard, Karen Daniel, Sarah Bearne, Gill Scott, Kristina Smith, Seidah Karati and Rebecca Philipson.

### Sarah Bearne (Science/Mathematics)

Sarah is an experienced teacher that arrives at Glenfield College via the United Kingdom, St Mary's College, Rangitoto College, and St Peters College. Her experience in the teaching of Science and Mathematics, as well as leading young people, will be an asset to the school and community.

### Karen Daniel (Food Technology)

Karen joins us after teaching in the Hawkes Bay at Napier Girls' High School for the last two years. Karen is passionate about working with young people and building their confidence in their ability to achieve their goals.

Elise Huggard (Social Studies/History)

Elise joins us after completing a Master of Arts at the University of Auckland. Her interests include cultural heritage and she has worked at the Auckland Art Gallery and Auckland Museum. Her goal is to have students inspired to learn.

Seidah Karati (Maternity Cover – Dance/Drama)

Seidah is here for Term 1 and has taught previously at Aorere College and Waitakere College. Seidah is looking forward to working with our students in these excellent facilities.

Rebecca Philipson (English)

Rebecca has previously taught in the United Kingdom and has also worked at Northcote College. Rebecca lives in our community and has two young teenage sons. Her interests include tramping, netball, and good food.

Gill Scott (Teacher Aide)

We welcome Gill to our Learning Support Department as we build up this critical area of our school. Gill is the proud mother of two young daughters (one at University and one at College) and a young son at college. She comes from Rosmini College and St John's Primary prior to that. She is looking forward to the opportunity of working with our students and helping them in their learning.

Kristina Smith (Assistant HOD Mathematics)

In many ways, we welcome Kristina home. She is an ex-student of Glenfield College who taught at Rangitoto College before returning to Glenfield College in 2017 as a Year 11 Dean. For the last two years, she has taught in Singapore and we are delighted that Kristina has returned. The Team 1 Netball team look forward to her coaching too!

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## Achievement of Past Pupil

Glenfield College wishes to congratulate Jan Marie Lindsay for her promotion to Professor in the Faculty of Science at The University of Auckland. She will be the guest speaker at the Honours Assembly on Tuesday 18th February.



# Professor Jan Marie Lindsay

*BSc/MSc (University of Auckland), PhD (Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen & GFZ-Potsdam)*

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## CoL Day For Teaching Staff

The lead up to the new academic year is exciting and lively for not just students but also us teachers. In amongst the chaos of planning, classroom setups, and meetings, all teaching staff attended a Kaipatiki Community of Learning conference at AUT's North Shore campus with 8 other schools from our local area.

The key focus of the Community of Learning (CoL) conference is to provide a space to reflect on future-focused teaching strategies and how we can best meet the needs of our young adults at Glenfield College.

Teachers are learners too, and a lot goes on behind the scenes to ensure that we can confidently guide your child through their learning journey. During the conference, we listened to keynote addresses from Mark Osbourne and Joanne Robson from Leading Learning who support schools in developing innovation, leadership, and excellence in all facets of teaching.

The day also provided a multitude of workshops which were delivered by the incredible teachers from across the 9 schools within the CoL; including workshops run by our very own Gail Colliar (HoD P.E and Health), Catherine Graham (Head of junior Maths) and Joshua Montreal (Teacher in Charge of DVC and Visual Art).

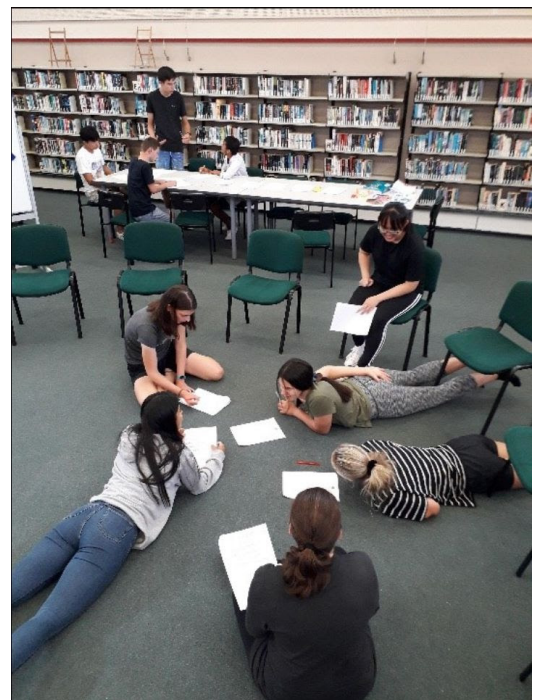
Professional development is critical to ensure that we are delivering the best education for our Glenfield whanau. As teachers at Glenfield College, we are committed to improving our practice and working with our community to ensure all students meet their potential. 2020 is going to be a big year and we are so excited to continue the great teaching and learning happening at our college.



## Peer Support Leaders, 2020

On Thursday 23rd, and Friday, 24th of January, the Peer Support team for 2020 completed a 2-day training course with Ms. Fan. Peer Support training was held in the school library and included many activities that taught valuable skills to our group of 15 senior students. Some of these skills include planning, preparation, communication, listening, debriefing and evaluation individually, as well as in groups, and learned more about how to work with different personalities. Throughout the course, we gained confidence in projecting their voices, getting involved, and pushing themselves out of their comfort zones. As a result, they learned how they, as individuals, dealt with being exposed to unfamiliar situations. Using these skills and our newfound knowledge, Peer Support Leaders will be able to help our Year 9 students to fully adjust to life at Glenfield College. There is no doubt in our minds that we can apply these transferable skills, not only during Peer Support but through many areas in life, such as other leadership roles and future employment.

Written by Jordan Page, Rianne Framo and Madisyn Macleod in Year 12.



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saves parents the time and confusion of searching online. Please follow the link below for relevant content to help settle anxious thoughts, especially with the Measles Outbreak, Australia Bushfires and now, the Coronavirus. There are clips on 'Moving to a new school' as well as 'Surviving the final year' available 24/7. To view this information, please follow this link: <https://gc.nz.schooltv.me/>

## Sports Notice

I hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing break with your family, friends and loved ones, which is evermore emphasized in the sports world following the loss of Kobe Bryant. A man is known for his competitive spirit, ability to motivate others and dedication to who and what he loved. Although he'd racked up numerous basketball accolades in his 20-year career on the courts, the former LA Lakers' player also achieved an incredible amount of success since retiring from the game nearly four years ago. As he transitioned into the next stage of his life, he brought that same intensity as an advocate for youth sports and women's sports. Bryant became a spokesperson for

our consortium of major sports leagues, sports-related organizations, and health organizations that have aimed to overcome the physical inactivity of youth. Less than a third of kids are getting at least 20 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity three times a week. A terrible statistic as physical inactivity can significantly increase the risk of many chronic diseases such as obesity, diabetes, heart disease, and cancer. It can also adversely affect mental health. Bryant saw the urgency of this problem and the importance of getting more kids to play sports so that they could remain physically active well into adulthood. At Glenfield College, we have the exact same vision and aim for our students, I am really excited to see more of our students out on the courts and fields and involved in school sport. I look forward to the start of 'Sporting Season' and challenge our students to get involved. I will finish with one of my favourite quotes.

**"I can't relate to lazy people. We don't speak the same language. I don't understand you. I don't want to understand you."**

**Kobe Bryant**

**1978-2020**



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# School Fitness Centre

For information as to how you can join the school's Fitness Centre, please see Donovan Bickford (Services Academy Director) for details.



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## MIND BODY SOUL 16-18 year olds (21 days)

Mon 6 April – Sun 26 April  
Wed 01 Jul – Tues 21 Jul  
Wed 23 Sep – Tues 13 Oct  
Wed 02 Dec – Tues 22 Dec

**Mind Body Soul** focuses on helping teens build the independence and leadership qualities to make the most of their final school years and take on the new challenges lying ahead with confidence and self belief. Over 21 days you'll experience bush expeditions, water challenges, sea voyages and height activities in stunning scenery.

**School Leaders** aligns with our Mind Body Soul course but is designed for students transitioning to a leadership role in year 12 or 13.

## SCHOOL LEADERS 16-18 year olds (21 days)

Mon 6 April – Sun 26 April

## LEAPS & BOUNDS 13-15 year olds & parent/caregiver (8 days)

Wed 8 Apr – Wed 15 Apr  
Sun 19 Apr – Sun 26 Apr  
Fri 3 Jul – Fri 10 Jul

Tue 14 Jul – Tue 21 Jul  
Fri 25 Sept – Fri 02 Oct  
Tue 6 Oct – Tue 13 Oct

Leaps & Bounds is the ultimate parent/teen bonding experience.

Leave devices at home and reconnect with your teen over 8 days of outdoor challenge and adventure. Together you will problem solve, overcome challenges and celebrate each other's strengths.

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