

## School Newsletter Term 2 Week 4

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## Message from the Principal

Whakaoho

*Motivation*

Mauri tū,

mauri ora

*An active soul is*

*a healthy soul*

Greetings and welcome as we look forward to entering a new phase of lockdown after yesterday's announcement by Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern. There is no doubt whatsoever that the chance for staff and students to return to Glenfield College on Monday, 18th May is welcome news!

The Māori proverb above refers to "Motivation" which is an appropriate word to describe the Glenfield College community over the last seven weeks and what will be needed as we move forward.

Living through this pandemic has highlighted how one can make a choice. You can either let it consume you, or go the other way and focus on the opportunities that arise out of it.

As Principal, I have seen many "opportunities" grasped and maximised. To the Senior Leaders, Deans, HODs and Teaching Staff, I congratulate and thank you for your professionalism and commitment to your students.

To the many students (and parents who have helped their children), thank you for giving of your very best in what has been very trying circumstances. It has been a steep learning curve, but in many ways the situation of remote learning has made major advances in a short period of time.

However, what this has highlighted for me is what we always knew. Teaching is relational and one of the greatest strengths of attending school is the developing of relationships between staff and students. No digital screen is going to replace the classroom teacher!

The last few weeks have also highlighted to me just how strong the school culture at Glenfield College is. A week ago, College Sport launched the 3k ISO Challenge and Glenfield College ended up placing in the top 10 of schools in Auckland and was the top North Shore school (see below for the results table). This was an excellent achievement and certainly uplifting when we needed it most!

Our school House Competition has gone from strength to strength under the leadership of Ms Kristina Smith. Our inaugural House music video was posted last week and is a tribute to the student leadership of Oceaniya Fesili. It was really great to see so many students getting involved (to view the video, click on the link below).

The message is simple, none of these events could have occurred without motivation! Remote learning, 3k ISO Challenge, House competitions, etc all involve being motivated.

I know the staff are looking forward to seeing their students return as we help them navigate the remainder of 2020 and experience success. In challenging times such as these, normality and a sense of achievement will help everyone feel like we are getting back on track.



*with Pride & Respect*

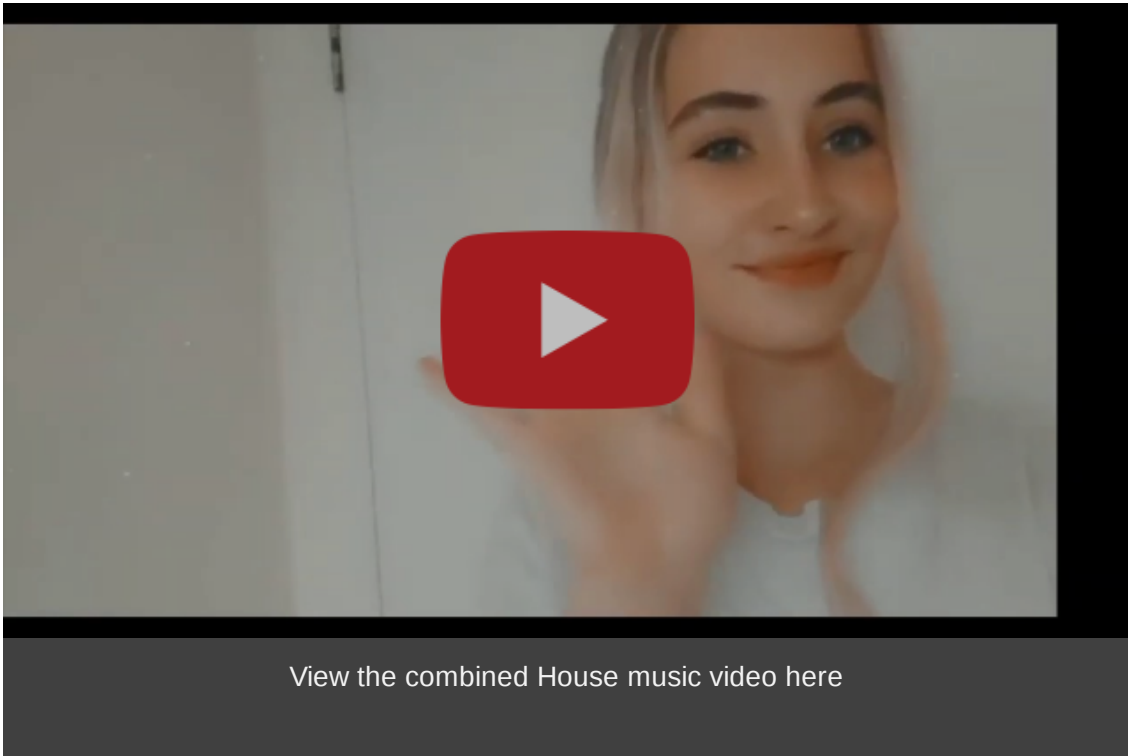
MA MARUWEHI, KA RAHIRI

PAUL MCKINLEY, PRINCIPAL

**College** Auckland **Sport**

**ISO 3K**

**1ST: MT ALBERT GRAMMAR**  
**2ND: BARADENE COLLEGE**  
**3RD: SACRED HEART COLLEGE**  
**4TH: ST PETER'S COLLEGE**  
**5TH: ST MARY'S COLLEGE**  
**6TH: MACLEANS COLLEGE**  
**7TH: KING'S COLLEGE**  
**8TH: PAKURANGA COLLEGE**  
**9TH: ACG PARNELL COLLEGE**  
**10TH: GLENFIELD COLLEGE**



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## TERM DATES

### TERM 2

WEDNESDAY, 15 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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