

School Newsletter Week 1, Term 3.

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Message from the Principal

He aha te mea nui o te ao

What is the most important thing in the world?

He tangata, he tangata, he tangata

It is the people, it is the people, it is the people.

Greetings and welcome back to Term 3. It has been a busy start with a lot happening in the first week which is an indication that the rest of the year is going to be full of activities and events.

I hope all students and staff took the opportunity to have a break over the holidays. The great aspect of a holiday is that one can take time out to reflect and consider what has been achieved and what still needs

to be done. It was at this stage, while also reviewing the schools' vision and strategy, that it became further evident to me that the single most important part of a school is "the people".

As per the Maori Proverb above

He tangata, he tangata, he tangata

It is the people, it is the people, it is the people.

At Assembly on Tuesday, the importance of people, both staff and students was further reiterated to all. On Thursday and Friday this week we have had Wairau and Glenfield Intermediate Schools visit as we enter the Enrolment season. My message to everyone is to look at the people around you, look at the Glenfield College teachers, talk to the students that come to Glenfield College and families that have children here. They are the people who will really inform you of the great things that going on at Glenfield College.

Special thanks also goes to Mr Mason and the staff who have been incredibly busy this week with sports training occurring every day after school and 6 teams playing tomorrow. For both physical and mental wellbeing, participating, being active and part of a team is an important factor in a New Zealand Secondary School. It really is great seeing so many students at trainings and putting on the red and black colours to represent Glenfield College.

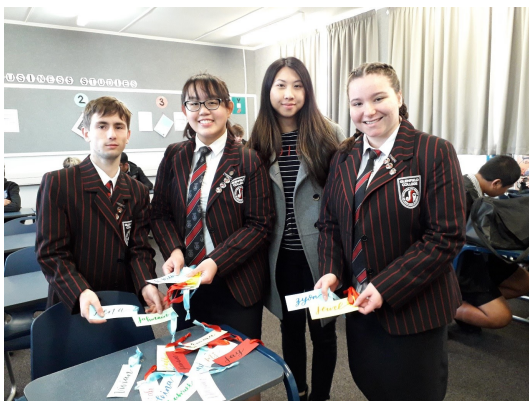
I look forward to meeting you all over the term on the side-line or at one of the many school events coming up.



Rusty Anderson joins us as a PE teacher and also oversees Outdoor Education. He is originally from Riverton and later moved to Otago University in Dunedin where he studied a Bachelor of Applied Science and a Diploma in secondary teaching in Physical Education and Health. He worked at Western Springs College for over 4 years and then went overseas. He travelled through Europe, South America and went to the USA to work in a summer camp for three months. He then moved to London and taught in a school for a year and is now happy to be back in NZ and looking forward to meeting everyone in the Glenfield College Community.

Tanya Black joins Glenfield College with 20 plus years teaching Food Technology, Hospitality and Fabric Technology at Long Bay, Mount Roskill Grammar, Orewa, and Albany Senior. She has a degree in Consumer and Applied Science from Otago. She is also a vocal coach and has two online businesses. She had heard how friendly and fabulous Glenfield College was from other teachers she knows who have taught here previously.

Peer Support Leaders Programme



During a meeting at morning tea on Monday, students discussed their evaluations of the Peer Support Leaders Programme and the experiences they had. The most common feedback from Peer Support Leaders this year has been about gaining confidence, friendships, and leadership skills.

Teachers comments from our Peer Support Leaders work:

"9VI really enjoyed having the seniors coming into class and doing activities with them. The games helped the Year 9's with their confidence and with building relationships in the group."- Mr Vanderlaan,

Form teacher of 9VI.

"The Peer Support leaders have really helped the Year 9 class settle into life at Glenfield College. I have seen them grow in confidence as they interact with their group. Both parties have benefited from the initiative."- Ms Bearne, Form teacher of 9Bn.

"The programme was really successful this year and the peer support students were great. It was nice having them in every Friday to help engage the form class. The seniors demonstrated great leadership skills and confidence. They really pushed themselves out of their comfort zones and built good relationships with the students. They did a great job!"- Ms Zhu, Form teacher of 9Zu.

"It was awesome to have Emily, Caroline, Jayden, and Josh work with 9Sm during terms 1 and 2 as they settled into life at Glenfield College. From running fun and engaging activities to being a friendly face around the school, they did a fantastic job of helping 9Sm transition and providing them with support."- Ms Smith, Form teacher of 9Sm.

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards



On Tuesday 17 students received their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards. These students have completed challenges involving skill-based learning, showing service to the local community, participating in physical activities and accomplishing an overnight adventurous journey. They have all achieved an internationally recognised award and many have now progressed onto the more challenging Silver Award.

If any students would like to join the Duke of Edinburgh Award for 2020, they should see Mr Gardner as it is not too late to join. This programme enables young people to dream big and discover their potential.

Pictured are all of the students with Mr Gardner (Award Coordinator) and Shannon Benterman from Bluelight. We would like to thank Bluelight for their support of the Award. They have offered service and financial help to assist in the running of this programme for the last two years at Glenfield College.

Intermediate School Visits

Glenfield College welcomed Wairau Intermediate yesterday and Glenfield Intermediate today to enjoy a day full of learning and lessons to help them transition, and give them a taste of a typical college experience. This included Robotics, cooking in Food tech, using the computers, and practical lessons just to name a few. We hope they enjoyed the day as much as we enjoyed having them here.



Reading Plus in our Junior School



All students in Years 9 and 10 started to engage in Reading Plus this week. This program is aimed at increasing the students' literacy and reading fluency levels. All students in the Junior School will have two Reading Plus lessons each week in school and they are welcome to do more at home if they wish. There are huge benefits that can be gained from reading regularly that will benefit all aspects of the school curriculum. Year 9 students have sessions on Mondays and Thursdays and Year 10s on Tuesdays and Fridays. A reminder to all students to please bring a set of earphones to your Reading Plus lessons.



Basketball - Junior Boys

The Junior Boys Basketball returned to action on Wednesday night with the team squaring off against Westlake Boys. The boys were neck and neck with Westlake before succumbing to a 22-36 loss. The standout performance was by Taua Taati with 12 points.

Netball - Junior Girls

The Junior Girls dug deep to win 4-3 in overtime against Rangitoto. A tremendous effort was given with a Player of the Match performance by Emma Seth. Their second game was a tale of two halves with the girls going up early 3-1, but Long Bay came roaring back to win. Player of the Match was Maddison Fanene.

Football - 1st XI Girls

The 1st XI Girls cruised to a 7-0 win over Birkenhead College. Savanna Du Plessis was a standout with 5 goals! They will play Pinehurst at home next week.

Hockey - 1st XI Boys

The Hockey season started on Wednesday night and the boys dug deep to draw with Westlake. Goals from Braeden Fisher on his debut and Thomas Dickson with the final score being 2-2. Well done to all players, especially the debutants. A great start to the season!

Hockey- 1st XI Girls

The girls played amazingly well in their first game of the season last night with no subs. There were a lot of nervous questions before the game, but once they got out there they did admirably. They won 4-0. Ms Allaker, their coach, was so proud of her team, especially as they kept smiling. Player of the Match was Naomi Fifita for sheer entertainment and for clearing away the ball in spite of a sprained ankle.



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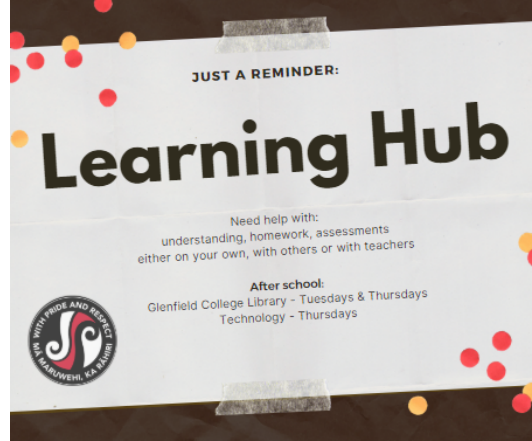
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