

School Newsletter Week 3, Term 3.

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Message from the Principal

“Life is the greatest drug on earth”

Tēnā koutou whanau

As Principal I am often reluctant to comment on social issues, but in the case of the upcoming referendum, I believe it would be wrong to be silent.

Recently I attended a farewell function for an ex-colleague of mine who had spent 45 years working with teenagers. In his speech he came to the topic of drugs and said this; “Drugs...don’t get me started on drugs, but here is what I can tell you - life is the greatest drug on earth.” That is where he started and

finished regarding this topic and it absolutely resonated with me. For three years we have been told there is going to be a referendum on the legislation of marijuana but the complete lack of information provided for the public has been appalling. When I speak to people about this topic the ambiguity and lack of understanding is palpable. Even this morning in the New Zealand Herald there was a story that was arguably misleading. The referendum is not at all about medicinal cannabis being available as this is already the case. It is about legislation of recreational cannabis.

Here is what I do know:

- The impact of THC within marijuana on the developing brain of a teenager is a significant risk for our society in years to come.
- When you give something to a group, ie legalise the usage of marijuana, it is very hard to then take it away. If this referendum is successful there will be no turning back.
- Wellbeing is a vital part of our society (even more so this year with Covid-19) and the impact of drug use will be significant.
- Mental health issues can be directly linked to the use of marijuana.
- We know that marijuana has the effect of leading to apathy, a lack of motivation and a form of depression. What will this do to students' attendance and achieving to their potential?
- While marijuana can be seen by some as a soft drug (or Class C), it can often lead to harder drugs (Class A).
- Why is it that in society, the usage of drugs is becoming negotiable and when youth now go to large events, it is the norm to have drugs tested to see if they are ok, rather than being dangerous? In many ways, this is saying drug use is ok.

I go back to the fact quite simply "life is the greatest drug on earth"



Open Evening for 2021



On Wednesday night Glenfield College hosted its annual Open Evening for prospective 2021 students and their families. The Theatre was full when the evening opened with musical performances from our talented students, as well as performances from the Dance troupe, the Kapa Haka group, and an excellent message delivered by Gemma Page, a current Year 9 student. Mr. McKinley spoke about the positive changes to the school over the last few years. Key staff were available on the night to speak about their departments and several current students were also present, showcasing their favourite subjects. During the evening, the Prefects took prospective families on a tour of the school which allowed them to view the many opportunities, both inside and outside of the classroom, that Glenfield College has to offer. Thanks to all staff and students who gave up their evening. It was a very successful evening and will help to ensure that Glenfield College continues to grow as a sought-after school in the community. To view more of the photos, please follow this link:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/129130977@N02/albums/72157715376970161>

Goal-Setting/Mentoring Interviews Years 11 to 13

On Wednesday 19 August there will be an opportunity for parents and their son/daughter to meet with their mentor. The focus of this interview will be to look at the current academic progress and setting goals for the remainder of the year. A 20-minute booking can be made between 8am to 8pm on this day. The meeting is compulsory for all students and it is strongly recommended that parents also attend. This process is incredibly beneficial to the progress of our learners and we strongly urge everyone to be part of the process. The booking code has been emailed to parents today.

Lunchtime Market Days



Levels 1-3 Business students hosted their first market days this week. They came up with a variety of fun, delicious, and innovative ideas, ranging from snow globes, care packages, trebuchets, key chains, candles, cookies, donuts, iced mocha, bubble tea, fudges and brownies. The businesses were swamped with crowds of students eager to get their hands on some impressive goods. Our students demonstrated entrepreneurship skills such as advertising, promoting, sales, financial management, leadership and teamwork. All of the business groups did an amazing job and should be proud of themselves. Final Market Days will be held next week on Tuesday and Thursday. All the support so far from students and staff has been much appreciated. Follow this link for more photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/129130977@N02/albums/72157715379278812>

University of Auckland Visit



On Monday 27th July over 50 senior students attended a lunchtime presentation by the University of

Auckland liaison officer, Millie Rowan. Students heard out about the range of courses offered, entry requirements, scholarships, accommodation options, support networks available and had many of their questions answered.

Kapa Haka Performance



On Friday 31st July, the Glenfield College Kapa Haka group performed with "pride and respect" at our neighbouring retirement village, The Orchards. The performance was well-received by residents and included a response in Te Reo and a Maori waiata. Marunui Davis (Kapa Haka tutor) has a special connection to The Orchards as both of his grandparents were once residents in its hospital facility. Well done to all the students involved in the performance.

Artwork of the Week



Tayla Mower - Year 11 Student



Marcus Acebron - Year 11 Student

Wednesday 18th – Friday 20th November

YEAR 9 & 10 SCHOOL CAMP

Camp Adair

If you require a permission slip or
further info please email:

r.anderson@gc.ac.nz or
r.colquhoun@gc.ac.nz

In November 2020, Year 9 & 10 students will have the opportunity to attend to Camp Adair for a three-day residential camp. While at the camp, students will have the chance to participate in a range of

activities such as the climbing wall, mud slide, confidence course, trapeze, bushcraft, initiative activities, and more.



YEAR 9 2021 ENROLMENT

UPCOMING ENROLMENT EVENINGS - 4PM TO 7PM
TUESDAY 11 AUGUST | WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST | THURSDAY 13 AUGUST

Students must be accompanied by their parent/caregiver for the enrolment interview | Please provide a birth certificate or passport & a copy of the latest school report | No appointment necessary for evenings listed above | Contact the school office (444 9066) for an appointment outside of these times



UPCOMING EVENTS

Click [here](#) to view
the school calendar



Basketball

The U19 Boys beat Albany Senior 64-19. The player of the match was Ben Carey with 12 points & 8 rebounds. The U17 Boys beat Kristin U17s by 55-14. Key performances included 13 points to Gabe Roberts and 10 points to Psalm Kerehoma & Matthew Madriaga. The U19 Girls put on a brave performance but lost 20-14.

Football

1st XI Boys had a bye last week and will play Ormiston this Friday night. The 1st XI Girls crushed Pinehurst 4-0 with Savannah Du Plessis scoring all of the goals! The Junior Girls also had a 4-1 win over Northcote College.

Hockey

The 1st XI Boys had a 4-1 win over Northcote 2nd XI. The intensity was high from the start of the game with goals from our forwards, Devante, Braeden, Dylan and Jordan. There was brilliant defending from the Lucindo brothers (Lester and Luis) and Cris Escandor. The Boys fought hard in a very tight match against Kristin, going down 3-2. The goalscorer was Henry Croft. The 1st XI Girls fought hard against Westlake, eventually going down 3-1. They had a quick turnaround to play Carmel 3rd XI and although they lost 4-2, there were some great goals from Caroline Ueaneiti & Sasha Taylor.

REMINDERS

- Table Tennis every Thursday at lunchtime in the Funky Chicken room.
- Badminton at 3:15 pm on Tuesdays
- Junior Boys and Girls Football are still looking for extra players if you are keen to play

Good luck to all our teams playing tonight and on Saturday.

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To see the latest sports fixtures click below



The latest edition of SchoolTV is now available!

This month's edition of SchoolTV is on the topic of 'School Refusal'.

School refusal, sometimes called school avoidance or school phobia, is not uncommon. It is different to 'wagging' or truancy and is often related to worry or anxiety-related issues about going to

school. School refusal may start gradually or happen suddenly. Although it is normal for a child to occasionally miss a day of school, parents should only be concerned if a child regularly complains about feeling sick or often asks to stay home due to minor physical complaints.

School refusal is a complex issue as there is rarely a single cause. It affects children of all ages across primary and secondary levels. It can often occur during times of transition at school. More recently, the Coronavirus pandemic has disrupted the educational experience of all students, affecting some more than others. Dealing with a school refusal child can affect the whole family, adding pressure to an already challenging time. School refusal is not considered a formal psychiatric diagnosis. It's a name



given to an emotional and/or behavioural problem. In this [edition](#) of SchoolTV, you can learn how best to approach this issue and work towards a solution.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.





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AT Learner and Restricted License Workshops

Do you know a teen looking to sit their Learners or Restricted Licence? AT are offering free online support session to help them prepare.

Register at the links below:

[Learner Licence](#) or [Restricted Licence](#)

In these sessions we will provide them with:

- Information about the different stages of New Zealand's graduated driver licence
 - Advice on how to stay safe when driving
 - Resources to help work towards a Learners or Restricted Licence
 - Insights into what to expect on the test day
 - An opportunity to ask questions, share experiences and obtain advice from experienced trainers.
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