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Message from the Principal

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Glenfield College

A very warm welcome back to Glenfield College for 2021 and special greetings to all who are new to our community. As I stated at the powhiri on Tuesday, we are a whānau and we thank you for entrusting us with the education and care of your children.

We hope you have all had a restful break and after a turbulent 2020 with such disruption, look forward to 2021 with a positive mindset. As Principal, I have been taking time to reflect on how we all adapted and overcome the hurdles that were put in front of us.

I would like to congratulate all students and staff on the fine academic results of 2020. They continue to trend upwards and special congratulations to the Year 12 cohort of 2020 for the outstanding increase in Merit and Excellence endorsements. These results further vindicate the hard work of the teaching staff and the importance of students thinking about what they can achieve through hard work and graft.

It is with genuine excitement that we announce the new Strategic Plan for Glenfield College: 2021 to 2023. Our mission is “belong, strive, succeed”. These three words are so appropriate as this is what Glenfield College aims for every child. We have formulated three initiatives that we believe are going to be instrumental in setting up all students for success when they leave school and enter society. They are:

Hauora (Wellbeing)

Dynamic Learner

Student Success

I encourage you to click on [these](#) links to see further information.

Finally, I would like to thank all staff and students for their support in ensuring we have a great start to the year. To the Prefects and staff who attended the annual Prefects' Camp in Taupo, to Ms Fan and the Peer Support leaders who attended the two-day training programme, you have all helped to make the school a better place.

The next three weeks are busy with events and ceremonies so please keep an eye on the calendar and we look forward to seeing you at them.



New Staff Members Welcomed





New staff from left to right: Melanie Waugh, Wendy-Lou Vosloo, Michelle Cleaver, Stephen Shand.

Bottom from left: Ashleigh Scanlan, Amoure Homburg and Anna Williams.

Glenfield College is pleased to announce new staff members for 2021.

Michelle Cleaver: Assistant Principal & teacher of Health

Amoure Homburg: Senior Hospitality

Stephen Shand: Technology - Hard Materials (wood)

Melanie Waugh: Mathematics

Anna Williams: Acting Head of English

Ashleigh Scanlan: Reception in the Student Wellbeing Centre

Wendy-Lou Vosloo: Librarian

Anna Williams is truly excited to have returned to Glenfield College after spending some time teaching in Hawke's Bay and Japan. When she is not teaching English, she loves throwing weights around at CrossFit and running for hours on end. She is currently training for the Rotorua Marathon which takes place in 91 days.

Ashleigh Scanlan finished at Glenfield College in 2014 and went straight to university. She has a Law and Arts degree. She hopes to practice Family Law but in the meantime is happy to be immersed, and giving back to the Glenfield community.

Melanie is a passionate and energetic educator with over 20 years of experience in secondary schools. She grew up in West Auckland and started her career in NZ before heading abroad to work in, and explore several international locations. On returning to NZ six years ago, she worked predominantly on the North Shore and now lives this side of the bridge. She enjoys teaching across a range of subjects with specialisms in Mathematics, Science, Physical Education and Health. In her downtime she enjoys engaging in various sports, outdoor pursuits, and attending music and art events with friends and family. When able to, international travel is a big part of her life. She is really looking forward to working with, and getting to know other members of the Glenfield College community this year.

Michelle is excited to be joining Glenfield College in her new role as Assistant Principal. She has most recently worked at Westlake Girls High School where she was Head of Physical Education and Health as well as being the Across-School Leader for the Pupuke Kāhui Ako. She has also worked for NZQA for five years as a Physical Education moderator where she was privileged to be involved in many assessment projects and initiatives, along with the most enjoyable part of the role which was working with teachers to build capacity and confidence in assessment at NCEA level. Other roles have been Head of PE and Year 8 Dean at Skinners Company School for Girls in London, with her career beginning at Howick College (more years ago than she dares to admit!) She has a son who is in Year 11 at Westlake Boys, a daughter who has just begun her secondary school journey this week at Rangitoto College, and her husband Dylan is a sports journalist with the NZ Herald. The whole family have a love of being active and her greatest joy is watching her children have fun on the sports field or dance stage.

Wendy-Lou Vosloo has been a teacher and librarian for many years. She is delighted with the lovely new Library space at Glenfield College and is looking forward to welcoming students into the library when the unpacking and setting up has been finished.

Amoure lives on the North Shore and taught at St Peter's College in Newmarket for 18 years with 15 of those as Head of the Technology Faculty. She taught at Rutherford College for five years previous to

that. She is married with two grown daughters and lives with her fur babies – two dogs and two cats.

Stephen is honoured to be part of the Glenfield College staff. He is our new Hard Technology teacher who enjoys the hands-on experience of working with students in a workshop. He is also a proud father of two amazing sons and a grandfather of four beautiful grandchildren. He looks forward to working and learning with the students, their families and the staff at Glenfield College.

New Students & Staff Welcomed







On Tuesday new staff and students to the school in 2021 were welcomed at the annual powhiri. Students then completed an orientation programme to get them ready to start the school year. Taki Anderson, Dr Hikuroa and Mr McKinley spoke to the new students and staff after they were welcomed onto the school grounds.

2021 Peer Support Leaders



On Thursday, 28th and Friday, 29th of January, our team of 16 Peer Support Leaders completed their two-day long training course with Ms Fan. Our training consisted of learning multiple intelligences and

activities that cater to different student personalities, as well as their different learning styles. Each activity was different and designed to focus on specific skills and purpose, such as communication, preparation and teamwork. I learnt more on the topic of 'bullying' and how to be an active bystander. I also learnt more about cultural sensitivity. Over the two days, we all gained confidence, worked together as a team and figured out our own personal leadership styles. We are now able to walk into 2021 as role models and mentors for junior students. We are excited to build positive relationships with our Year 9 students and help them adjust to life at Glenfield College. Written by Tala Mower - Year 12 student.

2021 Prefect Camp



The weekend before school restarted our 14 new Prefects went down to Taupo for the annual Prefect Camp. Here the students learnt leadership techniques and bonded well to form the Prefect team that will

lead the student population for 2021. The students took turns to present their life stories and their ideas for the team. They were also taught leadership skills in tasks run by Ms Smith, Ms Zhu and Mr Anderson. These skills will be vital as the students lead various initiatives in 2021. As well as the growth in skills, the students took the opportunity to spend time swimming in Lake Taupo, exploring the town and bonding as a group while cooking meals for the entire team. The camp was a huge success and I look forward to working with the team for a highly successful 2021.

Mr Gardner, TIC Prefects 2021.

Great Choir Turnout



Glenfield College offers choir as an additional activity for students and we were pleased to see such a great turn-out on Day Two for choir practice.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 9 Hearing Tests: 9th-12th February

Year 9 Parent Information Evening: 10th February

Leadership Ceremony: 16th February

Honours Ceremony: 23rd February

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the school calendar





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When? 10th February
Lunchtime
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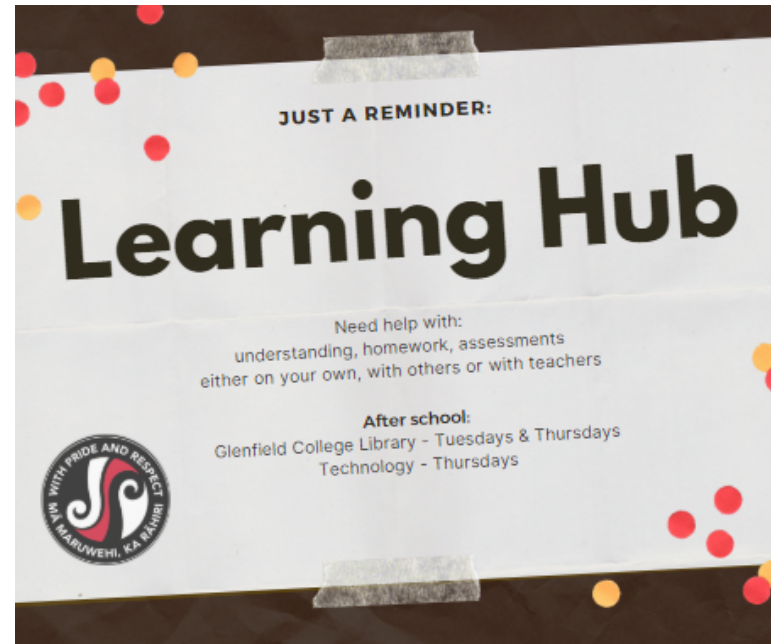


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