
School Newsletter Week 11, Term 1, 2021.

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Message from the Principal

As Term 1 of 2021 comes to a close and we take some time to reflect, we have a lot to be grateful for.

Our school roll continues to rise and is at the highest it has been over the last five years.

Recently, the focus for staff has been on persevering to ensure our students have an enjoyable/normal year. We are grateful to have been able to hold the following:

- Relay for Life
- School Cross Country
- Annual Anzac Day Ceremony
- Selection of Winter Sports teams
- Success at the National Robotics Championships
- School House Competition building momentum

The students are continuing to thrive with the opportunities and challenges put in front of them on a regular basis. Best wishes to Mr Anderson and staff who are taking 40 students down to Turangi for an OPC experience in the second week of the holidays.

Academically, school-wide the students are getting down to the core business of teaching and learning. As we come to the end of Term 1, many assessments have been marked and are being currently moderated. This will provide a clear gauge to teachers and staff about how they are academically tracking and assist everyone with planning for Terms 2 and 3.

While there have been some challenges this term, we have a lot to celebrate. The focus is to now build on this for Terms 2 and 3 with winter sport season getting underway, we look forward to these busy terms. We hope you all have a restful break where you take the opportunity to spend some time to recharge your batteries.



ANZAC Day Ceremony



This morning the school came together with local schools and residents of the neighbouring Metlifecare retirement village to commemorate ANZAC Day. Guests were welcomed with a Haka Powhiri while passing through the Field of Remembrance which was erected by students of the Glenfield College Services Academy. The Field of Remembrance includes names of local soldiers and nurses who never returned home from battle. The Ceremony opened with a Karakia (Lord's Prayer) in Te Reo Māori by Taki Anderson. The introduction and welcome was spoken by our Head Prefects, Eden Taula and Zane Paki. Kaelyn Riddle recited the poem titled "Robert Charles Purkis" written by Sergeant Major Robert Charles Purkis, followed by a wreath laying and closing remarks by Mr Paul McKinley. The Ode of Remembrance was read by Deja Sione Makapa. The Karakia Whakamutunga was read by Pro Erera Ngamu. Click [here](#) to see more pictures from the assembly.

Tuesday Assembly



At assembly on Tuesday, certificates were awarded to students who completed the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Awards. To complete the Awards, participants are required to complete four sections at each level: Voluntary Service, Skills, Physical Recreation and Adventurous Journey. At Gold level, participants also complete a Residential Project. The Award is a great way of demonstrating that students are well-rounded and can assist in applying for jobs, university and apprenticeships. If students in Years 11-13 would like to participate (in either Bronze or Silver), please see Mr Gardner. Students in Year 10 can begin the Bronze Award in Term 2.

Silver Award recipients: Mitchell Atkinson, Henry Croft, Cris Escandor, Rianne Erika Framo, Emily Freestone, Tayla Mower, Jordan Page, Zane Paki, Dylan Ravji, Heath Spicer and Conrad Vink.

Bronze Award recipients: Jessica Bickford, Savanna Du Plessis, Rebekah Freestone, Daniel Herbert, Brianna Hill, Lorelei Jull, Ayush Kumar, Samuel Legg, Luke Oborn and Lucas Palmer.

We also wished farewell to two staff members who are moving out of Auckland over the holidays. Sarah Gray has been with the college since 2004 and our Property Manager, Roy Harding has been with us since

2003. Sarah has been the staff representative on the Board of Trustees for eight years, has held various teaching positions and was a Dean for 10 years. She also coached various sports including waterpolo and squash.

Roy has been instrumental in many building projects such as the upgrade of the Theatre, Technology Block, Library and our netball courts. They will be truly missed as part of our Glenfield College whanau, as will Roy's dogs Theo and Macey.

School Cross Country



On 8th April Glenfield College held its annual Cross Country run. A large number of students competed in the event, in either the 3km (one lap) course or the Senior Championship 6km (two laps) course with a mix or tricky terrain, not to mention the daunting hill to start. As usual, the running/ racing was of high standard and the results were outstanding. A big thank you goes to the PE Department for all their involvement and help during the setup and conclusion of the event. Please click [here](#) to see photos from the event. Here are the winners from the Cross County:

Year 9

1st Zoe Croft and Jacob Freestone

2nd Mikayla Manukau-Mailata and Travis Atkinson

3rd Nakansha Nehal and Lipine Lusama

Year 10

1st Jordan Esterhuizen and Nicolas Bacon

2nd Leiah Davis and James Newland

3rd Micha Hall and Maile Taufalele

Seniors

1st Rebekah Freestone and Henry Croft

2nd Emily Freestone and Xavier Wetere

3rd Harika Konakanchi and Braeden Fisher

Relay for Life 2021



On the 27th and 28th March, the Glenfield College Relay for Life team completed the 15 hour overnight walking event at Lovelock Track. The students really embraced the Relay for Life spirit, getting involved in all the activities on offer and walking or running around the track. We have just met our fundraising goal of \$12,000 which is more than last year by \$2000. Ms O'Hara would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has played a part in the success of the Glenfield College Relay for Life team this year. It really has been a team effort and without the teachers, support staff and students, this endeavour would not have been such a success. Please click [here](#) to see the video from the event and [here](#) for more pictures.

VEX Robotics



Last weekend the VEX Robotics Nationals were held at the Vodafone Events Centre in Manukau. There were 51 teams competing from all over the North Island. The South Island held their championships separately this year due to Covid disruptions in Auckland. Glenfield College had four teams competing, along with two teams from Glenfield Intermediate. The preliminary rounds saw 10 matches played by each team and we did very well. The playoffs saw an alliance of 2918G and 2918D played through to the semifinals before being eliminated and an alliance of 2918H and 97255A played through until the quarterfinals before being eliminated. 2918G won the Amaze Trophy for consistency of build, quality of the programming (Joshua used AI to keep track of the position of his robot during Autonomous). Although we were not tournament champions this year, I was delighted with our students collegiality and their ability to be friendly and helpful to others – a true reflection of the Glenfield Way.

Results were:

2918G (Joshua Green, Sam Legg and Tom Chapman) placed 1st

2918D (Luke Oborn and Antonio Yelcich) placed 5th

97255A(GIS) (Zoe Croft, Nate Carroll and Jacob Freestone) placed 9th

2918H (Henry Croft and Thomas Dickson) placed 16th

2918E (Daniel Herbert and Anton Olliver) placed 45th

and 97255B (GIS) (Rosie Oborn) placed 46th

Congratulations to Mr Aston for his Robotics award as Mentor of the Year.

Mentoring Day



On Wednesday 24th March our senior students were engaged in conversations with their mentors and whānau in order to set goals and help raise academic achievement for the current year. While this took place, our junior students undertook a varied programme of problem-based learning challenge workshops such as PE workshops about the anatomy of the body, a digital bootcamp where all aspects of online learning were covered and they also completed a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) task that involved building towers for Year 9 and their own version of the Mars Rover for Year 10. The students were engaged in the various tasks and their collaborative problem-solving skills were highlighted throughout the day. To see more photos from the day please click [here](#).

Athletics Day Champions



Taua Taati, Dylan Ravji, Psalm Kerehoma



Jordan Esterhuizen, Rebekah Freestone, Sophia Aso



Left photo: Jacob Freestone, Lipine Lusama, Bradley Smith, Dredin Green, Marius Nuttney



Right photo: Mikayla Manukau-Mailata, Calanha Te Tue-Tapp, Zoe Croft



Braeden Fisher



Manahil Abdullah, Emily Freestone, Jayden Bacon



Jordan Esterhuizen, Lipine Lusama



Lipine Lusama with his parents

Bake Sale Success



On Tuesday 30 March we held our annual Relay for Life Bake Sale to raise funds for the Cancer Society. Ms Williams said it was heartwarming to see students and staff taking their personal time to help promote, bake, organise and sell for the event. Seeing the students purchasing food and supporting the event for this amazing cause was truly fulfilling. Special mention to Anthony Smit for buying one of each item!

Written by Rianne Framo - Year 13 student.



Star Students Recognised



During the Year 9 Assembly in week 7, Miss O'Hara recognised students who had really impressed their teachers during Term 1. They have had good attendance, made a great effort in class and been modelling the Glenfield Way at all times. Well done to the students who were recognised (Jaeden Harris, Joryll Luna, Zoe Croft (absent from photo), Jacob Freestone, Xan Laurent, AJ Taliaoa, Ella Chapman (absent from photo) and Sujay Suresh. There will be more students who will be recognised during Term 2 so keep up the hard work Year 9s!

Learning Hub 2021





This is an opportunity for our learners to use the expertise of a range of subject specialists and peer academic mentors with homework learning they didn't fully understand in a lesson or needs support with assessment requirements. It is also for learners who want to expand upon an idea, an issue or have a question about the learning and didn't get a chance to have it addressed during class time and gives them access to computers and the web and provides a place for learning outside of the classroom that might not always be available at home.

NZQA Information Evening



On the 31 of March, it was wonderful to meet parents of Year 11 students at the NCEA Information Evening. It was a great opportunity to answer questions in regards to how the NZ education system works – all the mysteries and wonders of NCEA were explained. If you were unable to attend, you can find the PowerPoint that was used at the presentation [here](#). If you have any questions in regards to NZQA or NCEA, please contact Glenfield College's Principal Nominee – Kristina Smith k.smith@gc.ac.nz

Term Dates:

Term 1: 3rd February - 16th April (12.30pm)

2nd April - Good Friday

5th April - Easter Monday

6th April - Easter Tuesday

Term 2: 3rd May - 9th July (12.30pm)

4th June - Mid-Term Break

7th June - Queen's Birthday

Term 3: 26th July - 1st October (12.30pm)

3rd September - Mid-Term Break

**Term 4: 18th October - 14th December
(12.30pm)**

25th October - Labour Day

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





On Tuesday 30 March, Jordan Esterhuizen represented Glenfield College at the Auckland Athletics Championships. Jordan was presented with her bronze medal in the junior girl's javelin. Well done Jordan! The summer sports season has come to an end, which means the winter season is about to commence. Glenfield College has 28 teams registered for Term 2 and 3 with the likes of Archery, Badminton, Basketball, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby, Table Tennis & Water Polo driving our students sporting ambitions. We are looking forward to seeing our committed students go out and compete with much enthusiasm, especially after a year of lost opportunities.



Keep up to date throughout the Winter Season with fixtures & events. Please follow this link to see our weekly fixtures: <https://www.gc.ac.nz/sports/sports-fixtures/>

To follow @glenfieldcollegesport click below

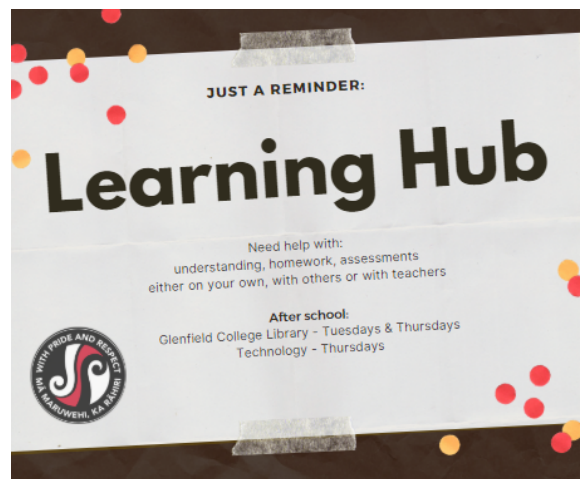


To see the latest sports fixtures click below



Finance Office Reminder

The Finance Office is open Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8.30am and 4pm for the receipting of payments. Only staff in the Finance Office can take your payments. Please remind your children that they must not give cash to any other staff member. This is to ensure the protection of both our staff and our students as we have strict processes in place for the receipting of cash. If you wish to make payments online then our bank account details are Glenfield College Board of Trustees ASB Glenfield 12-3072-0723500-00. Please use the Student ID number or name and a brief description of the payment you are making. Online payments are processed the next day where possible and a receipt is emailed as soon as your payment is receipted. If you wish to know more about establishing and automatic payment for any fees please email j.kilroy@gc.ac.nz.





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Not redeemable for cash. No refunds. The 2 for 1 pass is valid at the Takapuna Ice Rink, Paradise Avondale or Paradise Botany from 17 April - 2 May. \$20 must be spent in one transaction.

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