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Message from the Principal

Generation Grit

Covid may have a galvanising effect on today's youngsters.

The pandemic has stopped teenagers just as they were getting going but many appear to be overcoming the obstacles.

These difficult times could make young people much more resilient and much more able to deal with some of the other hardships they are going to face in life.

We might well end up with a generation of high achievers.

Excerpt from Principals' Digest

Kia ora whanau

As I read a document last week which started with the above paragraph, in many ways I felt this was a great example of what I saw in action at Glenfield College with the return of students in Years 11 to 13. While there was initial trepidation, and some anxiety when the announcement was made, from Tuesday at 9am, after not being onsite since August 17, this quickly dissipated with every passing hour. There is no doubt one of my favourite words is "engagement" and this best sums up what I have clearly seen when visiting classes. Even behind the masks, you could clearly see happiness and joy in both the staff and students' eyes at the return to site – being out of the house and being able to interact with others.

Special thanks to the staff who have done an outstanding job in teaching across two platforms, onsite for years 11 to 13 and then online for the junior students. This is a challenging task for all involved.

We have also come to the realisation that flexibility is required for those senior students who have finished their unit standard courses or those who have completed all teaching and learning components of all of their courses for the year. In this instance, they are able to take early study leave. Students who have only one or two classes where work is being completed, are able to come to school for those classes only. For health and safety reasons, and to ensure we follow the contact tracing rules, these students must sign in to school each day with the Covid Tracer App and ensure their teacher marks them present in class for that period. All students (and their parents/caregivers) that this applies to will be contacted by their Deans early next week. If you do not hear from your Dean, you should be at school as normal (or working at home if you have advised you are not returning). Students who are not able to return home during the day will be able to stay on site in a designated room to study.

Please continue reading the information included in this newsletter and best wishes for the upcoming weekend.

with Pride & Respect

MA MARUWEHI, KA RAHIRI
PAUL MCKINLEY, PRINCIPAL



Senior Students Return



Our senior students have been enjoying their return to the classroom after almost 10 weeks of remote learning. It was great to see how well they re-engaged with their learning.

Fortnightly Reports

We hope that you have found this year's fortnightly reports useful in giving a picture of your child's effort

and engagement at school. You will be aware we changed the reporting slightly to reflect the remote learning environment. Now that we have returned to school, teachers are juggling teaching students who are both onsite and offsite and this is presenting a whole new set of challenges and adaptability.

With this in mind, we will not be sending out fortnightly reports for seniors at all this term and the juniors are on hold. If you have any queries about your child's engagement or progress, please contact the class teacher or Dean directly.

2021 Yearbook



The design of the 2021 Yearbook is well underway. This publication is a summary of life at Glenfield College this year and includes class photos, write-ups from some academic departments, sports and events that have happened throughout the year. The cost of the yearbook is \$20 and can be ordered via Internet Banking to Glenfield College Board of Trustees ASB Glenfield 12-3072-0723500-00 using reference "Yearbook" or by contacting Julie Kilroy (j.kilroy@gc.ac.nz) to arrange payment.

Year 13 Woodwork Success



Being back at school is great for the more practical subjects – this couldn't have been achieved at home! Well done to Nikhil Deo (13Gy) and Drayang Dorji (13Gy). Please click [here](#) to see a short video.

If your child becomes unwell at school...

If your child presents at school with one or more symptoms of Covid-19, we will be in contact with you to arrange for them to be collected. If we are unable to make contact, we will try to leave a phone or text message, to let you know that your child is on their way home. We advise against the use of public transport or Ubers if there is any possibility that they could have Covid-19. Your child should not return to school until they have been tested for Covid-19 and received a negative result.

Students, please continue to keep our school safe by not coming to school if you are unwell.

Adjusting To Masks

COVID has forced us to adapt almost every aspect of our lives. When it comes to work, the newest adaptation will be trying to practise effective communication when voices are muffled and facial

expressions are largely covered by masks. Students may struggle to interpret your communication and will also be adjusting to a new school environment. Click [here](#) for some tips from some who have already been through the adjustment and can provide some wise insight.

Refunds for Events

School Ball

Any funds paid can either be refunded or transferred to either:

- * Year 13 Leavers' Dinner - November 2021
- * School Ball - March 2022

Spirit of Adventure

As this trip is now fully funded, refunds of deposits paid are now available.

To arrange for a refund for either of these events, please contact Julie Kilroy - j.kilroy@gc.ac.nz.

Vaccinations

Mrs Elliott has emailed all parents/caregivers this week requesting confirmation of student vaccination status. Please support her by responding to her email as quickly as you are able. Thank you to those who have responded already.

School Communications

Contact details

Please ensure we have up-to-date contact details. You can do this by updating them on the [Parent Portal](#), or by sending us an email admin@gc.ac.nz.

Please keep up to date with College events via our online calendar below. This will be updated as information comes to hand.

If you have any questions about our College communication, please feel free to contact me at admin@gc.ac.nz.



Pastoral Care

Agencies you can contact for assistance

Many families may find it tough going back into Alert Level 3. It can be challenging having children at home, being cut off from family and friends, trying to making ends meet and having high stress levels.

If you or anyone you know wants some advice or support, here are some further options that might be useful.

Support services that remain open:

- Counselling Free Call or Text 1737
- Healthline for COVID-19 health advice: 0800 358 5453
- Youthline 0800 376 633 or free text 234
- Samaritans 0800 726 666
- Depression Helpline 0800 111 757
- Suicide Prevention Helpline 0508 828 865
- The Fono West (Social Services) 09 837 1780

If you need some assistance with food these food banks may be able to help. Call first for instructions of how they are operating to ensure physical distancing:

- Auckland City Mission (City) 09 303 9200
- Salvation Army (Henderson) 09 837 4471
- Vinnies Auckland (Newton) 09 815 6122 or 0800 6800

- Hope Centre (New Lynn) 02108048436
- Vision West (Glen Eden) 09 818 0716 – Mon, Wed, Fri only

If you're in Auckland, [the Auckland Emergency Management website](#) may be useful.

If you know someone who needs financial assistance, tell them to call the free government helpline 0800 779 997 (8am–1am, seven days a week).

Ministry for Pacific Peoples

Translated COVID-19 information can be found [here](#).

Looking after your Haurora/Wellbeing

There are numerous websites and apps designed to help support your wellbeing. This [Ministry of Health website page](#) has some great links to health advice, and mental health and wellbeing resources.

Our Guidance Counsellor


Vivian Fan is back onsite in Level 3. We encourage our students to contact her (v.fan@gc.ac.nz) if they need help. We know lockdown can be a really challenging time and we want students and whanau to know they are not alone. We encourage you to reach out.

If you need to speak to someone outside of school hours, please call 1737 or Youthline 0800 376633 / txt 234 which is a 24 hour service.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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





YEAR 9 2022 ENROLMENT

ONLINE ANYTIME - WWW.GC.AC.NZ

IN PERSON - CONTACT ELLIE NEWTON TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT
E.NEWTON@GC.AC.NZ OR 444 9066

Community Education

Did you know that Glenfield College runs Adult and Community Education classes during the school term?

There are many courses on offer including courses to help with workplace skills like Xero and Excel or courses to help with your mental health or special interest courses such as Indian Delights and Learning to Sew.

For more information please visit the website:

www.gcc.co.nz or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/GlenfieldCollegeACE>.

To sign up to the newsletter to find out what's on and what's new, click sign up for newsletter at the bottom of the homepage on the website.

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