
School Newsletter Week 1, Term 2, 2022.

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Message from the Principal

Tēnā koutou e te whānau

He waka eke noa

The canoe which we are all in without exception

Welcome back to all and I hope you have had a restful and relaxing last few weeks.

As I reflect on the Māori proverb above, it is synonymous with what we are now experiencing after coming out on the back end of Covid-19 and returning to a sense of normality in schooling and education.

Every student, staff member and member of our community is in the “Glenfield College waka” and we all have the same goal and vision for our tamariki.

It was really heartening to see such great attendance this week. I know our staff members have been pleased and impressed by the engagement of many of our students. There is a sense of purpose and joy that students are returning to school and returning to a sense of normality in life. Evidence of this was seen over the holidays with students being able to attend trips again, including the Level 3 Service Academy students who travelled to Rotorua with Staff Bickford and our annual OPC trip to Tongariro which saw 29 students enjoying a life-changing experience while learning all about leadership and themselves.

With the return to school, we also see a return to sport and a high level of involvement across the board - whether it be practices before school, after school, students working out in the Fitness Centre, or students putting on the brand new Glenfield College uniforms as they represent us out in the community. Congratulations specifically goes to the Hockey teams who have had a great first week with their results, as well as the involvement of parents and supporters.

In relation to our academic goals and sense of purpose in achieving our potential, the academic tracking is well and truly in place and we are on top of the number of credits gained by students at the end of Term 1. Term 2 and 3 will be very busy and students will need to meet deadlines, commit themselves to their studies, and most importantly, make the most of the Learning Hub that occurs after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

I would like to also thank the staff, on behalf of Donna Kahaki and the Board of Trustees, who as always, go above and beyond with helping us students achieve their goals.

Finally, I look forward to seeing many of you at the Mother's Day Breakfast on Monday. To the students, don't forget your Mum/important female in your life this Sunday. Saying thank you and acknowledging their support of you is a small thing that put a smile on their face.

Kia pai te mutunga wiki

Have a good weekend





ANZAC Day Service



On Friday 15 May, the school came together to commemorate ANZAC Day. Students passed by 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. The introduction and welcome were spoken by our Head Prefects, Deja Sione & Henry Croft followed by Mr Gardner, Matua Andre Taikato and final remarks by Mr Paul McKinley. Please click [here](#) to see more photos.

OPC Adventure



During the second week of the school holidays, 29 lucky Year 11-13 students travelled down to OPC in the central North Island for a once-in-a-lifetime leadership camp. During this camp, we participated in a range of activities designed to push students out of their comfort zones and strengthen their leadership, communication and teamwork skills. Some of the activities we participated in include rock climbing, caving, tree climbing, kayaking, bridge climbing, flying fox, abseiling, and high ropes. The highlight of the trip was abseiling down a 30-meter cliff at 8.30pm when it was pitch black, supported and encouraged by the fantastic people in my group. Please click here to see the video: <https://youtu.be/Qjrw4KamvHU>

Written by Mitchell Atkinson - Year 13 student.

New Staff Member Welcomed



Maddi Black joined us this term in the Learning Support Department as a teacher aide. She is a Postgraduate Psychology student who loves bushwalks and art and is very excited to be working at Glenfield College as she really enjoyed being an exam assistant at the end of 2021.

School Cross Country



Yesterday afternoon we held its annual Cross Country run. A large number of students competed in the event, in either the 3km (1 lap) course or the Senior Championship 6km (2 laps) course with a mix of tricky terrain, not to mention the daunting hill to start. As usual, the running/racing was of a high standard and the results were outstanding. A big thank you goes to the PE Department for all the organisation and preparatory work, to all student helpers and all staff for their involvement and help during the setup and conclusion of the event. Please click [here](#) to see pictures from the afternoon.

Results from the afternoon were:

Year 9 Boys

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| Callum | Seth | 10.38 |
| Dylan | Nixon | 11.13 |
| Henry | Newland | 12.25 |

Year 9 Girls

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| Tiana | Davis | 12.26 |
| Jesiline | Sinoj | 16.51 |
| Ashiline | Sinoj | 17.01 |

Year 10 Boys

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|--------|-----------|-------|
| Jacob | Freestone | 9.41 |
| Travis | Atkinson | 9.5 |
| Hayden | Legg | 11.07 |

Year 10 Girls

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| Zoe | Croft | 12.2 |
| Mikayla | Manukau | 13.47 |
| Nakansha | Nehal | 14.43 |

Senior Fun Run Boys

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| Eric | Choi | 11.25 |
| Marius | Nuttney | 11.3 |
| Mitchell | Atkinson | 12.35 |

Senior Fun Run Girls

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|--------|--------|-------|
| Sienna | Hunter | 13.58 |
| Micha | Hall | 15.56 |
| Sophia | Aso | 16.55 |

Senior Championship Boys

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|--------|----------|-------|
| Henry | Croft | 17.45 |
| Ashton | Nizetich | 20.22 |
| Hani | Mohammad | 20.23 |

Senior Championship Girls

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|---------|-----------|-------|
| Rebekah | Freestone | 24.33 |
| Jessica | Bickford | 26 |
| Leiah | Davies | 29.54 |



Upcoming Dates to Note

9 May - Mother's Day Breakfast - 7.30am Kaipatiki Theatre

13 May - Level 3 English Language Trip

16 May - MoE Teacher Only Day

17 May - Whanau Hui

19-24 May - Spirit of Adventure

25 May - Mentoring Day

6 June - Queen's Birthday - School Closed

24 June - Matariki Public Holiday - School Closed

8 July - End of Term 2 - 12.30pm finish



UPCOMING EVENTS

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Sport Report

Winter Sport has kicked off this week, all students and coaches are very excited to be back playing. Let's hope for a season with no disruptions.

Badminton – Four teams will compete in the Senior North Harbour C grade competition, two boys teams and two girls teams. A total of 32 students will take the court in Term 2 and play against other schools on the Shore. These games will be on Mondays (boys) and Tuesdays (girls) at Badminton North Harbour in Forrest Hill. A massive thank you to Mr Anderson and Mrs Cleaver for making this happen for GC and the students.

Basketball – Junior Basketball started this week (Wednesday). With a fresh GC singlet on, the U15 Boys enjoyed their first game of the season. Friday evening (Week 1), GC U19 Girls and U17 Boys will also have their first game. U19 Boys Basketball have a bye in the first round and will start next Friday (Week 2). Many thanks to Mr Tod and Mr Skelton for taking trials, training and organising over 40 students into four teams for GC. Your efforts are appreciated.

Climbing – Tristan Santos & Luke Oborn will compete again this Term after a second place finish for Tristan in the Term 1 event. Sunday, 22 May & Sunday, 19 June will see both boys test themselves against the best climbers in the Auckland region. We wish them all the best. Thank you to both Tristan & Luke's parents for making this possible.

Football – Two teams (one boys & one girls) will take the field this term. The boys will play every Saturday morning and the girls will have their games on Wednesday after school. The 1st XI Boys have a squad of around 22 players this season with Juniors invited to be part of the squad. With the future of GC Football in mind we would like to keep everyone involved who enjoys the game and will be a big part of the 1st XI in the coming years. 1st XI Girls also have a good number of around 16 students, half juniors and half seniors. Games will start on Wednesday in Week 3. The team are looking forward to their first game of the season after starting training over six weeks ago.

Hockey – 1st XI Boys and 1st XI Girls had a run out this week (Week 1). Both teams enjoyed a win with heaps of team spirit and togetherness shown by our GC students. The Girls felt and looked the part in their new uniform. Great work from Ms Allaker, Ms Scott, Mr Bonneywell and Mrs Croft for taking training and organising our students.

Netball – Team 1 & Team 2 are on the court this Saturday (Week 1) at Netball North Harbour. Our Year 9 team begin their season on Monday (Week 2) and our mixed team will start in Week 3. Good luck to all students involved and a big thank you to Ms Smith, Mr Tod, Mrs Kahaki and Ms Webb. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

Rugby – GC students will be linking up with Birkenhead College to form a composite team. Both girls and boys are currently training Tuesday and Thursday at BC with games starting in the coming weeks. A

couple of our students have also joined with Northcote College to play Rugby this season. It's great to see the local community coming together to provide opportunities to play for our students.

Running Club – Ms Williams has been a driving force for our students (and staff) to be out and about running the streets around GC. We are hoping to enter a team to the North Western Cross Country Champs in a couple of weeks. Well done Ms Williams and everyone involved in the Running Club.

Table Tennis – Wednesday lunchtime in the Funky Chicken Room is where you can find Mr Shen and a small group of students who enjoy this fast-paced game. The plan is to grow interest in this sport and enter players into a local competition. Thanks to Mr Shen who is very passionate and I have no doubt, that Table Tennis will grow in the next few weeks.

Water Polo – Games start this Term after a term of training. Tuesday after school will see our students competing against other North Shore schools in the pool at Glenfield Leisure Centre. Good luck to those students involved and it's not too late if you wish to play Water Polo this term. Please see Mr Dove in the Sports Office for more information.



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

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Nau Mai, Haere Mai

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