
School Newsletter Week 10, Term 3, 2022.

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Message from the Principal

Koronga

Purpose

He manako te kōura i kore ai

Wishing for the crayfish won't bring it.

Tēnā koutou e te whānau

After what has been an exceptionally long term, it is with genuine joy that I put pen to paper and write the Principal's report for our newsletter.

As I read through my collection of proverbs, this one resonated with me when I thought specifically of the Year 11 to 13 students as they receive their results from their recent exams, enter their upcoming two-week study break and prepare for the NCEA exams that commence in just over a month's time. Wishing and experiencing success are two completely different things. Hard mahi, resilience and a genuine desire to do their very best are the key ingredients. As I stated at assembly, students have an almost two-month holiday where they can relax. This time begins when they have their final day at school and put their uniform away for summer.

A lot has occurred since our last newsletter and congratulations goes to those students who attended Winter Secondary Schools Tournament Week and had an experience they won't forget. You represented Glenfield College with real pride.

We also managed to have our first Ball in three years at the Ellerslie Event Centre where I was genuinely surprised and conscious of just how tough the last two years have been for everyone and therefore, how much joy such an event created for all in attendance.

There is no doubt with Spring, Daylight Savings and the removal of Covid-19 restrictions, a sense of normality and returning to pre-2020 life is getting closer and closer.

I would specifically like to thank the Glenfield College staff for their professionalism and commitment to our students and wider community whilst navigating the last two and a half years. The students are very lucky to have such fine teachers providing the very best opportunities for them.

I hope you all have an enjoyable two week break, reconnecting with whānau and helping our senior students as they prepare for one last push before the NCEA examinations.

Paul McKinley

Principal



Please click [here](#) to view Glenfield College Hauora.



New Staff Members Welcomed



Pip Buddle joins us as our new Head of Social Sciences. She has eight years of teaching experience, specialising primarily in Geography and Social Studies. Most recently she worked at Westlake Girls' High School where she was the Teacher in Charge of Geography. She has a passion for the Social Sciences and believes she can offer the opportunity for students to learn about the world around them, encouraging values such as empathy by developing an understanding of other cultures. When she is not teaching, she loves to explore the outdoors, play sport & bake cakes. She is looking forward to working with the local community, and the wonderful staff and students at Glenfield College.

Kayla Paniora joins our school whānau as our new Student Wellbeing Centre receptionist. Prior to this role, she was an Assistant Customs Officer. She has a licence to drive boats and enjoys doing that on the weekends. One of her hobbies is watching Anime. If you have questions about some of the places she's worked, or would someday like to join Customs or work on a fishing boat, she would love to talk during lunch and intervals.

Cam Keepa is our new Physiotherapist who predominantly works at PhysioAction's Shorecare site, located in Smales Farm and at Glenfield College from 9.30am to 3pm every Wednesday. He worked for almost five years at PhysioAction before heading to Italy where he worked at the International Health Centre in Milan. Following this experience, he moved back to Melbourne where he worked for four years in the city and down on the peninsula. He returned home after the birth of his son and in 2014 re-joined the PhysioAction team. He has completed his Post Graduate Diploma in Rehabilitation which aligns well with his interests in lower limb and shoulder biomechanics, as well as ergonomics. He also has a strong interest in strength and conditioning. Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with family, all forms of sport, and continuing his studies.



Music Department Showcase



On 7 September, the annual Music Department Showcase was held in the Kaipatiki Theatre. During the evening, guests were treated to performances by talented students including soloists, groups, as well as the school band. It was an entertaining night full of fantastic music and quality performances from students of all year levels. Thanks to Mr Kus for his organisation of the evening. Please click [here](#) to see more photos from the evening.

Father's Day Breakfast



On 5 September, we held our annual Father's Day Breakfast where we were proud to have ex-student, Richard Hills (Auckland Councillor and new dad to Theo), speak to us about his journey to fatherhood. A big thank you to everyone that helped make this event a success. Special mention goes to Luke Gardner and the Prefect team, Ms McLachlan for organising the food and Rena Foolchand for the amazing floral displays.

Open Evening Success



On Wednesday 3 August, we hosted our Open Evening for prospective 2023 students and their whanau. The Theatre was full when the evening opened with musical performances from our talented students as well as a performance from one of our dance ensembles. These performances were followed by excellent messages delivered by Myria Vitale, (a current Year 9 student) and Nicole Patterson (current Year 9 Dean). Mr McKinley spoke about the school and held a Q & A session. Key staff were available to speak about their departments and several current students were present, showcasing their favourite subjects. During the evening, the Prefects took prospective families on a school tour that gave them an overview of the many opportunities available, both inside and outside the classroom at Glenfield College. 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.



International Week Celebrated



From the 10th to the 12th of August we celebrated International Week. Students dressed in cultural dress and took part in activities throughout the week to celebrate their culture. Well done to everyone that was involved.



Kaipatiki Sounds Music Performance





On Saturday 20 August, the local community packed the Birkenhead College Auditorium to enjoy another edition of the Kaipatiki Sounds Music Festival. The best music students, soloists and ensembles from three local high schools entertained the audience with a vibrant mix of jazz, pop, rock and classical music. Glenfield College was represented by the mixed choir, jazz combo, rock band and soloists, Cris Escandor, Celia Carter-Mills, Nate Carroll and Luke Oborn. The show was a huge success and our talented musicians were commended for their outstanding contribution to the performance. Please click here for more pictures: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/129130977@N02/albums/72177720301492230>



Level 1 Geography Trip



On the 7th & 8th of August, our Level 1 Geography students went on the annual trip to Rotorua. Here the students were able to experience first-hand the geographic environment of Rotorua. The students had a guided tour through the cultural experience at Te Puia and then got to see the Pōhutu Geyser erupt, as well as visit the New Zealand Māori Arts and Crafts Institute. Students had a guided tour of the Zorb Factory and learned about their sustainable practice. These learning opportunities were then combined with the fun of trying out the Zorb, the Luge and the Gondola. The students had a great time while also learning a lot about the area.



Year 13 Health Presentation by Richie Hardcore

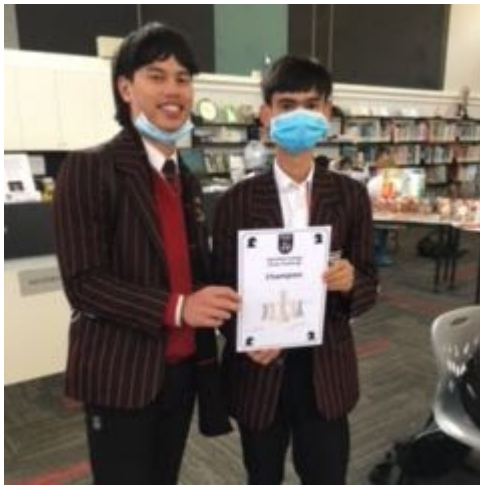


On 31 August, we welcomed visitors from the Glenfield Library to demonstrate fun games to our students. A big thank-you to Honour Zhu and James Dunning from Glenfield Library for the visit. The students enjoyed games such as Mū tōrere - a strategy game played by pre-colonial Maori and also Kaupapa Kaupapa - a Maori word game. Students also learned how to play Sushi Go which involved a lot of counting and understanding a sushi menu.



Chess Tournament





From 30 May to 3 June we held a Chess Tournament in our Library. Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Tournament. Our big winners were:

Champion: Jeremy Frigillana (Kaipatiki)

2nd place: Marcus Acebron (Oruamo)

3rd place: Marcus Sevilla (Kaipatiki)

Winner of the Zombie re-Match: Ty Smith (Tauhinu)

Donations Appreciated



Glenfield College would like to thank Vogels (for donating cereals and porridges), Griffins (for donating nut bars and chips), and Barkers of Geraldine (for donating fruit syrups and fruit pouches) for their recent donations for our Hockey team's recent tour. These amazing donations went a long way to keeping the team full and filled with energy. We truly appreciate the support from these great companies.



Duke of Edinburgh Adventure



On 25 & 26 September, our Duke of Edinburgh students headed to The Pinnacles to complete their Bronze Awards. Please click here to see more photos from the adventure: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/129130977@N02/albums/72177720302480062>



2023 Course Directory

Subject selection for 2023 students is currently underway.

The Course Directory contains valuable information on each of the subjects offered at Glenfield College.

You can view the Course Directory [here](#).

Students select their courses via the SchoolPoint portal.

If you would like further information on any of the information contained within, please contact admin@gc.ac.nz



Board of Trustees 2022 to 2025

The following parents have been elected to the Glenfield College Board of Trustees for the 2022/2025 term:

Jo-Anne Cowell

Leah Davis

Donna Kahaki

Nicole McNab

Stephen "Skip" Parker

Michelle Webb-Atkinson

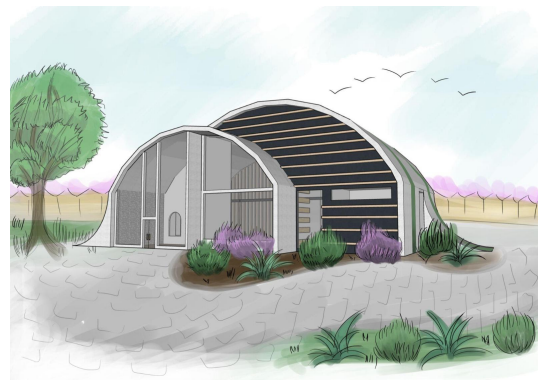
Glenfield College wishes to thank Neil Crooks who ends his term this year after serving on the Board since 2014.

Neil has made a significant impact on the school during his tenure on the Board. His expertise with property and his positive, can-do attitude has been very much appreciated. Neil leaves the Board in a healthy position and his presence will be greatly missed.

Technology Block Superstars



Tristan Santos - Year 12 student



Neal Francis Eriarte Castro - Year 12 student

Years 10 - 12 Option Choices for 2023

As of the end of Term 3, students in Years 10, 11 and 12 will no longer be able to select options through the portal and School Point. You can still view the options you have selected, but any changes will need to be discussed with your Dean. This will enable the school to start working on the best fit for the 2023 timetable.

Winter Sports Tournament



Tournament Week was definitely a highlight for all of us. Especially for the year 13 students - Mitchell, Henry, Braeden, Michael, and me, who officially ended our high school Hockey years on a high. The

week away at tournament gave each of us a chance to get to know one another and build friendships with people. We've all kept a close bond since and will share some great, lifelong memories. Big thank you to the parents and teachers who came along and gave us the best homemade meals and support system we could ask for.

Dylan Ravji #11 (Year 13)

Sport Report





As winter sport wraps up, it's been a very successful one. With some outstanding performances and teams showing pride and resilience, Glenfield College students should be proud of themselves.

Badminton – Four teams enjoyed playing in the senior competition at North Harbour Badminton where both Boys and Girls' A & B Teams finished in the top 3. Junior Badminton continues in Term 3 in the school gym. Contact Mr. Dove for more information.

Basketball – It was a tough season for our Girls' Basketball but they never gave up and with four year 13's leaving this year this team needs some rebuilding. Junior Boys Basketball had an encouraging season with some good performances and results. U17 & U19 Boys had a good season with both teams making the final in their grade coming away with silver was a great achievement.

Climbing – Our Glenfield College students (Tristan Santos & Luke Oborn) took part in the Auckland Climbing Series with Tristan finishing 3rd overall. A great effort from Tristan.

Football – Football Girls enjoyed a few wins and some close games and the team has said they will be back for some more in 2023 which is great. Football Boys improved with every game they played this year, enjoying a win against Mahurangi was a highlight.

Hockey – Hockey Boys and Girls had very successful seasons with both teams winning their grades. GC has a mixed team participating in the North Island Mixed Tournament in Whangarei at the end of August.

Netball – Netball Team 1 & 2 have enjoyed a few wins and a few challenges this season. Every Monday evening our Year 9 team and our Mixed team played hard in some challenging weather. Our Year 9's had some great results with improvements clear to see and the mixed team played brilliantly winning every game.

Rugby– Unfortunately, Glenfield College didn't have enough players to field a team this year, but linking up with local schools was an option our students took. The Girls' Rugby team joined with Birkenhead College made the final and did themselves proud. Boys Rugby worked together with Northcote College and Birkenhead College to make sure our students were able to play.

Running Club – Students have taken part in the North Western Cross Country Champs and the Road Race Champs in 2022. With runners training at least twice a week with Ms. Williams, this has flowed nicely into competing with other students from other schools across Auckland. The aim is to grow this sport and increase the number of students entering College Sport Events.

Table Tennis – With Mr Shen new to Glenfield College this year, he has done a great in running Table Tennis in the FCR every Wednesday lunch time and has good numbers regularly attending. We are hoping to enter students into the North Harbour Competition in 2023.

A massive thank you to every student who has represented GC this winter season and an even bigger thank you to parents, coaches and managers for helping make sport happen at Glenfield College.



Mental Health Awareness Week

Did you know one in six New Zealand adults experience a mental illness in their lifetime? Therefore, chances are someone you know or care about may need help. As this week is [Mental Health Awareness Week](#) we've included some tips and stories in this edition to help you build your own mental fitness and also how to assist others. You can also check out [what's going on around Aotearoa](#) by the Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand.



Important Dates to Note

1-16 October
School Holidays

17 October
Term 4 Starts- Day 6

19 October
Sports Awards

24 October
Labour Day - School Closed

25 October - Day 2

27 October
Arts Awards

28 October
Whanau Awards

1 November
Senior Prizegiving
Year 13 Leavers "Final Fiesta"



UPCOMING EVENTS

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



School Communications

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.



School Finance Office

Please be advised that the Finance Office is open from 8.30am to 4pm Monday to Friday during term time. You can pay school fees by eftpos or credit card at the Finance Office and Student Wellbeing Centre. As we no longer accept cash on-site, our preferred method of payment is via Internet banking to ASB Glenfield 12-3072-0723500-00 including the student name and/or ID number so costs can be allocated to student accounts correctly.

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