

School Newsletter Week 5, Term 4, 2022.

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Message from the Principal

"You've got to be in to win"

Yesterday I walked past Mrs Lobb on the phone talking to a student who hadn't arrived for an NCEA examination. She was explaining the importance of resilience, trying your best and having the courage to give it a go. She succeeded in convincing the student to attend and they arrived at the exam shortly after, to put their best foot forward.

Recently, there has been too much discussed in the media about all the things wrong with our education system. Part of the commentary is correct in that attendance and engagement (ie. turning up to school) is vital for success. However, at Glenfield College we are proud of our attendance on the whole and our numbers are far, far higher than those constantly reported in the media.

Attendance and the desire to do well in the NCEA examinations is patently clear for all to see half an hour before an exam begins. In many ways, there is the same nervous energy that the Black Ferns would have had last Saturday – excited, keen to get started, but also knowing "they've got this".

To our Year 9 and 10 students, I would like to commend you on the way you are respecting the Seniors as they sit their examinations, while also getting involved in all the school activities such as junior camp, volleyball etc.

Many events have occurred since the last newsletter, with celebrations of Arts Awards, Sports Awards and Senior Academic Prizegiving, followed by a farewell event for our Year 13 leavers. The community engagement has been outstanding and further reinforces that Glenfield College is serving its community. The students continue to be outstanding ambassadors and epitomise "Pride and Respect".

We are beginning to see the benefit of all the hard work that staff have put in over the past five years as our enrolment numbers are the highest they have been in recent times. I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support as we build the school on our vision of "Belong, Strive, Succeed."

Paul McKinley Principal



Important Dates to Note

Monday, 21 November - MOE Teacher Only Day School will be closed on this day for students

Friday - 2 December PPTA Union Meeting - School will close at 12pm

Academic Prizegiving Ceremony



On 1 November, we held our annual Academic Prizegiving Ceremony. The school was joined by 150 parents and family members to celebrate the academic achievements of students in the 2022 year. Retiring Deputy Principal, Mrs Anne Kabalin, shared her reflections on her time at Glenfield College. Congratulations to Dux of 2022, Cris Escandor (pictured here with his parents) and Proxime Accessit, Uma Lee. Please click here to see more photos from the assembly.



Congratulations to our 2023 Prefects: Sam Legg, Armah Churcher-Gill, Callum Neil, Ali Matrood, Karlo Bernardo, Luke Oborn, Jessica Bickford, Suria Vitale, Savanna Du Plessis, Vienna Lind, Rebekah Freestone and Sophia Aso.

Glenfield College Services Academy Bravo 22





On 29 October, the Glenfield College Services Academy Bravo 22 completed the Northern Region Services Academy graduation parade at St Paul's College. Jessica Bickford graduated as the top overall student of the Northern Region Services Academies consisting of 13 schools and 260 students. Jessica Bickford was presented with the Top Student Award from Commander Kerry Tutty of the Royal New Zealand Navy.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards



Congratulations to Sue Park and Sienna Hunter for being the first two students to complete their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards this year. The students have completed hours of sport, skills and service and the adventurous journey at the end of Term 2. We look forward to awarding more certificates and badges when the remaining students complete and log their hours. Well done Sue and Sienna!

Filipino Community Shares Lunch



Filipino students enjoying a shared lunch together.

Technology Block Superstars



RONGOMARAEROA

Jorja Snell - Year 10 student

Harlem Henry - Year 10 student

Important Dates to Note

21 November - MOE Teacher Only Day - School Closed
24 November - Junior Camp Assembly
26 November - Project K Graduation
28-30 November - Junior Camp - Shakespear Regional Park
2 December - NCEA Exams Finish
2 December - PPTA PUM - Early Closing of 12pm
6 December - Junior Prizegiving - 10am
Last day of School for Year 9 and 10 - 12pm finish



Click <u>here</u> to view the school calendar

Sport Report



We still have activities and opportunities available for students this term. Archery is back in action every Thursday after school, Fencing takes place every Tuesday straight after school and Table Tennis continues on Wednesday at lunchtime. Archery, Fencing and Table Tennis are all in the Funky Chicken Room. If you have any questions, please see Mr Dove in the sports office or email s.dove@gc.ac.nz.

Lawn Bowls "have a go" tournament was held on Wednesday, 16 November. Congratulations to Max Franklin, Rose Oborn and Riley Hunter who came in first place out of 12 teams.

Junior Volleyball comes to an end in Week 5. Our Year 9 & 10's will have had five weeks of

competition (10 games total) and 10 weeks of professional coaching provided by Adam Watson from Harbour Volleyball. A massive thank you to Adam for his help with developing our students. Adam will be back in Term one next year to help further develop our seniors.





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To see the latest sports fixtures click below





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School Communications

Please ensure we have up-to-date contact details. You can do this by updating them on the <u>Parent Portal</u>, 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.

Covid-19

While life at school has largely returned to normal and our attendance is high, we cannot escape the reality that Covid-19 is still in our community. It is therefore still important for you to notify us if your child will be absent from school due to being a positive case of Covid-19. The isolation period for positive cases is still 7 days, with your child returning to school on Day 8.

It is no longer a requirement for household contacts to also isolate, however household members should test daily for 5 days while the positive case is in isolation.

If your child is a junior student (Year 9 or 10) please complete this form to notify us that they have Covid-19.

If your child is a senior student (Year 11, 12 or 13) please complete this form to notify us that they have Covid-19.

With both junior exams and official NCEA exams looming, accurate attendance records are very important.

*********HOST FAMILIES NEEDED******

Glenfield College is looking forward to welcoming lots of International Students in Term 1 2023.

We are looking for kind caring school families to host them.

Have you got a spare bedroom in your home?

Do you love learning about other cultures?

Would you like to welcome a Japanese student in to your home?

Weekly payment of \$320 to cover expenses.

We have lots of opportunities to host Japanese students in 1 term.

Give us a call during working hours on 09 8361277 or click the 'Apply Here' button on our website or the 'sign up' button our facebook page.

www.lpstudenthomestays.co.nz



for International Students attending
GLENFIELD COLLEGE

We have lots of International Students attending our School in 2023 and need school families to host them

To apply please visit www.lpstudenthomestays.co.nz click on 'Apply Here' to be a become a host family



Caring Host Families needed for International Students at Glenfield College

for more information on hosting

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50th Jubilee 1972 - 2022

We would like to acknowledge all of the learners, staff and whanau who have been part of the GIS journey over the past 50 years

Monday 28th November

10.30 - 11.30am

Open day for visitors to have a look through the school and classrooms

11.30-12pm

Celebratory Morning Tea

12.10 - 1pm

Celebration Showcase

do you need help with...



understanding on your own



homework with others



assessments with teachers

Learning Hub

School Library | Tues & Thur | 3.15pm - 4.30pm

