

**School Newsletter Week 8, Term 4, 2022.**

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## Message from departing Deputy Principal, Mrs Anne Kabalin

When I set off on my teaching journey halfway across the world in Johannesburg, I did not ever think I would be writing the final newsletter of the year for a school. It is truly an honour to be signing off from my teaching career in this manner.

Glenfield College has been my home from home for the last 21 years. I have so enjoyed the time I have spent here, working with outstanding colleagues and the most honest, real and down-to-earth teenagers

on the North Shore. I remember my first day and the welcome I received from the staff as clearly as if it were yesterday, and I especially thank the members of the Social Science Department, led by Tony McCracken for the welcome and for the support they gave me.

I have been extremely lucky throughout my career to work in schools led by outstanding principals. Warren Seastrand, Ted Benton, CJ Healey and Paul McKinley are leaders who worked tirelessly to better the school and each have left their mark on Glenfield College.

I am privileged to have worked with some truly amazing colleagues. The staff at Glenfield, both teaching and non-teaching, have all bought into the Glenfield Way, our kaupapa, our way of being and doing, with its values of pride and respect underpinned by resilience, self-managing, aspirational, integrity and adventurous – or the skills and life habits we want our graduates to take with them on their life journey. Glenfield College staff all go the extra mile, or indeed ten miles, to help our students achieve their goals. Our school is small enough for each student to be an individual and for the staff to know their goals and targets, so that they can and indeed do, step up to help the students achieve these by the time they leave the school.

I have enjoyed teaching younger siblings of students who I previously taught at Glenfield. It has been very gratifying getting to know families of Glenfield College. Along these lines it is very heartwarming to see the sons and daughters of students I taught in my first few years at Glenfield College coming in with their parents to enroll at the school. The sense of family and continuity is clearly a strong driver in the decisions made by parents to send their children to Glenfield College. This is never more evident than on the sidelines of a sports match on a Saturday morning or winter's afternoon at the hockey turf catching up with parents of past students who are there to watch the younger members of their families representing Glenfield College.

The various Boards of Trustees who have governed the school during the last 21 years have all contributed to what we know and love as Glenfield College. I especially commend the present Board for their vision which has led to many improvements around the school and I wish them well for those which are planned for the future.

Our Junior students have just returned from their annual camp. This is a wonderful opportunity for these young people to be adventurous, aspirational and show and test their resilience. Mr McKinley brought camps back to Glenfield after a couple of decades and I am sure every student who went on camp will, on reflection, remember it as a worthwhile and enjoyable experience. Please see the photos and write-up on the 2022 camp in this newsletter.

As I sign off I am remembering the countless Geography trips to Tongariro, the hockey matches at Rosedale, the kapahaka performances at Polyfest and all the mahi which goes into preparing for them as well as the students and staff who made such events so special. These are the joys of teaching – nothing beats seeing a young person grow and develop into a stronger and more courageous version of themselves through the opportunities school offers.

I wish you all well and as an unknown writer has written "I thank you for your part in my journey"

Go well – humba kahle.

Kia kaha

Ma maruwehi ka rahiri

Anne Kabalin  
Deputy Principal



## Junior Prizegiving 2022



The Junior Prizegiving for 2022 was held in the Kaipatiki Theatre today.



Thank you to the parents and whanau who joined us to celebrate their children's success this year.

Special congratulations to:

### **Year 9**

First place: Tiana Davis

Principal's Award for All-round Excellence: Rose Oborn

### **Year 10**

Junior Dux: Nate Carroll

Principal's Award for All-round Excellence: Jacob Freestone

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## **Junior Camp Adventure**



Camp was so much fun. We did so many cool activities and I had heaps of new experiences. Some of the activities were more challenging than others, such as the magic gumboots, where you had to problem solve and use your brain to try and get everyone across the "pit of lava". Other activities were easier like eating dry Weetbix, eating lollies out of a mountain of flour and getting a cookie from your forehead to your mouth.

Thank you to Staff Bickford for coming out and taking us on a walk through the navy tunnels, this was amazing. Thank you to Mr Anderson for organising the whole camp and thank you to all the other teachers who came and helped look after us and lead all the activities.

Tiana Davis - Year 9 student.

This year the Junior camp was held at Shakespeare Regional Park where we camped in Te Haruhi Bay campground for 2 nights. The first thing we had to do was set up our tents before we could start the team-building activities. Some of the activities we got to experience with our groups involved problem-solving tasks such as raft building and catching raw eggs from over 20 metres (some people caught them with their faces!). We also rode mountain bikes on the beach and played a lot of volleyball and cricket. We had a lot of fun trying new things and being pushed outside of our comfort zones. My personal highlight was being able to build new relationships by hanging out and playing games with groups of people I would not normally spend time with or really talk to at school. Overall camp was an enjoyable



experience, and I would recommend it to all future students. A special thank you goes to Mr Anderson and all of the teachers who helped organise and run camp to make it as enjoyable as possible for everyone who attended.

Nate Carroll - Year 10 student.

Please click here to see photos from the camp: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/129130977@N02/albums/72177720304097651>

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## Duke of Edinburgh Adventure



On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 12 students set off on their final school trip for the year. They tramped for 5-7 hours per day through the Hunua Ranges, camping at different sites as they went. As part of the challenge the students had to carry all their food and tents as they went, meaning they all had full packs strapped to their back as they went. While on the trip students investigated the land use of the area and made notes on their teamwork and comradeship. The students who completed the Silver Award walked for 3 days and camped for 2 nights. The Gold Award students completed 4 full days of tramping and 3 nights camping.

As well as completing these journeys the students have been completing work in areas of service, skill development and participating in sports. The silver students have done 6 months work in each of these areas, and the gold students have done a year in each area and also volunteered in a week-long community project. This has been a massive undertaking for these students, who have shown true commitment and dedication to complete this challenging award. They are all to be congratulated and I wish them all the best in their future work.

I'd like to thank Mr Hill, Ms Kingon and Ms Croft for assisting in the running of the award and all those

who have helped to the students complete their service, sport and skill hours out of school. Your time and help were greatly appreciated.

- Luke Gardner.

The school would like to thank Mr Gardner for the time and effort he has put into the Duke of Edinburgh programme. This has given those students who have committed to the programme the opportunity of gaining an internationally recognised award. Congratulations to the following students for their achievements:

Silver

Luke Oborn

Lucas Palmer

Rebekah Freestone

Daniel Herbert

Savanna Du Plessis

Ayush Kumar

Gold

Cris Escandor

Henry Croft

Mitchell Atkinson

Heath Spicer (completing from 2021)

Zane Paki (completing from 2021)



## Technology Block Superstars





Angie Freeman (Year 10)





Ashiline Sinoj (Year 9)



**2022**

THE SCHOOL OFFICE IS CLOSED  
UNTIL 25 JANUARY 2023

ONLINE ENROLMENT IS OPEN.  
QUERIES TO [ADMIN@GC.AC.NZ](mailto:ADMIN@GC.AC.NZ)

**happy**  
**holidays**

### Important Dates to Note

- 6 December - Last day for juniors
- 7 December - MOE Teacher Only Day
- 31 January - Year 9 and all new students Powhiri
- 1 February - Whole School - Day 3
- 2 February - Day 4
- 3 February - Day 5
- 6 February - Waitangi Day - School Closed
- 7 February - Day 7

**Host Families Needed**



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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@gc.ac.nz).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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the school calendar

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Please note: NZ Uniform is closed for Training on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** from 1pm – 5pm and will be open as normal the following day.



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