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## School Newsletter Week 2, Term 1, 2023.

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## Message from the Principal

Tēnā koutou e te whānau

After a stuttering start to the year, it is great to be able to say welcome back! Our thoughts are with our Glenfield College families who have been impacted by the recent floods. If we have learnt anything since 2020, it has helped us all become resilient and adapt in the most challenging of times.

We welcomed our largest Year 9 cohort of 130 this week and the message was a simple one – we want

you to all be the best versions of yourself. Seeing so many Year 10 to 13 students return this year, proudly wearing the Glenfield College uniform, highlights just how many people want to belong. As I stated to the Year 11 assembly – everyone wants to belong to something. Glenfield College is such a place and it is great to see the community embracing the opportunities provided here.

Below you will see the new staff who have joined Glenfield College. We are so lucky to have the quality of staff joining us and adding real value to the whole community.

I encourage you all to check out our NCEA results [here](#). The provisional results are out and we are all proud of our Senior Students. Despite another challenging year, our achievement remains high, both above National and Decile 6 averages:

Pass Rate:

Level 1	88%
Level 2	89%
Level 3	92%

We have hit the ground running and had an incredibly busy start with a number of events occurring in the next few weeks. This commences with the Year 9 Whānau Welcome Evening next Thursday. This is an opportunity for our whānau of all Year 9's to find out more about the school and the opportunities for their children as they enter secondary schooling.

I wish you all a safe and sunny weekend.

Paul McKinley  
Principal



# Peer Support Leaders 2023



Angyang, Karlos



Bowen, Jewel



Cerezo, Kylah Criss



Concepcion, Earl Andrei



Gazzard, Serena



Hall, Micha



Marsden, Michelle



Newland, James



Ngatai, Pat



Nguyen, Tracy



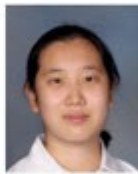
Nuttney, Marius



Olliver, Aston



Page, Gemma



Park, Sue



Seth, Emma



Smit, Christopher



Udomdej, Sammy



Wilkins, Griffin

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## New Staff Welcomed



**Jen Spencer-Bates - Deputy Principal**

I am delighted to join Glenfield College this year as the new Deputy Principal. Prior to taking up this role, I was at Rangitoto College leading curriculum, pedagogy and teacher professional development. My teaching background is in social studies and geography – as well as this, I am a passionate supporter of the Performing Arts, both in and outside of school. I live here on the North Shore with my husband and my 8-year-old son. I am really looking forward to meeting many of our students and whānau over the coming weeks and supporting Glenfield College in providing an exceptional education for all of our young people.

**Awhina Mikare - HOD Māori**

Ngā puke ki Hauraki ka tārehu

E mihi ana ki te whenua

E tangi ana ki te tangata

Ko Moehau kei waho

Ko Te Aroha kei roto



Tikapa te Moana

Hauraki te whenua

Whano whano tū mai te mauri

Haumia hui e , Taaiki e...

He uri tēnei nō Manaia kei Hauraki.

Ko Awhina Mikaere ahau.

Tēnā koutou te whānau whanui o te kura nei. My name is Awhina Mikaere and I have been teaching for nearly 20 years. I have taught all ages of tamariki in Aotearoa both in mainstream and immersion education. I have a passion for educating the next generation and for encouraging others to be comfortable in our country with all things indigenous. I look forward to meeting you in the future and hopefully teaching your tamariki at some stage.

### **Angie Lee - Biology**

My name is Angie Lee and I am a Korean-New Zealander. I have a science background in biology and chemistry. My goal at Glenfield College is to present science in an interesting and practical way, so students will enjoy learning. Through this method, I hope my students will develop an understanding of how science is embedded in all aspects of society – even in the simple everyday things we do.

### **Sam Feast - Social Sciences**

I am honoured and excited to commence my teaching journey with Glenfield College, a school that places its students and their whānau at the very centre of its focus. Before this, I studied history and political studies at university while working for many years in the hospitality sector. Here, I learned the value of fostering strong relationships in order to succeed as part of a team, something I hope to replicate with the students and staff of Glenfield. As a local myself, I am most excited about immersing myself in a dynamic community and becoming directly involved with the growth of its young people.

### **Michael Williams - Social Sciences, Physical Education & Health**

Hi, my name is Michael Williams, born and raised in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. My family and I moved to Auckland in early 2019 and have really enjoyed our stay so far.

I have previously taught in the UK, South Africa and most recently at Northcote Intermediate School on the Shore. I'm passionate about all things to do with sports and fitness and the outdoors and love spending time with our young family. I am looking forward to building strong lasting relationships with all involved at Glenfield College and doing everything I can to make a positive contribution to the school.

### **SuYen Harris - Teacher Aide**

My name is SuYen and I am so pleased to be a part of the Glenfield College community. I have had a varied background that includes hospitality, media production and child care. I am really looking forward to working alongside the students here at the college to ensure they have a rewarding and enjoyable school experience.

## Pōwhiri for New Students



On Tuesday morning all new staff and students to Glenfield College were welcomed with a Pōwhiri in the Kaipatiki Theatre. This was a special occasion as we welcomed the largest cohort of new students to Glenfield College in the past five years.

Please click here to see photos from the event: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/129130977@N02/albums/72177720305818961>

## Head Students Announced



A huge congratulations to the following students who were awarded these leading roles for 2023.

Luke Oborn - Head Boy

Jess Bickford - Head Girl

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## 2023 Peer Support Leaders' Training



On the 25th and 26th of January, our Peer Support team of 2023 completed their two-day training course with Ms Fan.

The training was an enjoyable experience where we learned a variety of kinaesthetic, visual and auditory activities to pass on life lessons to our new enrolment students. We learnt different skills to cater to the different learning styles and personalities of our students. The training over these two days has been filled with lots of smiles and laughs.

Focusing on skills that emphasised preparation and effective communication, we have thoroughly reflected on what we have learnt to encourage teamwork, both in and outside of the classroom.

We have pushed ourselves to be more proactive by gaining confidence in our abilities as leaders – something we hope to inspire new students to do as well, by getting them more involved and helping them discover something new about themselves or their peers – to grow and strengthen bonds.

Our team of 18 student leaders are excited to build positive relationships with the new Year 9 students as we help cultivate an environment where they will have the tools to adjust to life and thrive at Glenfield



College.

We've had such a great time watching each other be pushed outside of our comfort zones in a safe environment.

The Year 9 students will be paired with helpful Peer Support Leaders. We cannot wait to walk into 2023 as mentors for our new junior students.

Written by Sue Park in Year 12 and Serena Gazzard in Year 13.

Please click [here](#) to see more photos.

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## International Students Welcomed Back



This year we welcomed International students back to Glenfield College. Our cultural prefects did a great job helping out with the orientation day of our International students.

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## Students Visit Firefighters





During the school holidays, we took our local firefighters muffins to cheer them up and thank them for their service during the floods. They were so impressed they grabbed the kids including Haruto and took them for a spin around the block in the fire engine.



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

## Important Dates to Note

15 February - ID, Class and Prefects Photos

15 -17 February - Year 9 Hearing Tests

16 February - Year 9 Whānau Welcome Evening - 6.30pm - Kaipatiki Theatre

21 February - Leadership/Honours Ceremony - 2pm - Kaipatiki Theatre

23 February - Athletics Day

27 February - 10 March - Academy Induction Camp

14 March - North harbour Zone Athletics Day

15 March - Catch-up ID Photos

1 April - Relay for Life

6 April - End of Term 1 - 12.30pm finish  
26 April - Start of Term 2 - Day 3



## Sport Report

Sport at Glenfield College kicks off immediately with the Senior Volleyball and Senior Touch competition commencing in Week 3 and 4.

Training for Volleyball is in the school gym every Wednesday morning starting at 8:00AM. This will be taken by Adam Watson who is the development manager for Harbour Volleyball. He is a great coach and knows his Volleyball so we are lucky to have him help out.

Touch training will begin on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb at 3:30pm on the school fields (weather permitting). If the weather doesn't allow for outside training, we will meet in the school Gym for a quick catch-up.

Archery will start up again on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb at 3:30pm-5:00pm in the Funky Chicken Room.

Fencing will also be in the FCR every Monday from the 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 3:15pm-4:45pm. Table Tennis with Mr Shen will continue to be every Wednesday at lunchtime in the FCR, the first session is the 15<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Watch this space:

Lawn Bowls, Athletics, Tag, Running Club & Orienteering.

DROP OFF TO BOXES IN FORM CLASS  
OR THE STUDENT WELLBEING CENTRE

**FEB  
07-14**



# GIVING GOODS FOR GLENFIELD

To help those in our community who have been badly affected by the recent weather events, please bring as much as you can for our food and linen collection.

Drop off any food items (cans and non-perishable goods) or linen (towels, sheets, etc.) to the box in your Form Class or the box in the Student Wellbeing Centre.

See Miss Williams or Mrs Ogden with any questions or if you would like to help in any other way.

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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

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

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# do you need help with...



understanding  
on your own

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homework  
with others

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assessments  
with teachers

## Learning Hub

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

