

**School Newsletter Week 10, Term 2, 2023.**

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## Message from the Principal

Tēnā koutou e te whānau

As we celebrated Matariki with our inaugural Matariki Breakfast on Tuesday, it gave us all a chance to reflect on what has been a tumultuous year to date. It is with some reluctance that I watch the 6pm news or read articles online. There is just far too much negativity and not enough highlighting of the good news stories around the world or nationwide currently. As I highlighted back in 2020 when we first came across Covid - 'out of a crisis comes opportunities' and that is what we all need to focus on.

Being a secondary school student currently is incredibly exciting. With many shortages in our workforce, vocational and tertiary institutions etc. the opportunities are immense. A big focus is the topic of

'Attendance and Engagement'. For many of our students, attending regularly and experiencing the sense of community/support and quality teaching provides them with a sense of real purpose.

On Tuesday morning, as we welcomed Matariki with an early breakfast (6.30am), the number of staff (who worked tirelessly behind the scenes in the Technology Dept cooking or on the BBQ), the Kapa Haka group and the large number of students and families in attendance all highlighted for me the words '**whanaungatanga**' and '**community**'. So often I have have reiterated the phrase, 'a school's purpose is to serve its community'. Glenfield College is going from strength to strength in this area and is looking forward to building on this over the rest of the year and into 2024 and beyond.

We hope you all have a restful and relaxing holiday as the staff and students take this opportunity to connect with family and loved ones before we embark on Term 3 and the business end of the year before preparing for NCEA Examinations.

Paul McKinley

Principal







# OPEN EVENING



WEDNESDAY  
**26 JULY**  
6-8PM  
**KAIPATIKI  
THEATRE**  
KAIPATIKI RD

*belong strive succeed*

To apply online for 2024, please click [this](#) link.

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## Matariki Breakfast Celebration



On 27th June we celebrated Matariki with a community breakfast. Matariki is a time when people, whānau, and communities gather together to remember the year that has passed, celebrate the present, and plan for the year ahead. This celebration was a huge success and something we look forward to celebrating each year.

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## Market Day





On 16th June, we held our annual Market Day where our Level 1 and 2 Business Studies students showed off their skills. There was plenty of support from other students as a large variety of products were available which included all sorts of crafts and creations. Participation in Market Day enables students to achieve credits towards their Business Activity assessments and Mr MacLeod was very proud of the students for a very successful event. Please click [here](#) to see more photos from the event.

## Library Visit



On Saturday 20th May, a selection of our music students performed at the Glenfield Library as part of NZ Music Month. The group was led by HOD Music, Mr Kus, and the performance was enjoyed by all in attendance. The event was a huge success and the Library is keen to have our young musicians perform there more often in the future.

## Kaipatiki Sounds



On Saturday 10th June, our music students participated in the Kaipatiki Sounds Celebration which was held at Birkenhead College. It was a hugely successful night of music from the Kaipatiki secondary schools - Birkenhead College, Northcote College and Glenfield College. We were very impressed with our students and how they represented the school. Please click here to see our Jazz Combo in action: <https://fb.watch/la4CDdXrKn/>.

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## Spirit of Adventure Excursion





In early June I was given the opportunity to go on board the Spirit of New Zealand for a 10-day voyage. I was fortunate enough to receive a scholarship that allowed me to go. Before I went onboard I had two things that I wanted to achieve while I was away. I wanted to climb to the top of the mast. One of the first activities onboard was to climb to the top of the mast which meant I was able to achieve it. I climbed multiple times after that but not always to the top. One time we were sailing through a narrow passage at Great Barrier Island while a group of us were up there (the view was AMAZING!!). The other thing that I wanted to do was to see marine life. Over the ten days, we saw dolphins (three times), whales, penguins and stingrays. Our voyage took us to Waiheke Island, Coromandel, Great Barrier Island and Kawau before coming back to Auckland Harbour. There were other fun activities that we did throughout the voyage. These included sailing, afternoon swims (with the rope swing occasionally), lots of climbing (up the rigging as well as out onto the bowsprit), beach games ashore, sailing in the luggers, roasting marshmallows over a bonfire and going for a day tramp on Great Barrier. Other highlights for me were steering the ship, doing night watch, and hanging out with everyone as well as making new friends.

I would recommend this trip to you all as it is a trip of a lifetime.

- Written by Rebekah Freestone - Year 13 student

Ten fun-filled days on board the Spirit of New Zealand

Each day began at precisely 6.30am when we all jumped off the side of the ship into the ocean. What a way to wake up! Once we had rinsed off, we'd prepare for the day and have breakfast. After breakfast, we'd have what was known as "colours," a gathering of everyone on the aft deck at the stern of the ship. This is when we would be told what the plan for the day was. After colours, we would then move on to the roles that each watch had that we rotated through over the ten days. The first one for my watch, Port B, was "Specials," helping serve food and dishes for each meal. The second was food prep in the morning. The third one was night watch and cleaning the deck. The night watch was really interesting. In pairs, we would be in the wheelhouse monitoring screens that measured things like wind speed and direction, water depth, and anchor points. We had shifts of two hours all through the night. The final role we rotated through was cleaning the accommodation area in the morning. Once we finished, we moved on to the activities for the day. Over the ten days, we did activities like climbing to the top of the mast (28.7 m high), rafting in inflatable boats, a beach clean-up on Kawau Island, sailing both the ship and smaller lugger boats, and a day hike around Kaikoura Island. On night seven, we had dinner around a campfire ashore at Smokehouse Bay, Great Barrier Island. On the afternoon of day eight, we saw a whole pod of dolphins! It was so incredible to see them in the wild! We learned so much about being on a ship, like how to set the sails correctly so we went in the right direction, how to stow the sails away when they aren't required, and map skills. I certainly learned a lot about what I am capable of and how to lead in unfamiliar situations. I'd recommend this experience to anyone with a sense of adventure!

- Written by Michelle Marsden - Year 12 student

The Spirit of Adventure voyage is an experience that offers the great luxury that comes with a retreat from the hustle and bustle of modern life and its inconvenience. I enjoyed mostly the relaxation and quietness that comes with reconnecting with nature, scenery and the beauty of the archipelago. The problem that comes with everyday industrial society is the inconvenience of excess convenience, ironically. The Spirit of Adventure voyage offered me the opportunity to appreciate the simple luxuries of everyday life, and the drains that come with them - the incessant toxicity of news, endless scrolling of social media feeds, and the same ever-repeating environment. As for personal growth, whilst on the

voyage, a genuine development internally has taken place. Though I had not known beforehand about the obligatory jump into saltwater at 6:30 in the morning each day or the single allowed shower for the trip's entirety, I doubt I would have gone in all honesty. Though the necessity has proven to me that I as an individual am capable of this extent, pushing my comfort zone and tolerance. I made a reliable group of friends throughout the trip that I still maintain contact with since I returned. Even so, soon afterwards, I treasure the memories and experiences of the voyage and all that had happened.

- Written by Jack Embley - Year 12 student

Please click [here](#) to see photos from the trip.

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## Gateway Success



During this term, a few students participated in our Gateway programme at Metlifecare Retirement Village. The students reported that during this time, they developed their understanding of healthcare facilities and participated in a collective effort towards shared objectives. The Gateway programme gave each of them an opportunity for learning and

resilience. They were able to experience and witness the supportive work culture and work alongside the lovely staff and had the chance to see how different professionals within the facility carry out their work. The one-on-one interaction enhanced their understanding and perspectives on many things. This opportunity helped with getting an insight into what the industry is like and for anyone thinking of doing Gateway in Year 12 or 13, it's highly recommended. Gateway programmes are beneficial for gaining experience, making links and building networks with people, which can be very helpful later in life while looking for jobs.

- Written by Kriti, Ayush, Lucas and Kajal - Year 13 students.

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## Year 13 Business Studies YES Pitch Challenge



On 26th May, our Level 3 Business Studies Students shared their business pitches at the YES Pitch Challenge held at Shore Junction. Our students truly excelled, embodying the school values of Pride,

Respect and Integrity every step of the way. Our students' dedication, skill, and enthusiasm throughout their business pitch were truly commendable. Their hard work, creativity, and determination were evident in the innovative ideas and professional presentations they delivered.

## National Dance Challenge



On June 1<sup>st</sup> our Dance Troupes competed at National Dance Challenge. It was a great experience and our students represented Glenfield College admirably. All of our troupes received High Silver awards, and our lyrical troupe placed fourth, despite being down to only three dancers due to injury. A highlight of the night was watching the students from our satellite unit at Wilson School take part in the Dance Without Limits category. This troupe was taught by the multitalented Vienna Lind (Deputy Head Girl) and Makayla Claffey (Dance Leader).

## 'Hamilton' the Musical





On May 30<sup>th</sup>, Mrs Ogden and Miss Williams had the privilege of taking some of our Performing Arts students to see the world renowned musical, 'Hamilton'. Suzy Cato and the team at Spark Arena kindly invited us to watch the show and enjoy a backstage tour. It was a truly memorable experience being able to walk onto the stage and see the set up close after the show had ended. This was a great opportunity for our rangatahi and they will treasure it for years to come.



## Senior Drama Performance

On June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> the Level 1 and 2 Drama students performed 'Wheeler's Luck', a New Zealand comedy. The performance was a great success and the audience was in fits of laughter. One of the writers, Damon Andrews, attended, as did former Head of Drama Kathryn Whillans. Both praised the performance of our young actors.



# Sports Report



A huge thank you to all students, staff, coaches and community volunteers for all your efforts with winter sports in Term 2.



**\$15**

**FRIDAY 28 JULY**

**BINGO**

**NIGHT**

\$15 gives you 1 game card per round Eftpos Available

Extra cards and dabbers available to buy

**Doors open at 7pm**  
**Bingo starts at 7.30pm**

Kaipatiki Theatre, Glenfield College

**GC Mixed Hockey Tournament Fundraiser**

**Silent Auction**

**Dessert Stall**

**5 rounds of Bingo**

**Raffle**



Contact [bustedk9@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bustedk9@xtra.co.nz) to buy tickets

To follow @glenfieldcollegesport click below



To see the latest sports fixtures click below







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

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## Opportunity to host and be a buddy for a Japanese student in July

From July 24 until 2 August, we have 19 Japanese students arrive to be a part of the Glenfield College whanau. This is a very short stay intended to give them a taste of NZ schools and family life. It would be wonderful to have as many of these students hosted with our Glenfield students. If you think you may be interested in opening your home to a Japanese student please contact Julie Kilroy as soon as possible at [j.kilroy@gc.ac.nz](mailto:j.kilroy@gc.ac.nz). Students are aged 13 -15 and are able to be placed either single or as a pair. Host families will receive \$320 per week for hosting a student.

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## Teacher Aide Required

A position has become available for a Teacher Aide in our Learning Support Centre to help with:

- In-class support
- Literacy/numeracy support
- Reading and writing for students as required

The position is for 30 hours per week, term time only. Flexibility is required to meet the changing needs of the student and Learning Support team. Additional hours may be available on a casual basis.

### Key Experience and Skills

Experience working with young people;

- Ability to cater for students' varying needs;
- Excellent relationship-building and communication skills;
- Patience, resilience, adaptability and empathy;
- Support with behaviour/learning.
- Confidence with math at all class levels

Applicants will need to have the right to work in New Zealand.

To apply, please send your CV and covering letter to Gillian Hayward, Principal's EA –

[g.hayward@gc.ac.nz](mailto:g.hayward@gc.ac.nz)

## Important Dates to Note

29 June - End of Term 2 - 3.10pm Finish  
30 June - CoL Conference - School Closed  
17 July - Term 3 Starts - Day 1  
24 - 28 July - Academy Bush Craft Course  
19 July - Wairau Intermediate Visit  
20 July - Glenfield Intermediate Visit  
26 July - Open Evening - 6pm - Kaipatiki Theatre  
2 & 3 August - 2024 Year 9 Enrolment Evenings - 4-6pm  
7 - 11 August - Lumino Dentists  
8 August - Year 9/10 Parent Meetings  
16 August - Music Showcase  
19 August - School Ball



### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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## Online Payment Reminder

This is a friendly reminder that when you are making an online payment for your child, please include their name or ID number so the funds can be allocated correctly.

# Students Driving to School

We want to continue to ensure our students are kept safe when they are making their way to Glenfield College. We must be aware of any students who are driving to and from our school each day. If your child drives a vehicle to school, please either fill out the digital form below by clicking on the [link](#) or ask your child to collect a permission form from Mrs Newton in reception and return it to school with your child. It should only take you a few minutes. Please fill out this form even if you have completed this in previous years, as we need to have the most up-to-date records at the school. Your child will be issued a Glenfield College parking pass so that if they park on our top driveway we are aware of their car and can find them if need be. Please note that the top driveway is a shared space with Glenfield Rugby Club, and the Wilson and Wairau students also use this driveway. The privilege of driving to school comes with an expectation that your child will drive responsibly and will not carry illegal passengers. Digital permission to bring a vehicle to school is linked [here](#). it is mandatory your child has a parking pass if they are going to be driving to school this term.



**LEARNING HUB**  
**课后补习**

**WHAT 内容**

- 完成作业
- 找老师提问
- 向同学请教

**WHEN 时间**

- 周二和周四
- 放学后直到 4:30 结束

**WHERE 地点**

- 图书馆

# 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

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# Order Lunches

## new to ezlunch?

Quickly create an account to order lunch now.

1. Scan QR code to create a new account.
2. Enter your details to get started.
3. View the menus & click to add items to the cart.
4. Go to Checkout & pay.
5. Collect your lunch at 1.30pm from Quad Kitchen.



**THANK YOU for your ezlunch order.**

Curious to see what's on the menu? Go to <https://ezlunch.co.nz/schools> and search Glenfield College to view a sample menu or click here If you would like any help, please get in touch. 8am – 4pm weekdays  
09 475 5287 0800 EZLUNCH [hello@mykindo.co.nz](mailto:hello@mykindo.co.nz)

Please note that students are not permitted to have Uber Eats delivered to the school. We would prefer you took advantage of the above option instead.





## Glenfield College Uniform Available from 'New Zealand Uniforms'

**Store:** 19A Douglas Alexander Pde, Albany

**Phone:** 09 477 6300

**Email:** albany@nzuniforms.com

**Store Hours:** Weekdays 9am – 5pm, Saturday 9am – 1pm

**Web:** www.nzuniforms.com

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It's easy, set up an account and make automatic payments (weekly, fortnightly or monthly) in advance and watch your balance grow. When you are ready to make your Schoolwear purchases with NZU, your money is already available and waiting to be spent! Call or visit the store today to get started.

