

School Newsletter Week 9, Term 4, 2023.

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Message from the Principal

Yesterday we held our Junior Prizegiving ceremony which started 10 minutes late due to the strong number of whanau and parents that came to celebrate the success of their children. As it was such a positive event, I have taken parts of my speech as the base for this year's final newsletter.

2023 really has been a good year and it is a nice change that I am able to say this, after the challenges of the 2020s so far. This year has essentially been free of significant interruptions and it has been a really strong building block that we can launch from in 2024.

In February this year, we had the largest Year 9 intake in my time here as Principal. Already, we have matched this number for next year's Year 9 cohort. On behalf of the BOT and SLT, I would like to give a heartfelt thanks to staff for all they have done to contribute to this roll growth. Without their energy, professionalism and desire to have real impacts in the lives of the youth in our community, none of this would have been possible.

Special mention needs to be made of Mrs Spencer-Bates whose first day was also in February. She has relished the opportunity of joining the Glenfield College family and has added real value to the junior school. Year 9 & 10 students are so well supported and encouraged by Mrs Spencer-Bates, along with their Deans, Mr Jenkins & Miss Patterson, to be the best versions of themselves.

The word engagement is arguably one of my favourite words when describing what I see when I walk around the school. So often, as I pop in to see Junior classes, I see engagement by students who are willing to learn because their teacher is making the lesson interesting and relatable.

There are many examples of teachers such as this, however today I need to make reference to Rachel Colquhoun, Ernest Choromanski, Anna Williams, Gerald Shand & Tanya Black. Today is effectively your last day at Glenfield College with students in front of you, Ernest. We thank you all for your service and wish you all the very best with your future endeavours.

In the last two weeks, we held our Year 9 and 10 camps at Shakespear Park & Tarwharanui which was enjoyed by many. Teacher-in-charge of Outdoor Education, Rusty Anderson, did an outstanding job in putting together two great camps and none of that would be possible without all the staff who sacrificed their time and attending the camp at various stages.

We often talk about the word opportunities and making the most of these at Glenfield College. To all students, get more involved. You are the future of our school and too many of you are taking too long to get involved. The next three to four years is going to fly by. Look at how quickly this year has gone. My plea to all of you is to not have regrets. Get involved... whether it be Kapa Haka, a sports team, a school trip or camp, a service opportunity... live your best life now.

I would also like to take this opportunity to commend and congratulate a large number of the Year 9s and 10s here today. Almost four weeks ago we brought in the new cellphone-free school day rule. You have all done so well. You have found that there is life and oxygen beyond Minecraft, Roblox, Instagram, Tik Tok etc. The number of you playing handball, playing sport on the field/courts or most importantly, talking to each other, really is fantastic. Once again, it highlights how we can all do things and adapt if we need to.

To all students of Glenfield College, I wish you all the very best for the upcoming holidays. Have a good time, go outside, try new things, talk to other people. Enjoy the sun. Think about what you are good at. Look at the glass that is half-full. You all have positive traits. You all have good qualities. The key is to surround yourself with good people and make good decisions. There is an old expression "winners and grinners" – be a winner, it's a great feeling.

To conclude, I would like to thank and congratulate everyone here today. The school continues to grow and is always aiming to be the best version of itself. I am looking forward to seeing you all in 2024 as we build on this year.

Paul McKinley
Principal

Junior Academic Prizegiving



The Junior Academic Prizegiving for 2023 was held in the Kaipatiki Theatre yesterday. 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: Sophie Wood

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

Year 10 Junior Dux: Rose Oborn

Principal's Award for All-round Excellence: Tiana Davis

Junior Sportswoman of the Year: Hannah Freestone

Junior Sportsman of the Year: Stephan Swanepoel
Junior Arts Award: Bella Battye

Congratulations to all of our prize winners. Please click [here](#) to see more photos from the assembly.

Year 9 Camp



From 22-24 November some of our Year 9s attended camp. Here is what Teyla had to say about it;

Year 9 camp was awesome. We did many fun activities and got to get to know lots more new people. One of the activities that I enjoyed most was mountain biking, this is because I enjoy biking and I do it a lot with my family. I also liked that I got to learn new skills like how to jump your front wheel over an object on the floor. While at camp we went swimming in the cold water, which was so nice when it was boiling outside and we had been doing activities in the sun. Although we had a lot of rain on the Friday and last day of our camp, we are lucky that we had such great weather on the other days. I am thankful to all the teachers who helped create this camp and run the activities, as well as the teachers who

cooked all of our delicious meals. I hope to go to year 10 camp next year and have just as much fun.

Written by Teyla Cheeseman - Year 9 student

Please click [here](#) to see more photos from the camp and here to view the video: <https://youtu.be/53DudbM-oW8>



Year 10 Camp



From 29 November to 1st December some of our Year 10s attended camp. Here is what Bella had to say about it;

Long drop toilets, sleeping on the ground, no phones, sounds like fun right? Year 10 camp took place at Tawharanui and I had the best time ever. This camp put me in a position where I got to make new friends, take leadership roles, try new things, and get out of my comfort zone. This camp was such a new

experience that was so memorable, we had surf instructors to provide us with wetsuits, and surfboards, and even teach us how to surf. I enjoyed that activity the most! We also did group activities like archery and mountain biking, and even though I wasn't that confident on a bike, my team members made me feel confident. The best part was there was no negativity or drama. If you can go to school camp, I recommend grabbing it with both hands!

Written by Bella Battye - Year 10 student

Please click [here](#) to see more photos from the camp and [here](#) to see the Year 10 Camp video: https://youtu.be/xmId_NZa9Pg

Gumboot Friday & Bake Sale



On Friday, 17th November Glenfield College celebrated Gumboot Friday. Money was raised, kindness was spread and memories to be cherished till the end were made. Touch rugby was organised by Ricco, while treats were made by students, staff and whānau to sell and bring even more happiness to the Glenfield population. Abbi and Marli were baking machines, while Charity and Xiannah expertly put together the bags of kindness. Genesis, Ricco and the girls were exuberant fairies, making deliveries all day long.

The colouring contest was well received by the students, with the final winners being:

- Most colourful: Archangel Muthuthantrige
- Most creative: Abbigale Smal
- Most accurate: Cole Parr

Thank you to Tyler and Carl for helping to control the crowd and Issys for the help with cleaning up and packing up. The students then said a very heartfelt thank you and farewell to Miss Williams, and a thank you and see you next year to Mrs Ogden. All up, we raised close to \$1,000 for the I Am Hope Foundation, which goes directly to paying for counselling for young New Zealanders in need. Miss Williams and Mrs Ogden were incredibly proud of the effort of these amazing Year 10s who showed heart, pragmatism and diligence. Miss Williams feels ready to hand the baton of organising service events over to these 10km legends.

Written by Abbigale Smal.

Click [here](#) to see more photos from the day.



Important Dates to Note

- 8 December - MoE Teacher Only Days
 - 11-13 December - Prefects Camp
 - 30 January - Year 9 and New Students Powhiri
 - 30 & 31 January - Year 9 Digi Bootcamp
 - 31 January - Day 3 - Whole School
 - 6 February - Waitangi Day - School Closed
 - 7 February - ID, Class & Prefect photos
 - 7-9 February - Year 9 Hearing Tests
 - 20 February - ID photo catch-up
 - 26 February-8 March - Academy Induction Camp
 - 29 March - Good Friday - School Closed
 - 1 & 2 April - Easter Monday & Tuesday - School Closed
 - 12 April - End of Term 1 - 12.30pm finish
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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.

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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



2023 Yearbook



Our 2023 Yearbook is now available for purchase for \$25 from the Finance Office.



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2024

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED
\$380 per week

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Glenfield College has a great group of International students coming in 2024 and we are looking for amazing local host families. If you have a spare bedroom, a passion for learning about new cultures, and a talent for hospitality then we want to hear from you! We have long and short-term opportunities available. Please click here to find out more: <https://www.lpstudenthomestays.co.nz/>

Sports Report





The last few weeks of term have seen several students try a new sport and prepare for 2024. Four seniors decided to give Beach volleyball a go and had a challenging day at Mairangi Bay. Well done to Liv Aranga, Amber Salagan, Ruan Kruger and Angelo Bohol for going outside their comfort zone to try something new.

With around 15 Junior Boys showing an interest in Football this term, Glenfield College decided to play a local friendly game with Birkenhead College (see pictures). This was a success and has set up Junior Football at Glenfield College nicely for 2024.

With a successful North Harbour Competition for our Junior Boys Touch Team, Glenfield College entered a team into the Auckland Champs which was held at Cox's Bay Reserve in Westmere. This was a big day of learning as they came up against some very impressive teams. Our students are very much looking ahead to senior Touch in the coming years. With Whaea and Mr McMurtrie coaching our boys, they are in good hands, watch this space.

Lastly, a huge thank you to everyone involved with Glenfield College Sport during 2023. Your time and efforts are very much appreciated.

Mr Dove.

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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

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homework
with others



assessments
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