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Message from the Acting Principal

The sudden passing of our beloved Principal, Mr Paul McKinley, has been a difficult time for our community. Paul was so devoted to all of us - staff, students and families. I would like to thank the staff for the way they managed to continue to teach our young people during a time of sorrow, while grieving a wonderful colleague, leader and friend. I would like to thank our students for the way they have carried themselves, paying respect with honest and beautiful words in a book which will be passed to the McKinley family, and in the days following his passing with sports performances and cultural performances being dedicated to his memory. It was wonderful to have many families, past and present, as well as former colleagues and associates from the wider community who Paul had impacted in many ways, come into the school to pass on their condolences and pay respects in the memorial space that was set up to remember him.

While many of our staff and students and some families were able to attend the McKinley family service last week, we would like to extend an invite to our past and present parent and student body, as well as the wider Glenfield community, to attend a memorial ceremony which will be held in the Kaipatiki Theatre. This ceremony will be an opportunity for our community to celebrate the life of Paul, to share memories and to acknowledge the huge impact he made and legacy he leaves. Please see details below of the service. We ask if you could RSVP to help assist us with seating and catering arrangements.

Memorial Service for Paul McKinley, Tumuaki of Glenfield College (2017 - 2024) Friday 22 March at 2.15pm to 3.15pm Kaipatiki Theatre

Following the ceremony you are cordially invited to join us for afternoon tea where we can share stories and memories.

Please RSVP here.

As a school we will continue to uphold the values that are so important to us. We will continue to strive to be the very best versions of ourselves. We will continue to get involved in opportunities outside the classroom looking for opportunities for growth. We will continue to value and respect each other. We will carry ourselves with pride - pride for ourselves, our family and our school. This is what Mr McKinley would want us to do. We will miss him dearly, but we will continue to honour his memory, going bigger and brighter still!

We look forward to many of you joining us for the Memorial on Friday. Please enjoy reading what has been happening in the school over recent weeks.

Mā Maruwehi, Ka Rāhiri Michelle Cleaver Acting Principal



Farewell to Mr McKinley



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Honours/Leadership Ceremony Success



On 15 February we held our Honours/Leadership Ceremony in the Kaipatiki Theatre. Congratulations again to the following students for their amazing achievements:

- Neal Castro: Scholarship in Art Design and DVC
- Harika Konakanchi: Scholaship in Health & Physical Education
- Sue Park: Scholarship in Painting
- Jave Haven Lafuente: Scholarship in English and History
- Antonio Yelcich: Scholarship in Geography, History and Health & Physical Education. Antonio receives \$2000 a year for the next three years
- Nate Carroll: Outstanding Scholarship and Top Scholar in New Zealand for Music. This puts Nate in the top 0.8% in the country. He also receives \$2000 a year for the next three years. Most importantly Nate is also known as Top Scholar and came first in the country out of 1569 students who sat this music exam.

Special congratulations also to the teachers of these students: Nicole Patterson, Michelle Cleaver, Joshua Montreal, Karl Lee, Elise Huggard and Pip Buddle.



2024 Prefects Announced



Back Row: Cleo Francis, Mikaela Manasan, Emma Seth, Michelle Marsden 3rd Row: Angelo Bohol, Amber Salagan, Una Lee, Joselee Katiyo, Marius Nuttney 2nd Row: Sienna Hunter, Raven Tristan Pili, Jave Haven Lafuente, Griffin Wilkins, Teina Anderson, Micha Hall, Nyle Gill, Rusty Anderson (Teacher) Front Row: Caryl Elejan, Jewel Bowen, Sue Park, Paul McKinley (Principal), James Newland, Karlos Angyang, Nel Buco

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Congratulations to our 2024 Prefects including Sue Park (Head Girl) and James Newland (Head Boy).



Welcome to our new staff member



He has a real passion towards science and is looking toward day-to-day challenges. His favourite quote is "Life is what WE make of it".



Athletics Day Champions







Junior Girls Champion: Kayleigh Limu Runner Up: Sanskriti Ram Third : Honey Bowen, Aurelia Brockelsby

Junior Boys Champion: Joshua Hughes Runner Up: Eliezer Medina Third: Khejil Lacson

Intermediate Girls Champion: Tiana Davis Runner Up: Hannah Freestone Third: Teyla Cheeseman Intermediate Boys Champion: Stephan Swanepoel Runner Up: Jordan Weipeha-Reo Third: Jacob Freestone

Senior Girls Champion: Mikayla Manukau-Mailata Runner Up: Jewel Bowen Third: Jerusha Kutalele

Senior Boys Champion: Ty Davis-Hovell Runner Up: Nicolas Bacon Third: Travis Atkinson

On 22 March we held our Athletics Day. Please click here to see more pics from the eventful day.



Outward Bound Challenge





Jewel Bowen and Marius Nuttney (both aged 16) were the recipients of the 2023 St Patrick's Day Golf Classic Charitable Trust Fianna Scholarships.

This year, the St Patrick's Day Charity Golf Classic is being held at North Shore Golf Club on Friday 15 March. St Patrick's Day Golf Charitable Trust trustee (and Channel Mag publisher) Aidan Bennett put these questions to Jewel Bowen and Marius Nuttney, who did the course in January 2024, about their 21-day Outward Bound course experience.

Aidan: Have you done anything like this before?

Jewel: Yes, I have done Hillary Outdoors Pursuit Centre through school, where I got to learn and do cool activities. I also take Service Academy, where I learn about the environment and bush survival.

Marius: Yes, I've done Hillary Outdoors Pursuit Centre through school as well which involved taking part in a variety of outdoor activities such as caving, high ropes and team-building activities.

Have you heard about Outward Bound before you had this opportunity?

Jewel: I hadn't heard of Outward Bound before but the more I talked about it to people the more I realised they knew what it was and shared what they knew with me. They talked so positively about Outward Bound which made me excited to take part.

Marius: No, the first time I heard about it was when my teacher told me I had been selected.

What were you feeling before taking on the Outward Bound challenge?

Jewel: I felt nervous as I like having a routine and being surrounded by the people I feel comfortable with.

Marius: I felt very nervous given the duration and distance of the trip, but it was also a mixture of excitement as I had never done something like this before and I was very keen to meet new people and gain new experiences. In a few sentences please tell us about the Outward Bound course.

Jewel: The Outward Bound course is an experience I wouldn't pass up. Although you will have your ups and downs, the amount of adventurous things you get to experience and the friends you make are worth it.

Marius: Outward Bound was a life-changing experience where I learned a lot of new things, met a bunch of amazing new people and did things I had only dreamed of. I was able to take part in many activities that pushed me to my physical and mental limits.

What did you find the most challenging aspect of the Outward Bound Mind Body and Soul course?

Jewel: What I found most challenging was being so far from my family and not having contact with them (besides occasional letters), but also frustration with my group as I knew I wouldn't be able to leave or distance myself when annoyed or mad with them.

Marius: Being away from family for as long a time as we were was tough from time to time, but also overcoming my fear of water and learning how to swim was a big challenge. Still, I am very grateful to have had the challenge and for my friend for teaching me, because now I love to swim. I also found it quite challenging on the solo to keep myself company and keep calm from the many possums that visited me throughout the night.

What did you love about the course?

Jewel: I loved the friends I made (still in contact), as well as the stories I now get to tell my family, with many exciting experiences.

Marius: One of the main things I loved about the course was all the new mates I made and the deep connection we now have. I also loved all the new experiences and memories I made as I was able to do a lot of amazing things. I also loved the busy 'routine lifestyle' and the fact that we were all engaged with each other and nature rather than our devices. I loved all the food and also jumping off the jetty. I loved the location as well. (I loved everything!)

Has the experience at Outward Bound inspired you in any way?

Jewel: The course has inspired me to be more in touch with friends and family and be more aware of the environment. I've learnt not everything revolves around social media and what others think, and learnt how to care for my mind and body.

Marius: Outward Bound has inspired me to stay true to my values and to live a healthier lifestyle. It has also inspired me to see more of what New Zealand has to offer, and it taught me I can overcome my fears.

Would you encourage others to attend the Outward Bound course?

Jewel: I would encourage others, and though it is a challenge, it made me grow stronger both mentally and physically. It all depends on your mindset and how hard you're willing to work.

Marius: I would 100% recommend anyone to experience Outward Bound for themselves. Outward Bound is an experience for everyone!



International students at Glenfield College



Next Monday we farewell our International students from Shinagawa in Japan. This group have been in NZ on a short two-week stay, experiencing school life, living in a kiwi household and enjoying local excursions to the Zoo and University. We have enjoyed seeing their beaming smiles around our campus, learning about their country, and experiencing their culture. This week Whaea Awhina and students in the Te Reo class led a Powhiri for the group, and Mr McMurtrie and buddies played some Cultural activities with them including Poi Rakau and Ki o rahi. Thank you to the buddies and our wonderful host families who have made the Shinigawa students start so special.



YES Kick Start



On 14 February, some of our students attended the Kick Start YES event at Massey University. Congratulations to Kisha, Kadin, Gabriel and Blake for their outstanding performance in answering and asking thought-provoking questions during the session. Also, we would like to acknowledge Nyle for his active participation in the lecture group, where he contributed to discussions about business ideation. Well done to the Level 3 Business Studies group for their collective effort and dedication. Their entrepreneurial spirit was evident throughout the event, and we commend them for their hard work. Thank you to Quein MacLeod and Stuart Dove for their support during the event.





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Polyfest 2024



From 20-23 March the ASB Polyfest festival will be held at the ASB Showgrounds. It features traditional music, dance, costume and cultural speech competitions, and is one of the most recognised events on the Auckland calendar. It's a showcase of New Zealand's diverse cultures and a celebration of youth performance. Please click here for more information.



Glenfield College Worlds Robotics Movie Fundraiser



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Literacy & Numeracy Corner

As signalled the literacy and numeracy corner will have activities you can do at home with your children. Please see the below ideas:



Literacy Corner

Like a long-distance marathon runner has to build stamina to run long distances, reading requires stamina, too. In the 21st Century, people have become accustomed to reading headlines and bite-sized snippets of information. It is up to us as kaiako and whānau to help our tamariki build reading stamina.

Our children need to see us reading books, magazines, and newspapers. Take your children to the library and encourage them to take out a book to read. Read to your children, daily, if possible. Ask your child to read words they see around them, and ask them to explain what these words mean. If you don't know what a word means, show them how to look up the meaning and learn something new together.

Our Year 9 and 10 students are all enrolled in an online reading programme called Reading Plus. Every Tuesday and Thursday, all the junior students do Reading Plus during form class.

Make this a part of your routine on a Tuesday and Thursday evening and ask your child how many words they read in Reading Plus. Encourage them to do Reading Plus at home. The more they read, the more fluent they become. The better their reading becomes, the better they will do in every subject at school.



Numeracy Corner

Try this - NUMBER

Click here to Figure it out and try these four questions.



Gateway Success



The Gateway Programme allows students to explore their career of interest. Students gain customer service skills, learn more about the jobs and secure part-time paid work and apprenticeships in some instances. Some

of the jobs that students are interested in are Building Construction, Plumbing, Electrical, Teaching, Computing, Vet Nursing, Automotive and many more. It is great to see so many of our Year 12 and 13 students signing up for Gateway to gain work experience.







Registering your car if you drive to school

We want to continue to ensure our students are kept safe when they are making their way to Glenfield College. It is a requirement that we are aware of any students who are driving to and from our school each day. If your child drives a vehicle to school, can you please either fill out the digital form below by clicking on the link or ask your child to collect a permission form from Ms Newton in reception. 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. Please click here to register your car.



Finance Office

When making payments by bank transfer, please ensure you include the Student ID or Name especially if it is different to the name making the payment. We ask that you also include details of what the payment is for if it relates to trips or a specific subject. This ensures that payments are allocated correctly when first received.



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.



Click here to view

the school calendar



GIS Sports Day



Earlier today our level 2 PE students went to GIS to run a sports day. They taught a variety of games from Flag Football, Tapu Ae, Touchball and Turbo Touch. Our students did an amazing job, leading students through some fun and exciting games.

To follow @glenfieldcollegesport click below



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