

## School Newsletter Week 11, Term 1, 2024.

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## Message from the Acting Principal

I would like to wish all of our students and staff a safe holiday after what has been a very busy and emotional term and I would like to thank staff, students, whanau and the wider community for their continued support.

You will see in this newsletter just how busy the term has been, and the wonderful opportunities afforded to our students in the areas of curricular, sport and extracurricular endeavours. Our Physical Education and Social Science students, in particular, have enjoyed the learning outside the classroom, with camps to places such as Mount Maunganui and Tutukaka, tramps across the Tongariro Alpine Crossing and sobering trips to the Auckland War Memorial Museum.

I have been impressed at the attention and commitment witnessed in classes around the school, with students

working hard to ensure they are handing in work that they are proud of, to be the very best that they can be.

This term we have emphasised our strategic goal of 'Belong' in our school assemblies, encouraging our students to get involved in the wider life of the school so they can find their people and their place in our school. Over the holidays, I encourage you to talk to your child about what they have been involved in, in and outside of the classroom. Our challenge is for every student to get involved in at least one thing each term.

Good luck to our students who are attending OPC Outdoor Adventure Camp at Hilary Outdoors over the holidays and to our Robotics who are heading to the Worlds in Dallas. We look forward to hearing about these wonderful experiences next term.

Today we farewell the last of our Japanese International students who have been with us for the term. We wish them safe travels and hope they have enjoyed their time with us as much as we have enjoyed them being part of our school.

Michelle Cleaver  
Acting Principal

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## Celebration of Life







On 22 March, we paid our final tributes to Mr Paul McKinley with a Celebration of Life ceremony. We were joined by Mr McKinley's wife, Helen, his son, Cameron, and parents Ken and Helen, along with his brother and sister-in-law, Ross and Janice.

This ceremony allowed us to share our memories of Mr McKinley with his family. Year 13 student, Griffin Wilkins, spoke on behalf of the student body and Staff Bickford, on behalf of the staff. While obviously it was an emotional time, it was so nice to hear the stories and memories of the principal, colleague and friend who made such an impact on our school.

We unveiled a plaque dedicated to Mr McKinley and planted a Kōwhai in the courtyard in his memory.

We will continue to honour his memory as we strive to be the best versions of ourselves and his legacy will live on for years to come at Glenfield College.

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## **ANZAC Service**





This morning the school came together to commemorate ANZAC Day. Students passed by the Field of Remembrance which includes names of local soldiers and nurses who never returned home from battle. The Ceremony opened with a Karakia (Lord's Prayer) in Te Reo Māori by Maia Bickford. The introduction and welcome were spoken by our Deputy Head Girl, Jewel Bowen followed by our Head Girl, Sue Park. Guest speaker Commander Kerry Tutty spoke on behalf of the Royal New Zealand Navy followed by Acting Principal, Michelle Cleaver. Sophie Wood closed the ceremony playing the Last Post and Maia Bickford with the Ode of Remembrance.

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## New Staff Member Welcomed



Tyler Selwyn joined us as our new physiotherapist. She is originally from Northland and moved to Auckland to accomplish her degree in physiotherapy. Her goal at Glenfield College is to ensure students and staff have access to physiotherapy and she plans to use her knowledge to guarantee students and staff are educated about their injuries and to provide rehabilitation to help students and staff achieve their goals. She is available from 9-11 am on Wednesdays and Fridays in the Student Wellbeing Centre.

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## Duke of Edinburgh International Award Ceremony





On 6 April, the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Ceremony was held at Pukekohe High School. Congratulations to Mitchell Atkinson and Henry Croft who both earned their Gold Award.

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## CoL Sports Day



On 9 April, we held our annual Kaipatiki Kahui Ako Sports Day. We had students competing in Netball, Football and Touch from Bayview, Target Road, Marlborough, Windy Ridge, Glenfield and Manuka Primary. It was an amazing day where our Level 3 Physical Education & Level 3 Sport & Recreation students put into practice their coaching and leadership skills learnt throughout the term. A huge thank you to the umpires and referees for helping out on the day and to all the students who participated in some competitive and fair games of sport.

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## Level 2 Surf Camp - Tutukaka



From 2-4 April our Level 2 PE students set off to Tutukaka for surf camp. They had two beautiful days surfing at Sandy Bay while putting into action risk management strategies for their assessment. All students did a brilliant job and enjoyed the surf and the challenge. Please click [here](#) to see more photos from the trip.

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## Level 2 Geography Trip - Tongariro Crossing



On 17 March, our Level 2 Geography class headed south on a four-hour drive towards Tongariro National Park to complete the world famous Tongariro Alpine Crossing.

After an early, hearty breakfast on Monday morning, we were dropped off at our starting point to set off on our eight-hour journey. The walk started gently enough as we wandered through a valley at the base of Mount Ngauruhoe. We made our first stop at Soda Springs for morning tea and to mentally prepare ourselves for the infamous next step which was the Devil's Staircase. They called it the Devil's Staircase for a reason. It soon became evident that some of us were a lot fitter than others as we trudged up endless sets of stairs. Our legs were burning but we finally made it to the top to face very low visibility and 60km winds. Most of us were very



thankful that Ms Buddle made us wear multiple layers of warm clothing. After a walk through moonscapes and another push-up into even thicker clouds, the red crater came into view. With perfect timing, the clouds cleared and we were treated to a stunning view down over the aqua-blue Emerald Lakes. We were slipping and sliding down the loose gravel and there we stopped for lunch and to take data for our assessment. The walk was mostly downhill from then on. We continued our descent down the side of the mountain, into lush bushes and along riverbanks hoping the track would end every turn we took. We had to push through to make our 3.30pm bus pick-up time, and we achieved this in the nick of time as the last weary walker got on the bus at 3.32pm. We headed back to camp, tired, sore and with heavy legs, but also with a sense of accomplishment as we had conquered one of Aotearoa's great walks.

On behalf of the Level 2 Geography students, we'd like to say thank you to Ms Buddle for organising the trip, being a packhorse on the walk and to our Dean, Mr. Feast for accompanying us and lifting our spirits when most of us were about to give up on the track.

Written by Ayesh Virtudazo - Year 12 student

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## Level 1 History Trip - Auckland Museum



On 26 March, the Level 1 History classes visited the Auckland War Memorial Museum as part of their first internal assessment. The students were completing a research assessment on how Auckland commemorated and remembered World War I. We discussed how the museum was built to be a memorial to the dead of Auckland and the architects took inspiration from being soldiers posted in Greece to equate the war with legendary ancient battles. Students were also able to explore the museum to enrich their historical understanding.

# Relay For Life



On 6 April Glenfield College hit the Relay For Life track for the sixth time. Forty-six motivated students took on the challenge of replicating the cancer journey by completing twelve hours of walking, running, skipping and supporting the kaupapa set by The Cancer Society.

At the time of writing, we had raised \$7,837.94, not too far off our goal of \$10,000. With a bake sale still to come in Term 2 and students being able to fundraise for a bit longer, we're sure to hit that target. If you'd still like to donate, please click the QR code below.

Every single Glenfield College student in attendance embodied the school values, with a few standout students who must be recognised and thanked for their efforts:

- Travis Atkinson: ran his first non-stop marathon in a time of 3 hours and 47 minutes
- Levi Taylor: performed admirably in the talent quest
- Jacob Freestone (AKA Santa): kept morale up with his enthusiasm throughout the event
- Nate Carroll: kept the Instagram communication alive and well in the lead up to the event and took the initiative to create a video documenting the day
- Teina Anderson: led our opening karakia with dignity and grace

Thank you very much to all of the staff and caregivers who helped out with the successful running of the day (and for providing some very much appreciated baking!).

Looking forward to seeing you all at the bake sale in Term 2!

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



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## Neurodiversity Week





From 18-24 March, we celebrated Neurodiversity Week. During the week our students took part in various activities. Please click here to view a slideshow of Neurodiversity: [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1V7bOJxVE9TIF\\_6NfuT1dDwe8dvbLB88M9ewQv8cto\\_l/edit#slide=id.p](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1V7bOJxVE9TIF_6NfuT1dDwe8dvbLB88M9ewQv8cto_l/edit#slide=id.p)

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## PolyFest







On 20 March, our Kapa Haka group performed at the 2024 PolyFest. They did the school proud with an amazing performance in honour of Mr McKinley. Please click [here](#) to see more pictures from the event.

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## Year 9 Easter Egg Hunt






On 28 March, Year 9 students enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt. Charlotte Lilly and Johnson Zhu won the biggest prizes - a giant Easter bunny each. Please click [here](#) for more photos from the event.

## Numeracy & Literacy Corner

**There is literacy...**

		
<p><b>In Mathematics and Statistics,</b> when making sense of word problems and explaining answers.</p>	<p><b>In Science, when using</b> formal and technical language in a lab report.</p>	<p><b>In Drama, when reading and</b> rehearsing lines from a script for a performance.</p>

There is no denying that the ability to read underlies every single subject students study at school. Reading well is an indicator of future success, whether at university or in the workplace. It is everyone's responsibility to help our teenagers read well. The Internet has a lot of information to help parents help their children. You can

read an article about Literacy for teenagers [here](#). Everyone needs to relax during the holidays, but it is also the perfect time to do some reading. Take your teenager to the library, get a library card, and encourage them to take a book out for the holidays. Let your children see you reading - when you model good reading behaviour, your children will copy you. Read aloud to your children - if they are reluctant to have a whole book read to them, make a point of reading one news article aloud to them every day. Every little bit counts. There is a wonderful story about a daughter who was read to by her father every night from when she was nine years old until she left for college at 18. [Read it here](#). Alice, the daughter, eventually wrote a book about their nightly reading routine, called The Reading Promise. You don't have to be the best reader; the time spent with your son or daughter will be priceless, and you will be surprised that you discover all sorts of things together.

**There is numeracy...**

		
<b>In Visual Arts, when using reflections, rotations, and enlargements to create a design.</b>	<b>In English, when understanding statistics in a piece of reading.</b>	<b>In PE, when measuring out distances for races, estimating and calculating speed of the runner.</b>

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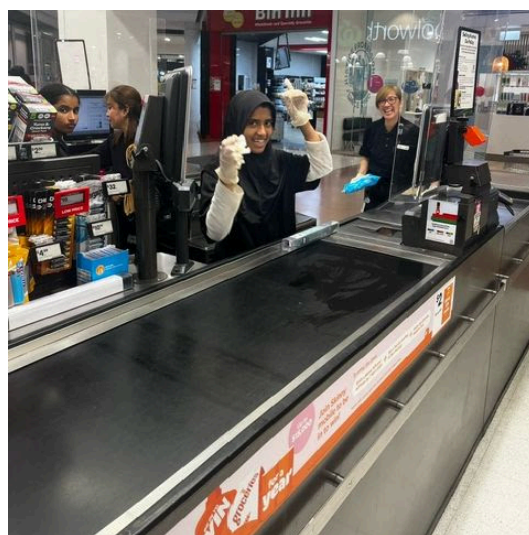
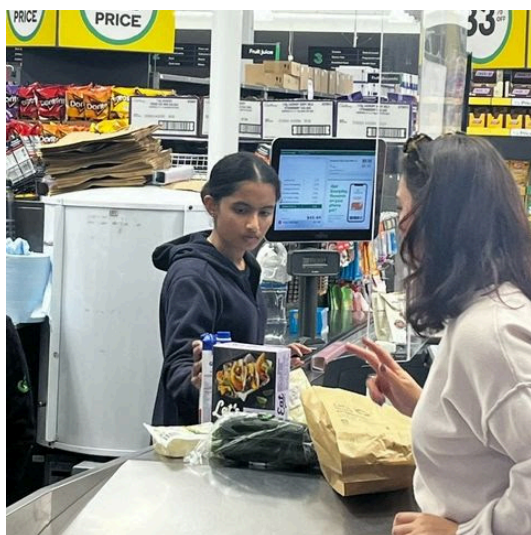
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## Gateway Success



Our Gateway students have had a fulfilling term and have gained experience in the world of work on the Gateway Programme. Students are also attending short taster courses during the two-week holiday break. Some of the courses included adventure tourism, bungee jumping, flight attending, computer software and hardware, barista/mocktails and beauty courses. Many students are enjoying their Gateway work experience this term and their employers have complimented them on their excellent work ethic.





# School Nurse Position Available

Glenfield College is a co-educational secondary school with a roll of approximately 700 students. Applications are sought for a Registered Nurse in our Student Wellbeing Centre to assist our First Aid provider.

This new role is part-time (12 hours per week), term-time only, commencing on 29 April (start of Term 2). Hours of work are negotiable but would be best over three days. There is scope for this role to increase in the future.

Terms of employment, including remuneration, are as per the Support Staff in Schools Collective Agreement 2022-2024.

The position will include tasks such as:

- Ensuring the Student Wellbeing Centre is a welcoming safe space for students;
- Assessing all students who require medical treatment, making referrals where required;
- Monitor and administer medication and health plans;
- Promoting all available health services, liaising as required;
- Reviewing new students health records to identify health needs;
- Identify and refer any at risk students;
- Assist students to make responsible decisions regarding their own health;
- Assist with medical emergencies;
- Maintain and update register of all visits;
- Working with the other members of our Wellbeing team to deliver holistic wellbeing services and support to our students and staff;
- Maintain accurate details within our Student Management System;
- Provide support for team members, as required.

The successful applicant will have:

- A current practicing certificate;
- Empathy, tolerance and diplomacy;
- The ability to remain calm and in control;
- A proven history of working with young people;
- Attention to detail;
- The ability to work both independently and collaboratively as a team;
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills – verbal and written;
- Excellent computer skills;
- A can-do attitude;
- The ability to maintain confidentiality per College policies, procedures & MoE guidelines.

You must be eligible to work in New Zealand to apply for this position. Appointment is subject to a satisfactory police vet.

Applications close on 19 April 2024. To apply, please click here: <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/74939127>



## Year 13 Technology Block Superstars

Micha Hall

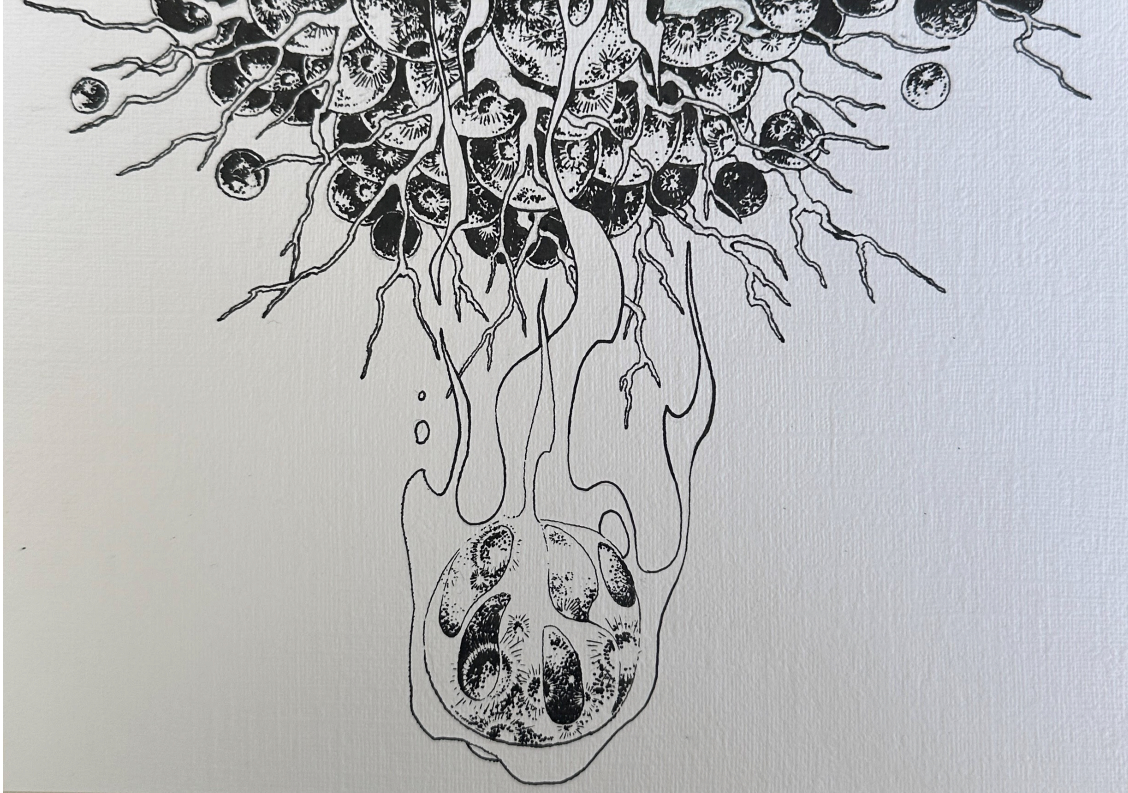


Yasmine Atkinson



Betty Li





Jack Embley



## Important Dates to Note

21-26 April - Hillary Outdoors OPC

29 April - First Day of Term 2 - Day 6

2 May - Cross Country

6-10 May - Services Academy - Basic Leaders Course

7 May - Pōwhiri for new students



16 & 17 May - YES Business Challenge Workshop  
3 June - King's Birthday - School Closed  
10-14 April - Services Academy - Bushcraft  
11 April - Level 1 History Trip - Rangitoto College

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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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## Sports Report







### **Volleyball**

For the first time in a few years, Glenfield College had two volleyball teams compete at the Senior Auckland Champs in the middle of March. In Week 7, both our senior boys' and girls' volleyball teams went away for three days to compete at the Auckland Volleyball Championships. We had the chance to compete and test ourselves with some of the best teams in Auckland. Overall, we had a lot of fun watching, refereeing and most importantly playing our games. Well done to all students involved and on behalf of all the Volleyballers, thank you to Ms. Smith and Ms. Black for coaching and helping us this season.

Written by Angelo Bohol – Volleyball Captain.

### **Fencing**

In January, Rose O'Boon attended the Fencing National Development Camp which was held at Macleans College which gathered more than 100 fencers throughout the country. Rose was selected as part of the North Island Regional team and competed at the New Zealand Junior Fencing Championship. The team gained a bronze medal. Congratulations to Rose for gaining the first fencing national medal and representing Glenfield College.

### **Yachting**

Rose O'Boon & Riley Hunter did very well and snuck in for a 3rd placed mixed placing. Their best result was a 2nd place in the final race of the day. Points were very tight at the top of the table but they just got through on count back. A big turnout - (the largest yet) and with 22 Fevas in their class. It was great to see Glenfield College get a medal and well done to Rose & Riley.

### **Term 2**

Winter sport kicks off with Netball, Hockey, Football, Basketball, Badminton, Table Tennis and Rugby all available for Glenfield College students to enjoy. Please email Mr Dove if you have any queries - [s.dove@gc.ac.nz](mailto:s.dove@gc.ac.nz)

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