
School Newsletter Week 8, Term 4, 2024

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Message from the Principal

Today we hold our Junior Prize-giving and celebrate the successes of 2024.

Preparing for the prize-giving, as a Principal I ask myself WHY are we here?

My father came to New Zealand from India when he was 11 years old, without any family, on a boat which took him three months to get here. He went to school for a few years and then started working at the age of 15 to build a future for himself.

But more importantly, he was building a foundation for his future family. My father's WHY involved huge sacrifice over the years. He worked hard, doing long hours to enable a better future for me, compared with the one he could imagine for himself. I know that you as parents and whānau make enormous sacrifices so that you too also imagine a better future for your children than you imagined for yourselves.

As I reflect on this, I consider our WHY here at Glenfield College. We have whānau and staff working hard and providing so many opportunities for our students. There are so many things that the school does over a school year that I cannot possibly list them all here today. The staff and school are determined to provide opportunities and experiences so your children, our students, have a better future than WE imagined for ourselves.

To our hard-working teaching staff and support staff. Thank you all for your commitment to the students at our kura. Our school roll continues to grow and our Year 9 intake for 2025 has already exceeded Ministry and our predictions. Your energy, professionalism and commitment to providing opportunities to enhance the lives of our young people in this great community is reflected in this significant roll growth.

Thank you to the Board of Trustees, for the support you give in governing the school and providing the leadership that you do. As a principal, it is reassuring to have a strong Board who are so supportive and allow us to exercise initiatives for the benefit of our students.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the warm welcome that I have received since arriving at Glenfield College in September. It has been a wonderful feeling to return home to Glenfield and I am so excited to begin this next part of my leadership journey with you all.

My first impressions:

- Great staff who are passionate and dedicated.
- A great Senior Leadership Team.
- Amazing and dedicated students.
- Strong pathways with a focus on individuals.
- Great facilities and two key building projects starting soon that will enhance the learning opportunities for our students – B block refurbishment and the Gymnasium rebuild.
- A warm and supportive community who care deeply about this school and the aspirations of their young people.
- We are the school of choice for our community, and this is reflected in the significant roll growth that we are experiencing.

These are just some of the things that make this a great school.

Two weeks ago, I had the opportunity to visit our junior camp held at Tawharanui. Thank you to Mr Rusty Anderson for your leadership of the camps and to the staff who attended. It was great to see so much engagement from our students and staff and to see how much they were enjoying the experience.

To all our students, thank you so much for making this school so great. As you embark on the summer break, I would like to encourage you to “be where your feet are”. Have a great summer break, make good decisions, look after each other, do the dishes, make your own beds, put down your phones, read a book and enjoy the holidays.



Rakesh Govind
Principal



Junior Prizegiving



The Junior Prizegiving for 2024 was held in the Kaipatiki Theatre earlier today.

Thank you to the parents and whānau who joined us to celebrate their children's success this year.

Special congratulations to:

Year 9

First place: Johnson Zhu

Principal's Award for All-round Excellence: Aurelia Brockelsby

Year 10

Junior Dux: Sophie Wood

Principal's Award for All-round Excellence: Teyla Cheeseman

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

Business Studies Tip Top Trip



On the 25th and 27th of November, our amazing Year 10 Commerce class, joined by our wonderful international students, had the privilege of visiting the Tip Top Factory. It was an incredible experience where students gained valuable insights into production methods and internal business operations while enjoying some delicious ice cream.

Year 10 Drama Production



On Tuesday, 3 December, our Year 10 Drama presented a shortened version of Shakespeare's Macbeth to staff, family and friends in the Kaipatiki Theatre. The cast told the dark tragedy of the rise and fall of Macbeth and his 'field-like queen'. They portrayed Kings, Queens, lords, soldiers, murderers, ghosts and witches – to mystify and horrify the audience. Thank you to the cast and crew who put in many hours rehearsing, and to our audience who attended. Please click [here](#) to see more photos from the performance.

Junior Sports Afternoon



Yesterday afternoon our Junior students participated in a sports afternoon on the fields. Thanks to everyone involved that made the afternoon such a huge success. Please click [here](#) to see more photos from the afternoon.

Student Librarians End of Year Celebration



On Wednesday Mrs Vosloo provided a delicious lunch for our student librarian team to thank them for their dedication and hard work this year keeping the library operating so that everyone can use it each day. Staff from Glenfield Library, Mr Govind and Mrs Spencer-Bates also attended to recognise Mrs Vosloo and the student librarian's efforts and their service to the school.



2024 Yearbook



This is now available for purchase from the Finance Office or online payment for \$30. Please call the office on 09 444 9066 if you have any questions.

Important Dates to Note

28 January 2025 - New Year 9 and all new students first day

29 January - Day 3 - Whole School

30 January - Day 4

31 January - Day 5

4 February - Sports sign up

5 February - Class, ID & Prefects Photos

6 February - Waitangi Day - School Closed

7 February - School Closed
11 February - Clubs sign up
Year 9 Whānau Welcome Evening
13 February - Honours/Leadership Assembly - 1.30pm
14 February - Athletics Day



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



Sports Report



Both Junior Boys & Junior Girls Volleyball headed off to the Junior Auckland Volleyball Championships midway through Term 4. A competition featuring schools from all over the super-city. The first two days of pool play saw teams graded into three divisions, with the Boys narrowly missing out on qualifying for Division 1. They re-grouped however, and made a run right through to the Semi-Finals, where they unfortunately came unstuck against Long Bay, eventually finishing 4th in Division 2, and 20th in Auckland. The Girls faced a tough pool and qualified for Division 3, where they made a run through to the Quarterfinals, before eventually placing 7th in Division 3.

The Junior Boys followed up a week later, heading to the Junior North Islands Volleyball Championships. A four-day tournament was held again at Bruce Pulman Arena in Takanini. This time, they placed in Division 3 due to it being a first-time entry, more than holding their own against high-level opposition. After a dominant pool stage, in which they placed 1st, including overcoming rivals Long Bay, a Quarterfinal crossover against a very strong Wellington College, saw Glenfield on the wrong side of a nail-biting three-set classic, before ending up placing 7th in the Division.

Futsal fell victim to the weather in Week 6 due to the hall flooding, meaning a revised schedule. However, as we move into the final week of competition, there are Glenfield teams in the final, the Bronze match, and the 5th & 6th play-off! Certainly, this was a successful first iteration of the school's Futsal programme.

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Te Kura Summer School

Te Kura Summer School Registrations now open Te Kura accepts short-term registrations over the summer break. Te Kura Summer School is a learning programme available for eligible ākonga (students) who require up to 12 NCEA credits to progress to further study, training, or employment. Please click here to register: <https://www.tekura.school.nz/summer-school-registration/>

School Docs Reviews

As previously notified, we use the services of SchoolDocs to manage our school policies, updating them to reflect current legislation.

The following policies are up for review this term and parents are invited to have their say:

- Managing Income and Expenditure (Board)
- Financial Conflicts of Interest (Board)
- School Donations and Student Activity Payments/Attendance Dues and Other Income
- Expenditure
- Asset Management and Protection (Board)
- Property Planning and Maintenance
- Prevention of Bribery, Corruption, Fraud and Theft

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<https://gc.schooldocs.co.nz/Logon.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

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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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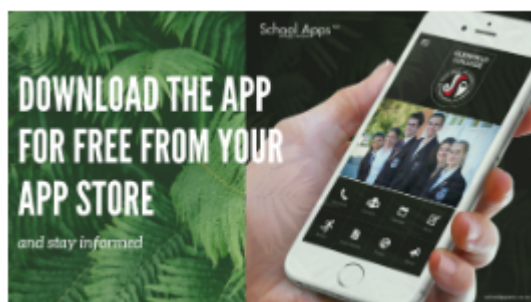
homework
with others



assessments
with teachers

Learning Hub

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





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