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School Newsletter Week 9, Term 2, 2025.

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27th June 2025

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Message from the Principal

As we come to the end of another busy and productive term, I'd like to take a moment to thank all our students, staff, and families for your continued support, dedication, and partnership.

This term has been filled with meaningful learning, creative achievements, and strong community connections. From academic progress to cultural celebrations, it has been heartening to see our school values reflected in the many ways our students have engaged and grown.

Celebrating Student Achievement, Wellbeing, and Community at Glenfield College

Student Achievement and Academic Progress

Earlier this month, Glenfield College hosted parent-teacher interviews for our Year 11–13 students, offering an important opportunity to strengthen the connection between home and school. These conversations play a key role in supporting student success by fostering a shared understanding of academic progress, learning goals, and aspirations.

Held on Thursday, 5 June, the interviews were well-attended by whānau, with many expressing appreciation for the chance to engage directly with teachers. It was heartening to see parents and caregivers involved in thoughtful discussions about student learning. These meaningful interactions help us to celebrate progress, identify areas of need early, and work together to guide our students towards a successful future.

Wellbeing Through the Arts

On Wednesday, 18 June, our senior drama students took to the stage with their original production *The London Operation*. The performance was a wonderful showcase of creativity, collaboration, and dedication. Students impressed the audience with their acting, technical skills, and teamwork, making the evening a memorable one.

A special thank you to Mrs. Ogden and all those involved—on stage and behind the scenes—for delivering a high-quality production that highlighted the talent within our Performing Arts programme. It was a fantastic celebration of student voice, expression, and confidence.

Strengthening Community Connections

Our recent Whānau Hui offered an important opportunity to engage with our Māori families and hear their aspirations for their children. These evenings help us build strong, culturally responsive relationships and ensure our practices align with whānau goals. We extend our thanks to Whaea Awhina for her leadership and continued support in this space.

On Thursday, 19 June, we celebrated Matariki with an inclusive school-wide event. This special evening brought together students, staff, and families to honour Māori culture and reflect on the themes of renewal, wellbeing, and community. Highlights included shared kai and insightful student presentations about the nine stars of Matariki. The event deepened student understanding of mātauranga Māori and reinforced our commitment to bicultural learning.

Celebrating Cultural Diversity

Our thanks also go to staff member May Lopez, who organised a vibrant lunch celebration for Filipino students in honour of Filipino Independence Day on Thursday, 12 June. This event offered students the chance to share their heritage, connect with peers, and feel celebrated as an integral part of our diverse school community.

As we head into the holiday break, I encourage everyone to take time to rest, recharge, and spend quality time with whānau and friends. Whether you're traveling, relaxing at home, or exploring new interests, we hope the break offers a well-deserved pause and a chance to refresh.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back next term, ready for new challenges and opportunities.

Wishing you all a safe, restful, and enjoyable holiday.



Rakesh Govind Principal

Congratulations, Professor Patria Hume



Glenfield College would like to congratulate former Head Girl, Professor Patria Hume, for her recent appointment to Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to sports science and injury prevention in the recent King's Birthday Honours List.

As a former head student of our school, we are immensely proud of her achievements. Her success inspires current students and alumni alike, demonstrating what can be accomplished through perseverance, purpose and a passion for making a difference.

Kaipātiki Local Board for College Converge





At the end of Term 3, we were fortunate to host the Kaipātiki Local Board for College Converge 2025. This meeting was facilitated by Kaipātiki Community Facilities Trust (KCFT) and involved 40 of our senior students expressing their views and thoughts for the local community to five local board members. The discussions ranged from community events in the area through to road safety and transport issues, as well as looking at the facilities available for our students in the community. There were plenty of great discussions and the meeting meant that the local board came away with plenty of views about meeting our students' aspirations for the future of Kaipātiki.

Duke of Edinburgh Certificates Awarded



On Wednesday, 25th June, these students were awarded a Duke of Edinburgh Certificate at the Senior Assembly. Congratulations to the following students on completing their Bronze Award: Callum Seth, Dylan Nixon, Hannah Freestone, Lily Olsen, Rose Oborn and Riley Hunter. We would also like to congratulate two students who recently completed their Silver Award: Jacob Freestone and Nate Carroll. The Duke of Edinburgh is a programme that aims to grow young people into well-rounded members of the community. The focus is on training the mind, body and spirit through the means of learning a new skill, engaging in physical recreation, and volunteering their time to serve those in need. It is a prestigious award that is recognised worldwide and it is a great step towards developing a student's resume. Please contact Mr Saunders if you're interested in finding out more information about the awards scheme. He can be emailed here t_saunders@gc.ac.nz.

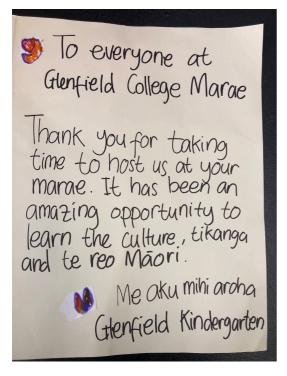
International Students Farewelled





On Wednesday, 25 June, we farewelled four of our international students who have been with us for a year - one from Thailand and three from Japan. These students have embraced the culture of Glenfield College and have made so many lasting memories and friendships. At assembly, they were presented with personally blessed Taonga (pounamu pendants) that represented their combined journeys. We also want to farewell Mimiko from Japan, who has been with us for six months and will be leaving at the end of the term. During their time, these students have played sports for the school, attended school trips, helped welcome other International students within the school, been part of dance groups and hosted a Japanese Cultural Assembly. Noah had the honour of being selected into our Services Academy and earlier this year, was selected to attend the Leadership Camp held by the NZ Military which is a special honour. They have been amazing to host and we know that they will cherish their New Zealand school experience.

Glenfield Kindy Visit





On Wednesday, 25th June, we had students from Glenfield Kindy visit our school to experience the opportunities of our College, such as culture, tikanga and te reo Māori. Thanks to the teachers who made this possible for these young students.

Chess Championship







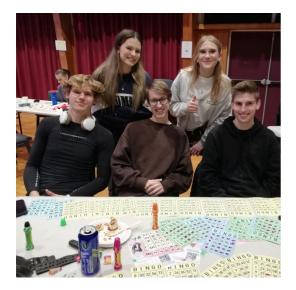
On Wednesday, 25th June, we awarded our new Chess Champion of Mayfield House, Daniel Balawang. Second place went to Eliezer Medina, a Year 10 student also of Mayfield. After an early defeat, JM (John Michael) Baclayo fought back in the Zombie Live Again Round, claiming third place for Tauhinu. Congratulations go to Mike Aghaei from Kaipatiki, who was runner-up and the only Year 9 to make it that far. Absent from the picture is Eliezer.

National Dance Competition



On Friday, 13th of June, Glenfield College participated in a National Dance Competition at Westlake Girls High School. Six dance teams from our school went to compete in the competition. Although our teams may not have placed, they all had an amazing time cheering on their friends, getting ready in costume and showing our love for dance on stage. NDC is an amazing experience as it is a lot of our dancers' first time performing on stage for a live audience. They look forward to performing again next year! Click here to see more photos from the competition.

Bingo Night Success









On Friday, 13th June, the Mixed Hockey Tournament Team held a Bingo fundraiser in the Kaipatiki Theatre. We played five rounds of Bingo with prizes, a silent auction and a yummy dessert table thanks to the Freestone family. There were friends, family, staff, students and ex-students attending the evening, with each team member having a specific job to do on the night. It was great to see everyone working together to achieve our fundraising goals. The evening was a great success, raising \$4,810, which will go towards the trip to Dunedin for Tournament Week. Thank you to all who attended and to the companies that donated goods for the auctions.

100% Attendance for these Year 9 Students



On 10th June, these Year 9 students were awarded a certificate for 100% attendance this year so far. Congratulations to the following students:

Khorby Guinayen	9Ws	William Zhou	9Sa	Mival Michael	9Su
Ake Leanna	9Ws	Angeline Danan	9Ps	Reid Galen Pereda	9Su
Nicole Makawa	9Ws	Mischka Flores Louise	9Ps	Heyojin Shrestha	9Su
Claire Sibulan	9Ws	Rickson Narayan	9Ps	Jackie Zhu	9Se
Merlin Sinoj	9Ws	Leanette Oosthuizen	9Ps	Chloe Diaz	9Br
Jeffrey Su	9Ws	Ayden Xu	9Ps	Lohan Nicole Manrique	9Br
Adan Bernardo	9Su	Aidan Murphy	9Md	Bach Nguyen	9Br
lan Gabriel Garces	9Su	Denise Isabelle Bagallon	9Br	Myles Villanueva	9Br

Samoan Language Week



From 26th to 30th June, Glenfield College celebrated Samoan Language Week which included our cultural committee selling lamb buns on Thursday, 29th June. Thanks to everyone who got involved to make this such a huge success.

Celebrating Matariki







From 16-20 June, we celebrated Matariki with various events throughout the week including a Matariki sunrise breakfast, a performance, star hunt, Matariki kahoot and a guess-the-lollies-in-the-jar contest. In Māori culture, Matariki is the Pleiades star cluster, which marks the first rising of the stars in late June or early July. The rising marks the beginning of the new year in the Māori lunar calendar. Please click here to see more photos from the activities throughout the week and click here to learn more: https://www.matariki.com/

Market Day Success







On Thursday, 19th June, we held a Market Day at lunchtime outside the Kaipatiki Theatre. There were all sorts of wonderful products on offer and the students involved did a great job showcasing them. Thanks to Ms Arora for helping to make this such a huge success. Please click here to see more photos from the event.

Level 2 PE Camp









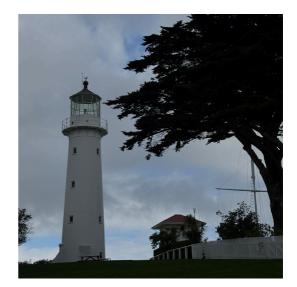
From 11-13 June, our Level 2 PE students travelled to a camp in Hamilton to attend a Level 2 PE Camp. Jordan Churchward had this to say about the camp:

"We stayed for three days and two nights where there was something new and exciting each day. The white water rafting was the highlight; it was so exciting to work as a group to paddle through the rapids, pushing us out of our comfort zones. Another activity was Extreme Edge indoor rock climbing, which was an exciting challenge and helped with trust and support building in our team. We also visited the Leap Trampoline Park where we had fun and were active in a less formal way. To top it all off, we completed a 6km mud run at Tough Guy Tough Gal with numerous obstacles that were both demanding and fun. It was a perfect way to cap off the camp, especially because we got to bond with other school students. The camp was a fun mixture of physical challenges, team effort, and good vibes throughout the group."

Level 3 Tiritiri Matangi Trip







On Thursday, 5th June, our Level 3 ELang students travelled to Tiritiri Matangi Island to learn more about the island and its incredible birdlife. It holds precious populations of kōkako, tīeke/saddleback and tuatara that can't easily be seen anywhere else around the Auckland region, so glimpsing these rare animals was a highlight for our students. Thank you to Mrs Philipson for making this trip possible.

Schools' Pride Week Aotearoa



From 2nd to 6th June, we celebrated 'Schools' Pride Week Aotearoa'. It's an important annual Pride campaign that celebrates rainbow staff, students and whānau in school communities across the country. Now in its fifth year, Schools' Pride Week Aotearoa takes a strengths-based approach to combating rainbow-focused school bullying and discrimination.

Music Performances







On Friday, 10th & Tuesday, 30th May, we held music performances in the Kaipatiki Theatre & outside the library at lunchtime. They were both fantastic shows that the entire crowd enjoyed! Please click here to see more photos from the performances.

The Junior Certificate. Celebrating a Well-Rounded Education at Glenfield College

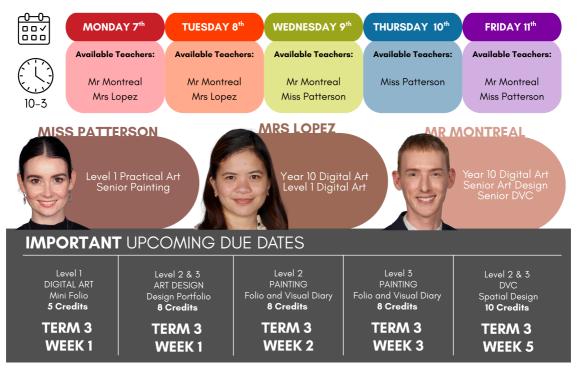


At Glenfield College, we're proud to acknowledge the efforts and achievements of our junior students through the Junior Certificate, awarded at the end of Year 9 and Year 10. This certificate celebrates a well-rounded education, recognising not only academic success, but also attendance, effort, and involvement in extracurricular activities.

Just like NCEA, the Junior Certificate can be endorsed at Achieved, Merit, or Excellence level, encouraging students to aim high in all aspects of school life. It is about more than just grades; it is about developing confident, capable young people who are engaged in learning, contributing to their school community, and setting strong foundations for the senior years ahead.

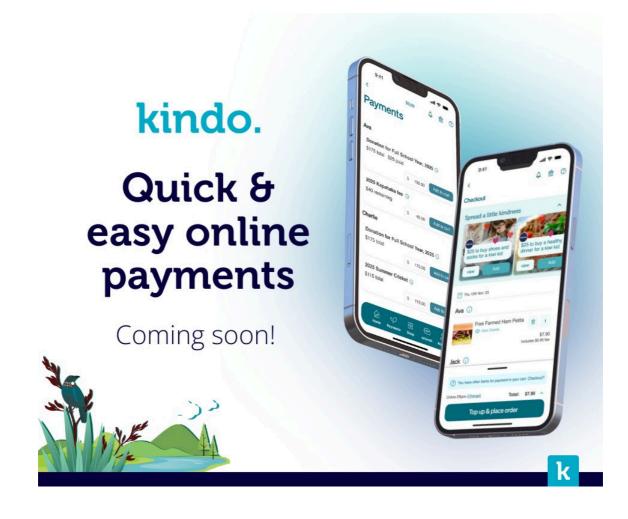
From the start of **Term 3**, you will receive fortnightly email updates that include a tracking sheet. Tracking serves as a snapshot, designed to help students see how they're tracking so far this year, and where they might focus their efforts going forward. We look forward to celebrating the continued growth and success of our junior learners together!

ART & DVC HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS SECOND WEEK





Kindo Coming Soon!



Quick, easy online payments - 24/7.

We're excited to introduce Kindo. This user-friendly platform will allow you to purchase school items, register for sports and support fundraisers 24/7, with one convenient account for the whole family. Enjoy flexible payment options anytime, anywhere! We'll share more details soon, so keep an eye out for this new way to manage payments.

Why families love Kindo:

Flexible Payment Options:

- Pay in full, spread it out, or set up hassle-free automatic payments
- Choose from three FREE payment methods: online EFTPOS, bank transfer, or POLi.
- Prefer debit or credit cards? We've got you covered!

One Simple Account for the Whole Family:

- One account works for multiple members even at different schools, clubs or organisations.
- Easily track all expenses in one place.
- Available 24/7 purchase school items, manage registrations and support fundraisers anytime, anywhere!

Kaipātiki Youth Board



Click here to apply: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NmJtXvVz1QhU4B_eEPCotqpx5SgwsQRa/view?usp=sharing

Important Dates to Note

14 July - Term 3 Starts - Day 1 22 July - Open Evening - 6-8pm - Kaipatiki Theatre 22 July - Pōwhiri for new students 26 July - Kaipatiki Sounds 30 & 31 July - Year 9 Enrolment Interviews 4-6pm 31 July - Level 2 - GIS Sports Day 1 August - Kāhui Āko Matariki Festival 2 August - School Ball 11-15 August - Academy - Advanced Leaders Course 11-15 August - Lumino Dentists 14 August - Sports and teams photos 15 August - NZ Blood Drive - donation day

Finance Office Reminder

Please ensure that the student's full name and/or ID Number and reason for payment are used as the reference to appear on our statement. This will ensure that the payment is processed correctly.

Student Car Register

A reminder that if your child drives to school they need to register their car with the school. Therefore, if your child's situation has changed and they have recently got their licence and drive to school, please see Mrs Newton or fill out the online form. Once this has been reviewed, a car park pass will be issued which they can place on their dashboard if parking in the top student carpark spaces.

School Lunches



Glenfield College does not have a tuckshop onsite, however, students can order from a comprehensive menu at ezlunch and this will then be delivered to front reception. Please note that students are not permitted to get food delivered by any other means. Please click here to see their menu and to order: https://ezlunch.co.nz/schools

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 at 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.



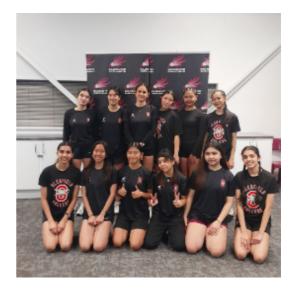
Click here to view

the school calendar

Sports Report







A busy Term 2 comes to an end with numerous games and events completed by our various teams, including some successful seasons for some!

Girls' Badminton saw three Glenfield teams compete throughout Term 2 against other schools from across the shore. The A-team managed to earn a spot in the final, which they won convincingly 8-1 vs Wentworth College, to earn the C-Grade title, with the B-team also coming away with a medal after winning the 3rd place play-off. There was also success on the Boys' side, with the A team working their way into the Bronze medal match against Long-Bay!

Junior Badminton kicks off in early Term 3.

Six athletes competed at the Auckland Championships on the wettest, windiest day of the year a few weeks ago! Some very competitive performances on a muddy, challenging course! Congratulations to Jacob, Hannah, Teyla, Aria, Zoe & Kayleigh on your performances!

If you are interested in giving hockey a go, now is your chance. The 2nd XI girls' team needs a couple more players. You don't need any experience or any gear, as we can provide this for you. Come along and be part of a fun team for the remainder of the season. Who knows, you might love it and take it up forever! Come to see Mr Lacey if you are interested.

A quick and easy way for the Sports Department to get information out there is through our Instagram page, which you can find by scanning the QR Code below. However, any questions you may have, about anything at all, just flick me an email at w.lacey@gc.ac.nz and I'll get back to you as soon as possible.



To follow @glenfieldcollegesport click below

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To see the latest sports fixtures click below



School Docs Reviews

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Term 2 - the following policies are up for review on SchoolDocs:

- Planning & Preparing for Emergencies, Disasters and Crises (Board)
- Communication During an Emergency, Disaster or Crisis (Board)
- School Closure (Board)
- Emergency Management
- Disaster Management
- Crises Management

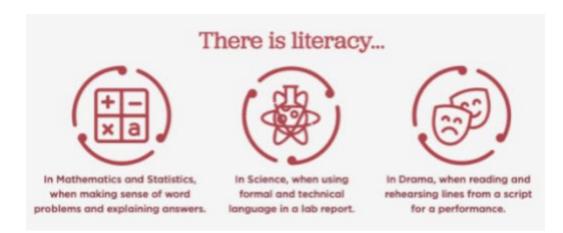
To review, log on to the SchoolDocs website using:

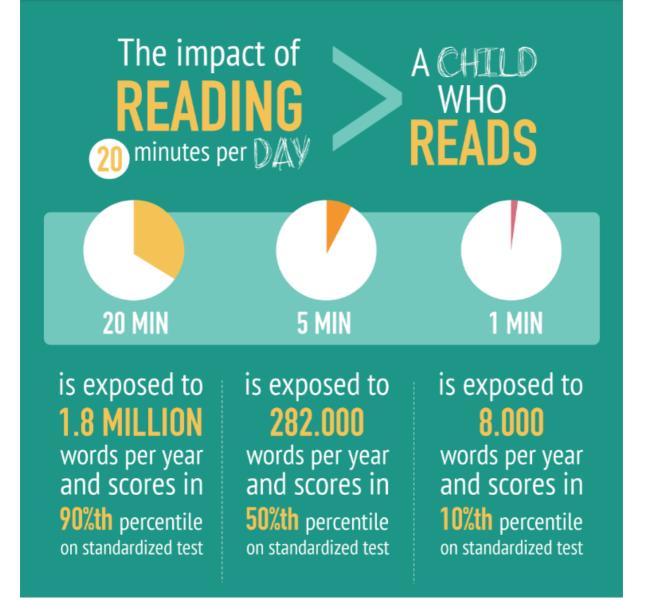
Numeracy & Literacy Corner



General Ability Test 2. 30 questions, 36 minutes

https://aptitudepracticetests.com.au/exams/general-ability-test-2/





We cannot emphasise enough the importance of daily reading for your child's academic progress. It is a well-known fact that children who read for 20 minutes a day will be exposed to nearly two million words per year. These children score in the 90th percentile on standardised tests. The opposite is true for children who do not read every day or read for less than a minute a day.

We are fortunate at Glenfield College as we provide Reading Plus to every single junior student. So, even if they do not have books to read, they can log onto Reading Plus every day at home and read for 20 minutes (or more).

This will be excellent preparation for the senior school when students are expected to read academic texts in all their subjects. They will have been building up their reading stamina and at the same time, improving their reading skills and strategies. They will also have increased their reading level, which will prepare them for more in-depth reading.

Libraries are free and accessible to everyone - please join your local library and encourage your children to take out books that interest them. Librarians love to help students pick out books, so ask for help.

Don't forget that we have a wonderful library at school. Our school librarian is always available to help your children choose books. She is also happy to order books if the library does not have something you want.

Glenfield College Interact Club

The Glenfield College Interact Club will be collecting winter clothes during weeks eight and nine of this term and weeks one and two of next term. We will collect, sort, and distribute the clothes to charities supported by our Kaipatiki Rotary Club.

All gently used winter clothes, regardless of age or size, will be welcome. This is the first project undertaken by our new Interact Club, so it would be wonderful to have a huge pile of winter woollies to donate to people who do not have warm clothes.





BYOD @ GC

Minimum Recommended Specifications for GC

The essential requirements are that it should:

- Be able to connect to wireless networks and use the Google Chrome browser.
- Have a processing capacity that enables the creation and manipulation of text and data.
- Have a minimum screen size of 10 inches (13-14 inches is preferable).
- Have a battery life of at least 5 hours (please note that some laptops fall well short of this. We do not provide charging facilities at school).
- Lightweight, portable and durable.
- Have anti-virus software this is essential to protect the device's data and prevent the spread of malware.
- Have a protective case.

For more information, see the school website - GC BYOD

Chromebooks and Laptops can be found at various stores, some will have special offers from time to time:

PBTech - Link to PBTech Use code BYODGC for a discount

Noel Leeming

- Link to Noel Leeming
- Which Device Guide
- Advice videos





Please click here to see more information: https://www.gc.ac.nz/parents/bring-your-own-device-byod/







Safety @ GC

Reminder of a few road safety rules at Glenfield

College

Please note:

When picking up or dropping off at the end or beginning of the day:

- The carpark is a 10 km/h zone
- The school gates will be **closed** at the following times
 - 2.30pm 3.30pm



 Please arrange for pick up and drop off to be made further along Kaipātiki Road or in one of the surrounding streets.



When the gates are open, it is a left turn only onto Kaipātiki Road.
 If you want to go towards Glenfield Mall, then please use the roundabout as it is a safer option.

The safety of our students, your children, is our main focus. We thank you for helping ensure that they are all safe arriving and leaving the school grounds.

Please drive carefully.







do you need help with...



understanding on your own



homework with others



assessments with teachers

Learning Hub

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



Maribor TH HUB

»PROGRAMME«

FOR AGES 11 - 18 30th June - 11 July 8:30am - 4:30pm

Marlborough Park Hall, Chartwell Avenue.

BOOK NOW



	MONDAY 30 JUNE		WEDNESDAY 2 JULY	THURSDAY 3 JULY	FRIDAY 4 JULY
WEEK ONE	SPORTS MANIA Dodgeball, basketball, football, crash, man hunt - you name it we will play it! FREE 8:30am - 4:30pm	COOK OUT Time to put your culinary skills to the test. What's on the menu today? FREE 8:30am - 4:30pm	CARPENTRY Let's build, we will put our skills to the test today! FREE 8:30am - 4:30pm	BLEACH ART Let's create something unique and put our orrativity to the test today with an art session! FREE 8:30am - 4:30pm	JUMP Let's burn off that energy before the weekend arrives! We are heading to JUMP! \$25 8:30am - 4:30pm
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK TWO	7 JULY ST JOHNS EMERGENCY RESPONSE We will be joined by St Johns - Hato Hone today, they will teach us all about what we can do in emergency situations with their 'alued up camper' workshop. FREE	8 JULY COOK OUT Time to put your culinary skills to the test! We will be making some tasty kai today! FREE 8:30am - 4:30pm	9 JULY OUTDOOR SPORTS Archery, flintstone carts, catopults and morel Get ready to take on all the outdoor action! FREE 8:30am - 4:30pm	10 JULY JUICE IT UP The Mariborough Park Hall Juice Bar is open for business! Come create your very own juice! FREE 8:30am - 4:30pm	11 JULY MOVIES We are off to the movies today, come along for chill day as we sit back and relax with some popcorn! \$25 8:30am - 4:30pm





SCHOOL HOLDAY PROGRAMMES





Understanding



and related neurodivergent conditions

For families, communities and anyone interested

What is Autism and neurodiversity? Experiencing the world differently. Strengths and challenges often seen in autistic people. Supporting autistic people in your family, community and work! Listening to experiences from autistic people. Time to ask questions. Connecting families and forming a local support group.

When: Thursday July 24th, 2025
Time: 7 till 9 pm, hall will be open at 6.45 pm
Where: Bayview Community Center, 72 Bayview road, Bayview
Cost: \$ 10.- per person or \$ 20 per family (Coffee/tea included)
Register: scan the QR code or email: info@childandfamilycounselling.co.nz





Arletta van den Bosch: Autism support, Counselling, Mentoring, Family support, Training, Workshops www.childandfamilycounselling.co.nz



NZ UNIFORMS

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

Payment Options:

NZ Uniforms accepts Cash, Eftpos, all major Credit Cards and WINZ payments. We also offer finance through Gilrose Finance, PartPay and have a 'Uniform Club' which is a great way to save for your School Uniform purchases.

'Uniform Club' :

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.



