

School Newsletter Week 1, Term 4, 2025

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Message from the Principal

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back to the final term of the year! I hope everyone had a refreshing break and is ready for what will be a busy and exciting end to the school year.

Term 4 is always a special time as we celebrate the hard work and achievements of our students. Our senior students are now focused on preparing for NCEA exams. We wish them all the best as they work towards their goals and the next steps in their journeys beyond school.

We also look forward to our upcoming Arts and Sport Awards, as well as Senior and Junior Academic

Prize-giving, where we will acknowledge the effort, progress, and success of our students across all year levels. These occasions are always highlights of the school calendar and a chance for our community to come together in celebration.

For our juniors, there are still plenty of opportunities ahead this term, including the Year 10 camp – a fantastic experience that builds confidence, teamwork, and lasting memories.

At the end of this term, we will farewell three long-serving staff members who, between them, have dedicated an incredible 138 years to the teaching profession. Their commitment, passion, and care have made a lasting impact on countless students and colleagues over the years. If you would like to join us in farewelling Mr Aston, Mr Tod and Mr Wayper, details of their retirement celebration are included in this newsletter.

Thank you to our students, staff and whānau for your continued commitment and support throughout the year. Let's make this final term a positive and productive one.



Rakesh Govind

Principal

Duke of Edinburgh Adventure



During the second week of the school holidays, 11 students embarked on a two-night, three-day tramp in the Kaimai Ranges as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. Accompanied by Mr Saunders and Mrs Sanderson, they trekked over 20 kilometres covering farmland, dense bush and rivers. They stayed at the Waitawheta Hut and Daly's Clearing Hut. The weather held out for most of the journey, only marred by small spots of showers. A certain highlight of the trip was meeting a herd of inquisitive and vocal cows! For some of the students, it was their first time conducting an overnight hike in the bush. All students exemplified the Glenfield Way, carrying themselves with mana and pride. Both Mr Saunders and Mrs Sanderson thoroughly admire the students' efforts during these few days, and hope that it strengthened their resilience and appreciation for the outdoors.

Dance Showcase Success



On Wednesday, 8th and Thursday, 9th October, our annual Dance Showcase was held in the Kaipatiki Theatre. During the evening, guests were treated to performances by talented students. It was an entertaining night filled with amazing dancing and high-quality performances from our students. Thanks to Mrs Ogden, Mrs Spencer-Bates and everyone behind the scenes for making these nights so memorable. Click here to see more photos from the evenings. Please click [here](#) to see more photos from the evenings.

Netball Tournament Day





Yesterday, we held a netball tournament for primary schools from around the North Shore. It was a great turnout for the students who enjoyed playing against each other and learning new skills. Thanks to Mr Anderson for making this possible.

Business Studies - People's Choice Award

All about Mini Wonders

Kia Ora, we are Mini Wonders, “Where wonders come to life”. You may wonder what we sell and why we do it. We are a business that creates mini wooden sculptures in Aotearoa and internationally. They are originally put together like a puzzle and range from easy to difficult, all holding up to 30 puzzle pieces. We are currently selling two major sculptures, which are the Eiffel Tower, which can be seen in France and a lighthouse that comes from Cape Reinga at the very top of Aotearoa. Our main goal is to positively impact the minds of the numerous individuals in our community with Dementia. We strive to donate more than 50% of our profits to Dementia NZ, and with everyone’s help and interest in our product, we can do so. Mini Wonders believes we can help improve memory with our puzzles and, most importantly, raise awareness of those struggling with dementia.

BeeTidy – BeeTidy, BeeGreen!

At BeeTidy, we’re on a mission to reduce plastic waste one wrap at a time. Our reusable EcoWrapz are made from natural beeswax, cotton fabric, and jojoba oil — a sustainable alternative to single-use plastic wrap. Every wrap is handmade with care and designed to keep food fresh while keeping the planet clean. As part of our social responsibility, we donate 30% of our profits to the Kaipātiki Project, supporting local environmental restoration and community wellbeing.

Vote BeeTidy for the YES North People’s Choice Award 2025 — because small changes can make a big impact.

Kia ora all, we are **Ata Mārie**, an eco-friendly shampoo bar brand that prioritises sustainability and hair health. Our shampoo bars are made with native Aotearoa plants, which are able to naturally help reach hair goals. Please vote for Ata Mārie in the North Auckland People’s Choice Awards 2025. Our team has worked very hard and has dedicated much time to our business this year, and we would be extremely grateful to have your vote!

Click here to vote: <https://form.fillout.com/t/fw4ZwD3Fweus>

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ARTS AWARDS

**Thursday
16 October**

Kaipatiki Theatre

**Bespoke
Art Viewing
6.00 - 6.30**

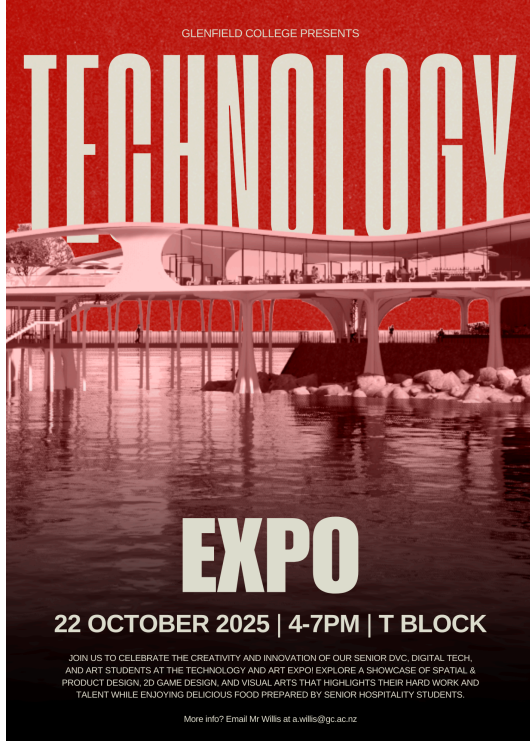
**Awards &
Performances
6.30 - 7.45**





We're excited to invite our Glenfield College community — past and present — to join us as we celebrate the retirement of three incredible staff members who, together, have dedicated an amazing **138 years of service** to our school!

Upcoming Tech and Art Expo



Join us to celebrate the creativity and innovation of our senior DVC, Digital Tech, and Art students at the Technology and Art Expo! Explore a showcase of spatial & product design, 2D game design, and visual arts that highlights their hard work and talent while enjoying delicious food prepared by senior Hospitality students. More Info? Email Mr Willis at a.willis@gc.ac.nz

Important Dates to Note

- 14 October - Pōwhiri for new students
- 14 October - Whānau Hui
- 16 October - Arts Awards - 6pm - Kaipatiki Theatre
- 21 October - Sports Prizegiving - 6pm - Kaipatiki Theatre
- 22 October - Art & Tech Expo - 4-7pm
- 27 October - Labour Day - School Closed
- 29 October - Senior Prizegiving - 6.30pm - Kaipatiki Theatre
- 30 October - NZQA Admin Day - Years 12 & 13
- 4 November - NZQA Exams start
- 6 November - Year 11 NZQA Admin Day
- 28 November - NZQA Exams finish
- 1 & 2 December - Year 10 Drama Performance
- 3-5 December - Year 10 Junior Camp
- 5 December - Retirement Celebration for Mr Tod, Mr Aston & Mr Wayper
- 9 December - Junior Prizegiving
- 10 December - Junior Prizegiving
- 10 December - End of Term 4

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

Numeracy and Literacy Corner

There is numeracy...



The icons are circular with a red border. The first icon shows a paint palette and a paintbrush. The second icon shows an open book with a magnifying glass over it. The third icon shows a running track and a person running.


In Visual Arts, when using reflections, rotations, and enlargements to create a design.

In English, when understanding statistics in a piece of reading.

In PE, when measuring out distances for races, estimating and calculating speed of the runner.

Numerical Reasoning Test 1. 18 questions, 25 minutes https://nzdfaptitudetestpractice.co.nz/qsm_quiz/sample-numerical-practice-test-nzdf/

There is literacy...



The icons are circular with a red border. The first icon shows a 2x2 grid with mathematical symbols: +, -, x, and a. The second icon shows a stylized atom or molecule. The third icon shows two theatrical masks, one smiling and one frowning.

In Mathematics and Statistics, when making sense of word problems and explaining answers.

In Science, when using formal and technical language in a lab report.

In Drama, when reading and rehearsing lines from a script for a performance.

Chinese Fish by Grace Yee

Reviewed by Lucy Robinson, English teacher and Year 10 Dean at Glenfield College



I really enjoyed this short collection of poems by Grace Yee about being a Chinese woman in Aotearoa. The poems explore the struggles to fit into Kiwi culture as a new settler, as well as being trapped between traditional patriarchal Chinese expectations when growing up here. The different voices give an insight into the discrimination experienced, but there is also humour and playful language. It's in our library. Go have a flick through!

School Docs Reviews

Term 4 - the following policies are up for review on SchoolDocs:

- **Bullying and Harassment (Board)**
- **Behaviour Management (Board)**
- Searches, Surrender and Retention of Property
- **Minimising Physical Restraint (Board)**
- Stand-down, Suspension and Exclusion
- Staff Wellbeing and Safety

To review, log on to the SchoolDocs website using:

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

Login: gc

Password: Kaipatiki

Hooverfoods at Glenfield College

We are excited to announce that Hoover Foods is now available from our cafeteria. Please click here to see their weekly menu: <https://www.instagram.com/hooverfoods.nz/>



EaseUp

Stressed? Over it?

We're here to listen.
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wellbeing support.

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Ka Puta Ka Ora
Emerge Aotearoa

School payments simplified.

Our school is using Kindo to make life easier by letting you pay for everything your children need online in one place, at a time that suits you - including ordering ezlunch!

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3. Get it all done online!



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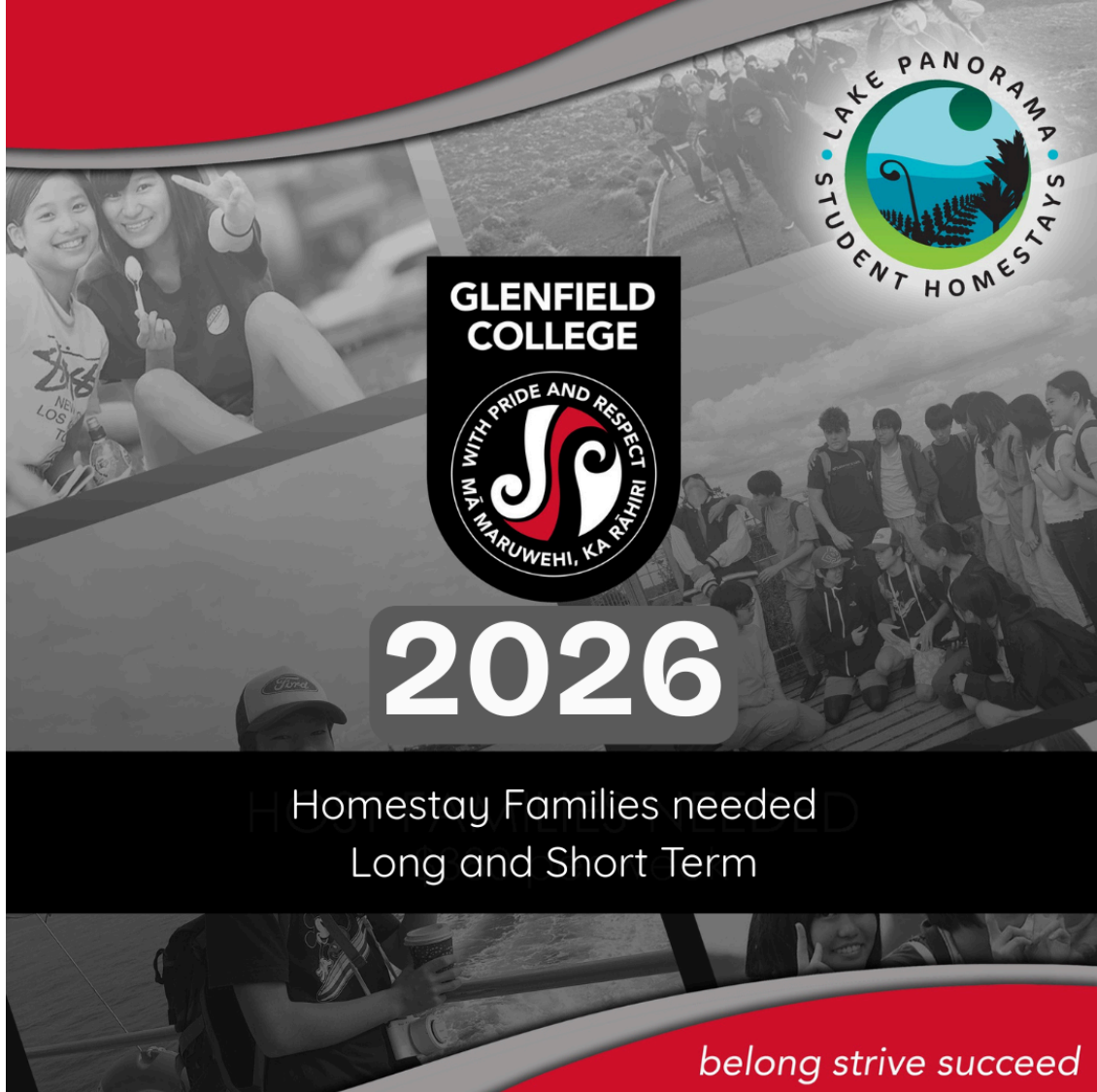
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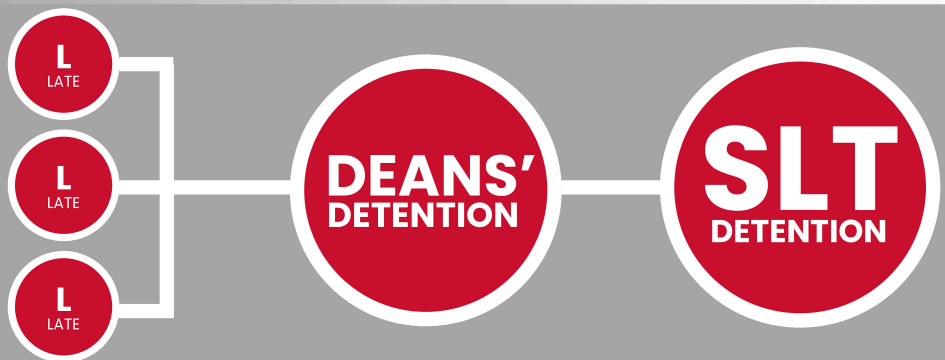


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Homestay Families needed
Long and Short Term

belong strive succeed

LATE DETENTION PROCESS



3 CHANCES

If you are late to school during the first period, go straight to the class on your timetable.

If you arrive **after the first period, you must sign in at the Student Wellbeing Centre.**

If you are late 3 times in a term you will receive a after school detention.

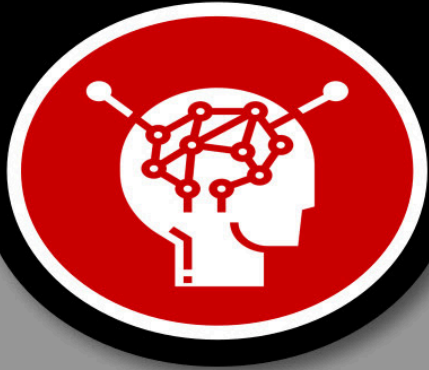
Wednesdays 3.30-4.30

Failure to attend a Dean's detention will result in a Senior Leadership Team detention.

Fridays 3.30 - 5.00

Extracurricular training or games are **not** excuses for missing detentions

LEARNING HUB 课后补习



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

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



Kaipātiki Kāhui Ako presents:

The Ultimate Parents Guide to...

Understanding our kids **Online World**
and how to keep them safe.



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Cyberbullying
Social Media
Gaming
Online Predators
Online Porn
Smartphones
Filters
Boundaries

Come and hear Filmmaker & Author Rob Cope in
what promises to be a hilarious, straight talking
Parent to Parent talk

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Evening.](#)

WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2025 | 6.30 PM - 8.30 PM

GLENFIELD INTERMEDIATE

138 CHIVALRY ROAD, GLENFIELD, AUCKLAND

Tickets can be purchased for \$10 at
Eventfinda (please click on the link)