

School Newsletter, Term 1, Week 10, 2026

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Message from the Principal

We look forward to welcoming students back next term, ready to build on the momentum they have created.

As they head into the break, I encourage students to take time to rest and recharge, but also to reflect on their progress so far. Consider what is working well, where they can improve, and what goals they want to set for Term Two. Small, consistent actions - attending regularly, meeting deadlines, staying focused in class, and seeking support when needed - will make a meaningful difference. Success is not only measured by results, but also by growth, character, and the way you contribute to your community. Take pride in representing Glenfield College and continue striving to be the very best version of yourself.

I also want to emphasise the importance of behaviour and the standards students set for themselves. Each student plays a key role in shaping the culture of our school. We expect them to model respect, responsibility, and integrity in all that they do - both inside and outside the classroom. Being the best version of themselves is not only about academic achievement, but also about how they conduct themselves, how they treat others, and the example they set.

Many students have already demonstrated a strong start - engaging in learning, contributing to school life, and beginning to shape pathways beyond school. The habits they establish now will significantly influence their success in NCEA and future opportunities.

As we come to the end of Term One, I would like to acknowledge the commitment, effort, and resilience shown by our students. For senior students, this term sets the foundation for the academic year ahead.

Have a safe and restful break.



Rakesh Govind

Principal

SGCNZ Regional Winners





Last Friday, a group of our Drama Company students represented Glenfield College at the Auckland North Regional SGCNZ Competition. This is one of the top secondary school drama competitions in New Zealand - which challenges students to take on a scene from Shakespeare. GC's Drama Company won **first place** for their powerful performance of a 15-min scene from Macbeth. This June, they will be heading down to Wellington to perform at the National competition on the St James stage.

The team consisted of Bella Battye (Lady Macbeth), Lily Hendry-Ashton (Macbeth); Tiana Davis (Banquo); Liya Bikina (First Witch); Tamara Sharif (Second Witch); Karly Lind (Third Witch) and Kasey Rule-Jones (Assistant Director).

There is one more opportunity to see our amazing Drama Company perform this piece before we take it to Nationals. The annual **Shakespeare Showcase will be on Wednesday, 29th April from 3.30pm – 4:00pm outside the Theatre**. A small donation is welcomed on entry or pre-purchase a ticket on Kindo to secure a spot: <https://shop.kindo.co.nz/app/community-shop/Glenfield%20College>

SGCNZ COMPETITION 2026

GC DRAMA COMPANY PRESENTS SCENES FROM...

MACBETH



NEXT PERFORMANCE:
WEDNESDAY APRIL 29 AT 3.30PM OUTSIDE THE THEATRE

Relay for Life



On 28 March, Glenfield College students participated in Relay For Life, standing alongside thousands of others in the fight against cancer.

Throughout the day, students showed incredible commitment and teamwork as they walked the track, helping to raise funds and awareness for those affected by cancer. The event was a meaningful opportunity to come together to celebrate survivors, remember loved ones, and stand united in the fight against cancer.

We are incredibly proud of our students for their dedication, compassion, and the positive impact they are making in our community. Click [here](#) to see more photos from the event.

Senior Volleyball - Satellite Tournament



From 25–27 March, our Senior Volleyball teams competed in the Satellite Tournament as part of the lead-up to the Auckland Championships. The tournament provided valuable game experience against strong opposition and gave our players the opportunity to refine their combinations and court strategies.

Both teams showed significant growth over the three days, with noticeable improvements in communication, defensive structure, and attacking confidence. The commitment shown at trainings is clearly paying off, and the teams continue to build strong momentum as the season progresses.

Congratulations to all players for their effort and determination. We look forward to seeing what the rest of the season brings! Click [here](#) to see more photos from the tournament.

Level 2 Geography Trip - Tongariro Crossing



From 22 to 24 March, our Level 2 Geography students recently took on the iconic Tongariro Alpine Crossing as part of their studies on natural processes and extreme environments.

Located within Tongariro National Park, the Crossing provided students with a unique opportunity to experience a dynamic volcanic landscape firsthand. Throughout the day, students observed a range of geothermal features, volcanic landforms, and glacial valleys, bringing their classroom learning to life.

The group explored the dramatic terrain surrounding Mount Ngauruhoe and Mount Tongariro, gaining insight into the processes that shape this active volcanic zone. Highlights included the vibrant Emerald Lakes, steaming vents, and panoramic views across the Central Plateau.

A huge thank you to Ms Buddle, Mr Anderson and the staff who made this experience possible for our students. Please click [here](#) to see more photos from the trip.

Whānau Hui



On Thursday, 19 March, we held a Whānau Hui which began with a welcome from Mr Govind in the Wharekai, Kimiroa, followed by Matua Christian, and a powerful waiata tautoko from Glenfield College Kapa Haka.

Whānau and students then came together for kōrero, sharing their aspirations for their journey at Glenfield College and providing thoughtful written feedback. The feedback provided will be reviewed and used to plan for the year ahead.

A highlight of the evening was the hāngī, prepared by Te Reo students throughout the day, and carefully cooked and served with the support of the Service Academy and staff. Whānau and staff also contributed a range of shared plates, creating a generous and welcoming feast.

Around the marae, there were many special moments - Year 11 students posing for photos in front of our Whareniui, Puawānanga, senior boys entertaining themselves with a spirited game of 'Pūkana', and whānau and students enjoying kai together.

It was a meaningful evening of connection, culture, and community.

Dragon Boating Festival



On Sunday, 15 March, the Glenfield College dragon boat team recently competed in the Auckland Secondary school competition on Lake Pupuke. We were in the Mixed 20-person boat category, and after five weeks of intensive training, felt ready to go. A strong first race saw them finish second in their heat, and strong winds, unfortunately, hampered race two somewhat. Resiliency, grit and great teamwork came out in the final.

Manurewa placed first, Glendowie just pipped us on the finish line by one second, and we finished a close third. Well done to this team of amazing wahine and tane - Bronze Medal in the Auckland Champs.

Mentoring Day

On Thursday, 5 March, Mentoring Day was held at Glenfield College for our senior students. It was a valuable opportunity for students to connect one-on-one with their mentor teachers to reflect on their progress, set meaningful goals, and plan for success in the year ahead.

Throughout the day, students engaged in conversations about their academic achievement, attendance, well-being, and involvement in co-curricular activities.

Level 2 GIS Sports Days



On the 4th and 25th of March, our Level 2 PE students travelled to Glenfield Intermediate School for action-packed Sports Days filled with competition, teamwork, and school spirit.

Students took part in a wide range of sports and challenges, showcasing their skills, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the day. It was fantastic to see such high levels of participation, with students getting involved both on the court and field, as well as supporting their peers from the sidelines.

Thanks to Mr Jenkins for making these trips possible for our students.

Filipino Club Assembly



On Tuesday, 3 March, our Filipino Club proudly hosted a vibrant and engaging assembly, celebrating the rich culture, traditions, and spirit of the Philippines.

A special highlight of the assembly was the energetic cultural performances, which showcased traditional Filipino dance and music. The performance brought colour, rhythm, and excitement to the hall, earning enthusiastic applause from the crowd.

Level 1 Geography Trip - Waitomo Caves



On 2 & 3 March, our Year 11 Geography students visited Waitomo Caves to explore the fascinating karst landscapes and underground limestone formations. Students experienced guided tours through the caves, observing stalactites, stalagmites, and the famous glowworms in their natural habitat. The trip provided an immersive learning opportunity to study geology, hydrology, and the environmental processes that shape these unique landforms.

Highlights included viewing glowworm colonies and learning about their ecology, understanding cave formation and karst landscape and hands-on activities linking classroom theory to real-world geography. Thanks to Ms Buddle for organising the trip. Please click [here](#) to see more photos from the trip.

Athletics Day Success



On Friday, 20 February, Glenfield College held its annual Athletics Day, with students competing in a range of track and field events throughout the day. Students demonstrated determination, sportsmanship, and school spirit as they participated and supported their peers. The event was a great opportunity to encourage participation, teamwork, and healthy competition across all year levels.

Junior Girls

Champion: Lucy Davis

Runner Up: Anita van Greunen

Third: Angel Nanquil

Junior Boys

Champion: Bronson Loft

Runner Up: Shaun Hamblin

Third= Oliver Stadler & Cortez Mummery-Dear

Intermediate Girls

Champion: Sapphire Davis

Runner Up: Danica Ferguson

Third: Aria Cheeseman

Intermediate Boys

Champion: Jarryd Bacon

Runner Up: Lolesio Mauu

Third: Taumaloto Mauu

Senior Girls

Champion: Tiana Davis

Runner Up: Hannah Freestone

Third: Teyla Cheeseman

Senior Boys

Champion: Jerzy Abuyog

Runner Up: Stephan Swanepoel

Third= Dylan Nixon & Dj Mata

Service Academy Induction Camp



From 16-27 February, our Glenfield College Service Academy students completed the 12-day Service Academy Induction Course at RNZAF Base Whenuapai, delivered in partnership with the New Zealand Defence Force.

Throughout the course, students experienced a structured and supportive environment designed to develop leadership, resilience, teamwork, and personal discipline. Over the 12 days, they took part in physical training, leadership challenges, confidence-building activities, and structured team-based exercises that pushed them beyond their comfort zones.

A highlight of the programme was a base visit where students explored Defence Force facilities and had the opportunity to view the Royal New Zealand Navy SH-2G Seasprite helicopter, gaining insight into its operational role and the importance of coordination and teamwork across the services.

Students also completed the Confidence Course in Whangaparāoa during the “Longest Day,” demonstrating determination and perseverance. At the Tāmaki Leadership Camp, they faced their fear of heights at Tree Adventures in Woodhill Forest, building courage, trust, and self-belief. These shared experiences strengthened camaraderie and reinforced the importance of working together as one team.

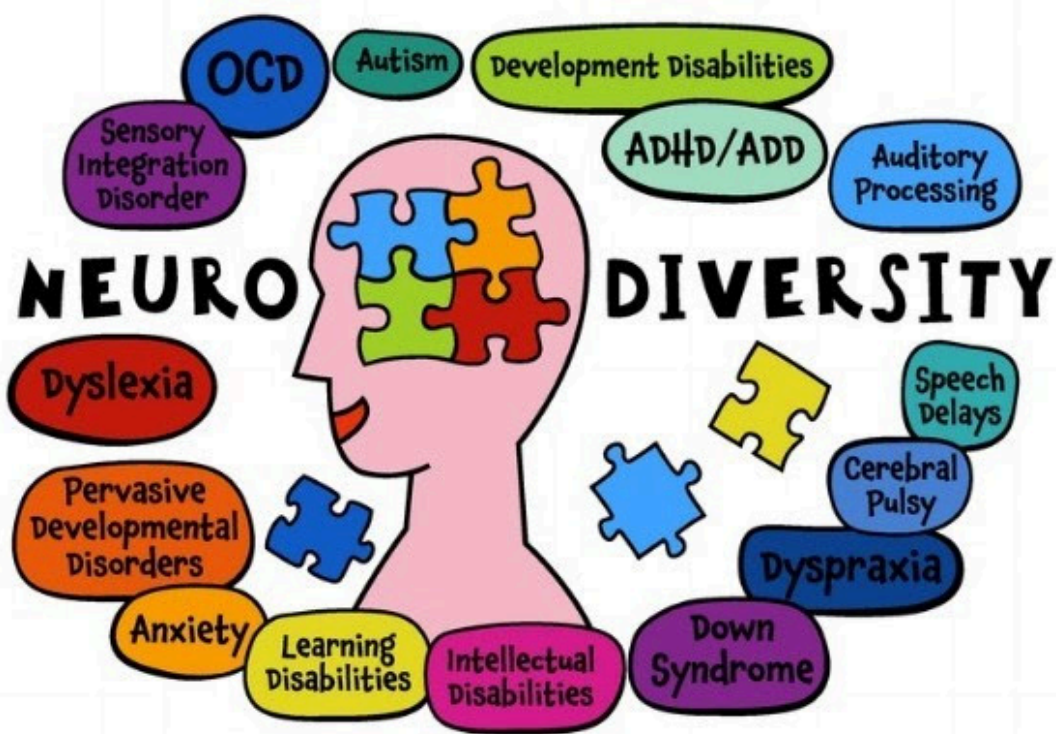
We are especially proud to acknowledge Lily Mata, who received the Top Overall Award for the Service Academy Induction Course. This award recognises exceptional leadership, commitment, and attitude throughout the 12 days - a fantastic achievement and a proud moment for Glenfield College.

The Service Academy continues to provide meaningful, real-world opportunities for students to grow in confidence, character, and leadership. These experiences help shape young people who are resilient, disciplined, and ready to take on future challenges with purpose and pride.

“Hoea te waka, kia kaha tonu”

Together we paddle forward and keep going strong.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week



From 16-20 March, we were proud to recognise **Neurodiversity Celebration Week** – a global initiative that challenges stereotypes and celebrates the many strengths and talents of neurodivergent individuals.

Neurodiversity reminds us that everyone's brain works differently. Conditions such as autism, ADHD, dyslexia and dyspraxia are natural variations in how people think, learn and experience the world. These differences bring unique perspectives, creativity and problem-solving skills that enrich our community.

Throughout the week, we encouraged students and staff to learn more about neurodiversity, celebrate different ways of thinking, and continue building a school environment where everyone feels valued, supported and included.

Youth SailGP Inspire RS Feva Regatta



Between Thursday, 13 February and Sunday, 16 February, I had the privilege of competing in the Youth SailGP Inspire RS Feva Regatta, held alongside the SailGP Auckland event.

The regatta was originally scheduled to include three days of racing, but due to strong winds and scheduling changes around the SailGP racing, the final day on Sunday had to be cancelled. Despite the challenging conditions earlier in the regatta, my crew, Ben, and I finished 5th overall out of a fleet of 37 boats.

The event featured very close racing and strong competition from sailors across the country, making it an incredibly valuable experience. It was an awesome few days on the water with plenty of ups and downs, and I learned a lot racing against some of the best young sailors in New Zealand.

Overall, it was a fantastic opportunity to compete at a high level and be part of the SailGP atmosphere.

Written by Riley Hunter – Year 13 student.

Important Dates to Note

10-17 April - OPC

20 April - Term 2 starts - Day 1

23 April - Cross Country - 2pm

23 April - Drama Company Shakespeare In The Park

27 April - ANZAC Day (Sat 25th Observed Monday)

4-8 May - NZ Sign Language Week

5 May - Year 9 Parent/Teacher Evening

6-8 May - Level 1 PE Camp

10-12 May - Year 13 Geography Trip - Rotorua

14 May - Year 11-13 Parent/Teacher Evening

11-15 May - Rotuma Language Week

Tech & Art Superstars



Rishi Konakanchi - Year 11 student



Kimoon Park - Year 11 student



Loey Wang - Year 11 student



Madison Harris - Year 11 student



Joseph Paulo - Year 11 student

Literacy Corner

Reading fluently is one of the most significant indicators of future academic success. Glenfield College recognises the importance of preparing all our students for success by encouraging them to read regularly.

Every junior student has a Reading Plus account, and they read twice a week during form time. However, students need to be reading at home as well if they are to make significant reading progress.

An example from our Reading Plus statistics: one Year 9 student who has done 85 reading lessons and read 153,607 words (and answered the comprehension questions with a success rate of 80% or above) has already improved by more than 4 year levels. On the other end of the spectrum, there are students who have completed fewer than 5 reading lessons for the whole term. These students have made zero progress.

By the time students reach high school, they should be making better decisions about their learning and thinking about how they can improve their learning skills and strategies. I would like to encourage families to encourage their children to read every day. All students are able to access Reading Plus on their devices at home; 20 -30 minutes of reading every day during the holidays will start showing the students the benefits of reading. Their understanding of all their subjects will improve; their results will improve when they are able to access the study material more easily.

Reading is necessary throughout our lives. Reading for school, university, work, and leisure is never going to go away.

Author: Bruce William, Taiwo John, Quadry Yusuf

Date: January 31, 2025

The findings (of the above research paper) suggest that fostering reading fluency can significantly enhance students' broader academic outcomes.

Hooverfoods at Glenfield College

Hooverfoods is now at Glenfield College. Here is a link to their weekly menu: <https://www.instagram.com/hooverfoods.nz/>

Ezlunch

As we now have an on-site cafeteria, we will no longer be using the Ezlunch service.

This will cease at the end of Term 1.

The cafeteria is open from 8am until the end of lunchtime daily.

Eftpos available.

Permission to Drive a Vehicle to School

Students who wish to drive to school must have a valid parking permit. To apply, please complete the online application form or collect a hard copy from Mrs Newton. Once approved, a permit will be issued to you. This permit must be clearly displayed at all times while your vehicle is parked on school grounds.

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

To follow @glenfieldcollegesport click below



To see the latest sports fixtures click below



School Docs Reviews

Term 1 - the following policies are up for review on SchoolDocs:

- **Alcohol, Drugs and other Harmful Substances (Board)**
- **Sun Protection (Board)**
- **Digital Technology and Online Safety (Board)**
- Cellphones and other personal digital devices
- Safety and Welfare for Students on Work Experience
- Firearms

To review, log on to the SchoolDocs website using:

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

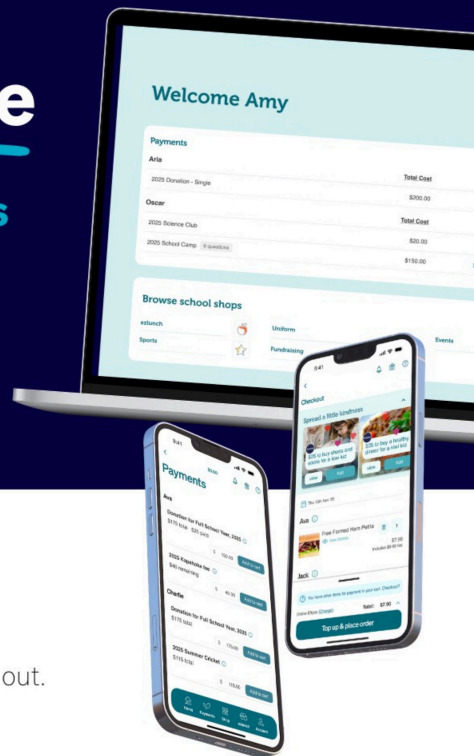
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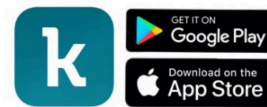


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SATURDAYS
18, 25 APRIL
2, 11 MAY

YMCA Central
Pitt Street

3 SESSIONS:

SCHOOL YEARS 8, 9, 10

10AM - 11:30AM

OPEN GYM 11:30 - 12PM

SCHOOL YEARS 11, 12, 13

12PM - 2PM

OPEN MENS/WOMAN

2PM - 4PM

\$10 PER DAY

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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

ATTENDANCE MANAGEMENT PLAN



ATTENDANCE per term
90% to 99%

1 to 4 days absent

PARENTS NEED TO

Contact the school if your child is going to be late or absent.

THE SCHOOL WILL

If we do not hear from you, your child will be marked as Truant (U)

If your child is late i.e. after the first period has started, that will be recorded (L)

ATTENDANCE per term
80% to 89%

5-9 days absent

PARENTS NEED TO

Seek support from the Form Class Teacher or Dean if you are struggling to get your child to school.

Engage with the Dean to implement strategies to improve attendance.

THE SCHOOL MAY

Organise meetings to work out the reason for the absences and create a plan to improve attendance.

ATTENDANCE per term
less than 80%

10+ days absent

PARENTS NEED TO

Engage in an improvement plan with the Dean and attendance services.

Participate in regular meetings with school and/or attendance services.

THE SCHOOL MAY

Send escalation letter to parents and seek help from attendance services to try remove any barriers, if possible.

Engage in a multi-agency response.

Implement and monitor improvement plan.

ATTENDANCE CODES



present



justified



exam leave



late



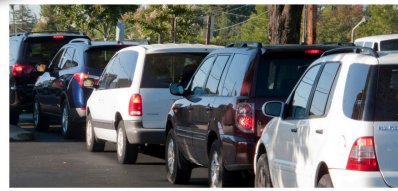
unjustified

Attendance can be viewed at any time on the Parent Portal.

DID YOU KNOW?

attendance at	is equal to	which is	and over 5 years that is...
90%	1 day away a fortnight	4 weeks per year	2 terms
80%	1 day away a week	8 weeks per year	1 year
60%	2 days away a week	16 weeks per year	2 years
40%	3 days away a week	24 weeks per year	3 year

A full calendar year has 365 days, but **the school year only has 190 days.** That leaves 175 days for appointments, shopping, family time & holidays.



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.



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Please drive carefully.



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for all**

Sustainable Living Workshop Series

kitchen skills for today's living

2nd & 4th Fridays Term 1 and 2
12.30 - 2.30pm
Beach Haven Community House
130 Beach Haven Road, Beach Haven



Learn to cook from scratch, save money and use resources exhaustively.

Each workshop you will create kai to take home along with the skills and recipe to recreate it at your whare.

Registration essential

email projects@birkdalebeachhaven.org.nz or
call 09 483 9942

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Term One:	Term Break:	Term Two:	
Fri 13 March	Wed 8 April	Fri 24 April	Fri 22 May
Fri 27 March	Wed 15 April	Fri 8 May	Fri 12 June
	tamariki welcome		



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Build confidence, creativity and academic excellence

- ✓ Creating videos using AI
- ✓ Develop Games with Roblox
- ✓ Let's learn Makey Makey
- ✓ Introduction to Developing Websites
- ✓ Learn to Code in Python
- ✓ Learn to code using Scratch
- ✓ Let us Learn 3D Printing
- ✓ Minecraft - Develop your own Mods
- ✓ Building Games with Gamemaker
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- ✓ Let Us Code
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