
School Newsletter, Week 10, Term 3, 2026.

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Message from the Principal

Kia ora koutou,

As Term 3 draws to a close, it is a good opportunity to reflect on another busy and positive term at Glenfield College and to acknowledge the many achievements and contributions of our students, staff, whānau and wider community.

One of the real strengths of Glenfield College is the breadth of opportunities available to our young people, and this term we have seen this demonstrated across academic, sporting, cultural and performing arts activities.

Winter Tournament Week was once again a highlight, with our students representing the College with pride and passion. I had the opportunity to spend time supporting our hockey team during Tournament Week and was reminded that these experiences are about much more than results. They develop teamwork, resilience, independence and the pride that comes from representing your school.

Our Music Showcase and Dance Showcase were also resounding successes. Both events highlighted the considerable creative talent within our school, as well as the confidence, commitment and enthusiasm of our performers. It was wonderful to see so many families and members of our community supporting our students. Opportunities such as these are an important part of education, giving our young people different ways to discover their strengths, build confidence and experience success.

My thanks go to the many teachers, coaches, tutors, managers, volunteers and families who make these opportunities possible. Much of the work happens quietly behind the scenes, but it makes an enormous difference to the experiences we are able to provide our students.

Finishing the Year Strongly

For our senior students, Term 3 has also brought an important academic milestone with school examinations. These provide students and teachers with valuable information about areas of strength and where further work is required ahead of the external NCEA examinations.

As we enter Term 4, the message to all students is simple: **finish strongly**.

Attendance, engagement and consistent effort continue to matter. There is still a significant amount of learning ahead, and every day at school provides another opportunity to make progress. We encourage students to establish good routines, seek help when they need it and make the most of the support available from their teachers.

For our junior students in particular, Term 4 is not a time to ease off. The habits they establish now around attendance, organisation, effort and engagement will provide an important foundation for their future success.

Belonging to Glenfield College

We also continue to reinforce our expectations around uniform, behaviour and respect for others, our environment and school property.

These expectations are closely connected to our values and our mission of **Belong, Strive, Succeed**.

Belonging to Glenfield College brings opportunities, but it also brings responsibilities. We want our students to take pride in their school, look after one another and contribute positively to the community of which they are a part.

Our aim is to provide an environment where every student feels safe, connected and ready to learn, and where high expectations are matched by strong support.

A Growing School

Glenfield College continues to grow. Our roll is now approximately 750 students, representing significant growth over recent years. It is encouraging to see more families choosing Glenfield College and placing their confidence in our school.

Growth also requires careful planning. As we prepare for 2027 and beyond, we are considering our staffing, curriculum, facilities, pastoral support and the opportunities we provide for students. We are also continuing to work with the Ministry of Education around future property needs and the consideration of an enrolment scheme.

Our challenge is not simply to become a bigger school, but to ensure that as we grow, we continue to become a **better school**.

That means retaining the strong relationships, inclusivity and sense of belonging that are important to Glenfield College, while continuing to strengthen teaching and learning, broaden opportunities and ensure our systems and facilities meet the needs of an increasingly diverse student community.

Looking Ahead

Term 4 will arrive quickly and will be another important and exciting period for the College. For our senior students, attention will increasingly turn towards completing qualifications and preparing for NCEA and GCFC examinations. We will also celebrate student achievement and contribution through our end-of-year events and prizegiving.

At the same time, considerable work is already underway preparing for 2027. The continued growth of Glenfield College provides us with an exciting opportunity to think deliberately about the school we want to be over the next three to five years.

Finally, I would like to thank our students for the many ways they have represented and contributed to Glenfield College throughout the term. To our staff, thank you for your continued commitment to our young people, and to our parents, caregivers and whānau, thank you for your ongoing support.

I hope everyone has the opportunity to enjoy a well-earned break over the school holidays, and that our students return refreshed and ready for a strong final term.

Belong. Strive. Succeed.

Ngā mihi nui,



Rakesh Govind

Principal

New Staff Member Welcomed



On Monday, 31 August, we welcomed Sue Wood to Glenfield College as our new School Nurse and Attendance Officer.

Sue brings more than 20 years of diverse nursing and midwifery experience to her role, with a career spanning emergency and recovery nursing, youth justice, hospice community care and remote-area nursing.

For more than two decades, she worked as a Remote Area Nurse in small Indigenous communities throughout Australia, where no two days were ever the same. Her experiences

included caring for communities where snakes, wild horses and huge Brahman cattle roamed freely, while crocodiles were a constant presence at nearby beaches.

She also worked as a Flight Nurse with the Royal Flying Doctor Service, where her adventures included chasing camels off runways and navigating around electrical storms. Despite the challenges, she says she loved every terrifying, joyous and uncertain moment of the journey.

Her adventures have extended well beyond nursing too. Sue spent six months sailing by catamaran from Australia to Timor, the Spice Islands of Bandaneira and on to Indonesia - including an unforgettable encounter with pirates!

She is passionate about people, adventure and making the most of life. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, her beloved British Bulldog, cappuccinos, wine, quiz nights, the sea, sand and sunshine, yoga, the gym and travelling.

Staff Members Farewelled

As the end of Term 3 arrives, we bid farewell to and thank two staff members for their time at Glenfield College.

Jonafe Jalos joined us this term, teaching Year 9 PE and Years 12 & 13 Sports Studies, while Aaliyah Zionov taught Year 9 & 10 English.

We thank them both for their contribution to our kura and wish them all the very best for their future teaching opportunities.

International Students Farewelled



This week we said farewell to Rin, Yuzuki and Mayu, who have been part of the Glenfield College whānau this term. Last week, we also farewelled Yu.

It has been wonderful having these students with us. They have embraced every opportunity and made the most of their time at our kura – from performing on stage at our Dance Showcase, hitting the slopes on Ski Camp, enthusiastically taking part in Ki-o-Rahi, and exploring Rangitoto Island, to weekend adventures to Hobbiton and Rotorua.

You have certainly packed a lot into your time in Aotearoa!

We will miss you all and wish you safe travels home. Thank you for being such a wonderful part of our school community – please keep in touch!

International Student Trip to Rangitoto Island



On Tuesday, 22 September, a group of our International Students enjoyed an adventurous day exploring Rangitoto Island!

The group made the most of the beautiful surroundings, enjoying the opportunity to explore one of Auckland's most iconic landmarks, learn more about the island's unique natural environment, and spend time together outside the classroom.

It was a great day of adventure, fresh air and fun, with plenty of memorable moments along the way.

A big thank you to Mrs Sanderson and Mr Saunders, who helped make the trip such a wonderful experience.

Services Academy Adventure Challenge



From 14–18 September, the Glenfield Service Academy travelled to Cambridge for the annual Adventure Challenge, taking on a range of activities designed to test teamwork, resilience and determination.

From equipment carries and hiking trails to raft building and kayaking on the Waikato River, our students were pushed outside their comfort zones. The cold mornings and even colder water certainly tested them, but there were plenty of laughs, challenges conquered and great memories made along the way!

A highlight of the week was working alongside students from other Service Academies, building new friendships and learning the importance of communication, teamwork and supporting one another.

We are extremely proud of the resilience, determination and positive attitude our students displayed throughout the week. Every challenge was another opportunity to learn, grow and become stronger as a team.

A big thank you to Mr Tearoa for making this trip such a memorable experience and for supporting our students throughout the week.

Hoea te waka, kia kaha tonu!

Te wiki o te reo Māori / Māori Language Week



To acknowledge and celebrate Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori, our house competition invited classes to decorate their doors to represent the richness of Aotearoa's unique language and culture.

Dance Showcase



On Wednesday 9 & Thursday 10 September, our talented dancers took to the stage for our annual Dance Showcase performances.

It was rewarding to see our students share their passion, creativity and hard work through an exciting programme of performances. The students put on two amazing shows and received fantastic support from our school community.

A huge thank you to Mrs Ogden and everyone else who worked behind the scenes to make both nights such successes.

We are incredibly proud of all our talented dancers and the dedication they showed in bringing these performances to life! Please click [here](#) to see more photos from the performances.

Vocal Showcase





On Tuesday, 8 September, Glenfield College celebrated the incredible talent of our student vocalists at our Vocal Showcase.

Our audience enjoyed the talent of our students as they took to the stage to share their voices, passion and hard work. Thanks to the staff who worked so hard behind the scenes to make this such a huge success.

Winter Tournament Week





From 31 August to 4 September, Glenfield College students took part in Winter Tournament Week, representing the College in Netball and Hockey.

Our Hockey students travelled to Clareville, while our Netball students headed to Hamilton to compete against schools from across the region and country.

It was an exciting week of competition, teamwork and school spirit. A huge thank you to all the staff members working behind the scenes to support our students and teams throughout the week. Please click [here](#) to see more photos from the week.

NZ Blood Drive



On Friday, 28 August, Glenfield College was proud to host an NZ Blood Service blood drive. The Kaipātiki Theatre was buzzing as students and staff took the opportunity to support this important cause and give back to our community.

Blood donation is a simple but incredibly valuable way to help others. Every donation can make a real difference and help save lives.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated, supported the event, and helped make the day a success.

For more information about donating blood and eligibility, visit the [New Zealand Blood Service](#).

GC Drama Company Presents The Brightest Thing

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2 casts. 2 days. 4 incredible shows.

16–17 October at Glenfield College.

Don't miss this beautiful, heartwarming comedy.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW from the GC finance office or on Kindo at <https://tinyurl.com/gcshows>

The Brightest Thing



Shows

Glenfield College Kaipatiki Theatre

FRI OCTOBER 16 Invitation Matinee 12.00pm
FRI OCTOBER 16 Evening Show 6.30pm
SAT OCTOBER 17 Matinee 2.00pm
SAT OCTOBER 17 Evening Show 6.30pm



Tickets

Direct from the
Glenfield College
Finance Office

\$5

Or online at
tinyurl.com/gcshow26

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HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

- Long Term & Short Term
- Current rates apply
- Full support

for more information contact
Glenfield College @j.kilroy@gc.ac.nz or
Lake Panorama 09 836 1277

Apply through Lake Panorama Student Homestays

www.lpstudenthomestays.co.nz




Each year we are very lucky to welcome a number of International students to our kura. With Term 1 often being the busiest term, we are inviting potential new host families to apply now. We place International students in local homes so that they live in the same area as their new Glenfield College friends.

We would really love to hear from anyone who thinks they would like to open their home to an International student. We have a range of programmes that students sign up for, from 2-week stays, 1 term, 6 months, full year, or full academic year, meaning they return to NZ each year for full schooling.

There are so many benefits to hosting, so please get in contact with us or Lake Panorama directly to discuss the possibilities.

Important Dates to Note

- 12 October - Term 4 starts - Day 6
- 12-16 October - SMART Assessment Week
- 14 October - UoA Subject Selection Presentation
- 15 October - AUT Subject Planning Session
- 16 & 17 October - The Brightest Thing Performances
- 22 October - Sports Prizegiving - 6pm - Kaipatiki Theatre
- 26 October - Labour Day - School Closed
- 29 October - Arts Awards - 6-8pm
- 29 & 30 October - Year 10 Sports Performance Camp
- 4 November - Senior Prizegiving - 6.30pm
- 10 November - NZQA Exams Start
- 17 November - Whānau Hui
- 23-27 November - Year 10 Camp
- 27 November - Year 13 Graduation
- 4 Dec - NZQA Exams Finish
- 8 December - Junior Prizegiving Practice

8 December - Sports Afternoon - 2pm finish

9 December - Junior Prizegiving

9 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 email admin@gc.ac.nz

UPCOMING EVENTS

Click [here](#) to view
the school calendar

Sports Report





Term 3 was a huge success for GC Sport, with strong participation across all codes and impressive results at both local and tournament levels.

Our basketball programme continues to grow, fielding seven teams this season. A special mention goes to the U15A team and the Junior Girls team, who both took the top spot in their respective grades. It was a similarly strong term for hockey, with both the boys and girls teams putting together great runs, capped off by the Girls Hockey Team winning their grade title.

On the football field, the Junior Boys, Senior Boys, and Senior Girls all enjoyed competitive, positive seasons. Our rugby players also showed great commitment throughout the winter, representing GC well as part of the combined schools teams.

Netball – UNISS Tournament Success: Our Netball team had a fantastic week down in Hamilton competing at the Upper North Island Secondary Schools (UNISS) tournament. The girls showed incredible determination, teamwork, and spirit throughout a demanding schedule, placing 13th in C/D Grade, a massive jump from last year's 28th-place finish! Beyond the impressive climb up the standings, the week was filled with fantastic court culture, high-energy support on the sidelines, and plenty of memorable team bonding moments off the court.

Mixed Hockey Tournament at Wollaston Trophy During Winter Tournament Week, GC's combined hockey team travelled nine hours to Clareville, Wairarapa, for the Wollaston Trophy. Despite 12 of the 16 players competing in their very first tournament, the team showed incredible resilience and skill against top-tier competition. Highlights included tight matches against initial opponents and eventual tournament champions Northland/Okaihau (1–5), along with a strong 2–0 victory over Lytton High School. Off the pitch, players bonded over shared accommodation, tested their focus with senior-derived grade revision, and visited Stonehenge Aotearoa. Ultimately, the week proved to be an invaluable learning experience, forging deeper friendships and leaving the team hungry for next year.

Save the Date: Annual Sports Awards. Please mark October 22 in your calendars for our annual Sports Prize-giving, held in the Kaipatiki Theatre. Anyone is welcome to attend as we celebrate all of our sporting successes from 2026. A lot of planning is going on behind the scenes to prepare a very exciting evening for our athletes and community.

A massive shout-out and thank you to all our coaches, managers, and parents who supported and drove students around, and brought endless positivity to the sidelines throughout the term!

Katie Adamson

Sports Director

To follow @glenfieldcollegesport click below



To see the latest sports fixtures click below



Term 3 policies under review:

- **School Community Engagement Policy (Board)**
- **Inclusive School Culture (Board)**
- Enrolment
- **Student Attendance (Board)**
- Student Uniform/Student Dress Expectations
- **Concerns and Complaints (Board)**

To review, log on to the SchoolDocs website using:

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

Login: gc

Password: Kaipatiki

Technology & Art Block Superstars



Neleesha Jayawardana - Year 11 student



Liya Bikina - Year 11 student



Joyce Liu - Year 11 student



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

P
present

J
justified

X

exam leave

L
late

U
unjustified

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

DID YOU KNOW?

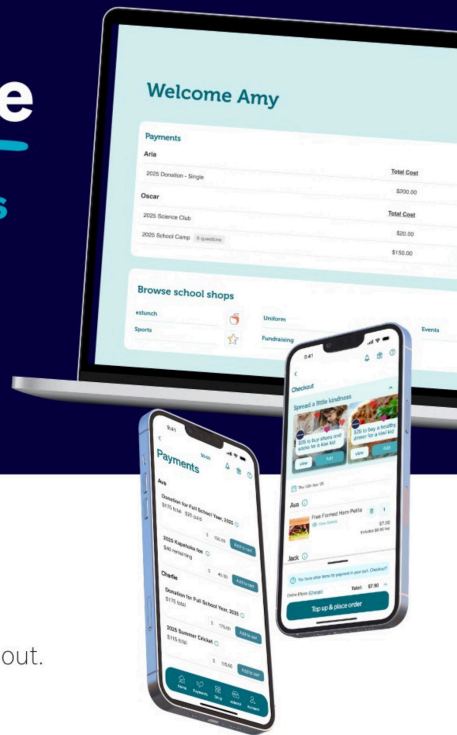
attendance at	is equal to	which is	and over 5 years that is...
90%	1 day away a fortnight	4 weeks per year	2 terms
80%	1 day away a week	8 weeks per year	1 year
60%	2 days away a week	16 weeks per year	2 years
40%	3 days away a week	24 weeks per year	3 year

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.

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New to Kindo?

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- Browse the school shop, purchase and check out.

Already have a Kindo account?

- Log in to your Kindo account
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- Select your student and add membership
- Select new organisation from the dropdown list
- Browse the school menu, add items to your cart, and check out.



Have questions?

Our friendly team is here for you.

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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](#)



Click here to be taken to our website and 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.



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

Community Notices

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Build confidence, creativity and
academic excellence



EXPLORE
New Ideas



CREATE
Amazing
Projects



BUILD
Bright Futures



PROGRAMME DATES: September 28th – October 9th, 2026

OUR HOLIDAY COURSES



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



Code that Robot
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Minecraft
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available



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Free Event: Teaching our teenager to drive parent evening



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