



Friday 3rd February 2017

Welcome

Kia ora,

Welcome again to 2017 at Glendowie College.

On Wednesday we welcomed our new year 9 students to the college. It was wonderful to see so many parents and whānau also attend the powhiri. This reflects the strong parental commitment to their child's learning that we enjoy in this community.



Yesterday we welcomed all other year levels back to school. With a few exceptions all students should now have a final timetable and be starting on their course work this week and next.

At yesterday's assembly, we congratulated our senior students on their academic success last year. Our results for year 11 and year 12 were the best ever at the college – in terms of overall achievement AND the percentage of students gaining NCEA with an endorsement. Congratulations to all of our students who sat NCEA last year on their hard work and success ... and the parents, whānau and teachers who supported them.

It is great to see the college affirmed as an academic college that is among the top in New Zealand. Once the college has the final data from NZQA, I will share this with you.

Term 1 is always a busy one with school events such as Athletics, Swimming Sports and the like. Please take the opportunity to go to the calendar on our school website and check for upcoming events. Remember that you can personalise this to show you information just for areas of the school relevant to you (e.g. your child's sports team, arts, school leadership, etc).

Shortly students will be invited to sign up to co-curricular activities such as sports, the school production, Duke of Edinburgh, etc. I encourage all students to make the most of these opportunities.

Glendowie College has one of the highest student participation rates in Auckland and we want to continue this. Playing a sport is great for fitness, making friends, and developing life skills such as commitment and teamwork.

Please encourage your child to keep an eye on notices and sign up for sports and arts activities this year. You can see the daily notices on the Parent Portal which you can link to from our school website (www.gdc.school.nz).

Upcoming Events:

February

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| 6 | Waitangi Day (<i>school closed</i>) |
| 13 | Swimming Sports |
| 15 | Year 9 Parents' Evening |
| 18 | Duke of Ed Bronze Practice Tramp |
| 20 | Y13 Leadership Camp
Y9 Parents Music Information Evening |
| 21 | Parent/Form Teacher/Student Interviews (<i>2pm-5pm</i>) |
| 21-22 | Gateway Health & Safety Course (Years 12 & 13) |
| 22 | Parent/Form Teacher/Student Interviews (<i>8:45am-3:20pm</i>) |
| 24 | Athletics Day (Years 9-13) |
| 25-26 | Duke of Ed Silver Practice Tramp |
| 27 | Athletics Rain Day |
| 28 | Year 13 Leadership Day |

March

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| 1 | Year 13 Leadership Day |
| 1 | Principal's Cottage Meeting at Library (<i>7pm</i>) |
| 2 | Parents' Association Meeting (<i>7pm-9pm</i>) |
| 6-10 | Summerfest |
| 9 | Principal's Junior Curriculum Meeting at Library (<i>7pm</i>) |
| 14 | Board of Trustees Meeting (<i>6pm-9pm</i>) |
| 21 | Taurere Whanau Group Meetings (<i>6:30pm-9pm</i>) |
| 27-31 | Summer Tournament Week |

R Dykes
Principal



Meet the Principal – Cottage Meeting

Each year I like to make myself available to parents, existing and new to the college, to present my vision for the college and answer any questions or concerns that parents may have. I welcome you to attend this meeting.

This year the cottage meeting will take place on **Wednesday 1st March at 7pm in the library**. If you would like to attend this meeting, please contact Eliza, my PA (won@gdc.school.nz) to reserve a place.

The meeting will consist of a short presentation by me about the college, our annual goals and my vision for the college and its students, followed by an opportunity for parents to ask questions to me directly.

I look forward to meeting you.

Uniform

There is a strong sense of pride at the college and it is great to see this shown through students wearing the correct uniform with pride.

We appreciate the support of parents to ensure our students are correctly attired for school. Please note:

- **Girls' Skirts:** These must be sitting on or below the knee
(there are new skirts this year with extra length to allow this)
- **Boys' Trousers:** Boys must wear school regulation trousers, not other black or navy blue trousers
- **Socks:** **All socks must be worn up.**
Girls must wear navy blue Columbine socks, and boys wear regulation school socks.

Boys may want to make some 'garters' from elastic to help keep their socks up.

We appreciate your support in ensuring our students have the correct uniform and wear it with pride.

Junior Curriculum Meeting

In 2016 we reviewed the junior curriculum to *"design a junior curriculum that challenges and motivates all year 9 and 10 students, and prepares them to be confident, articulate with a strong global perspective"*.

I will detail the outcomes of this review and the timeline for its implementation in the next newsletter. Please note that there will be no changes to our junior curriculum in 2017.

I would like to give interested parents an opportunity to ask questions in person, and so will hold a meeting in the library on **Thursday 9th March at 7pm in the library**.

Please contact Eliza, my PA (won@gdc.school.nz) if you would like to attend this meeting.

Mr R Dykes, Principal



Junior Prizegiving 2016

The 2016 school year concluded with the Junior Prizegiving. This was a very successful occasion where top academic students in each class were recognised as well as overall year level top scholars. A number of special awards were also presented.

Special guest speaker was Sarah Page, Head Prefect in 2012. Sarah is currently undertaking a medical degree at the University of Otago. The musicians should be acknowledged for the quality of their performances.

Congratulations to all prize winners!



Julia Tan



Emma Taylor



Daniel Tan



Edward Blair



Lauren Connolly

Lino Nelisi Junior Reading Award	Lauren Connolly
Speech Cup - Year 9	Harriet Tanner
Speech Cup - Year 10	Jessica Nielsen
Junior Languages Cup	Pamm Boonthana-Arkrapat
The Gibb Cup — Year 9 Social Studies Inquiry Work Winner	May Gan
Graphics Cup — Overall effort in Year 10 Graphics	Luke Kneale
Music Shield	Daniel Tran
Junior Art Cup — Most Promising Junior Art Award	KohEun Lee
Miss Griff Trophy — Best Girl in Physical Education	Jessica Nielsen
The Hauora Cup — Best Boy in Physical Education	Yannik Boehm
Junior Mathematics Cup	Julia Tan
The Trenwith Cup — 1 st in Year 10 English	Julia Tan
Diligence Awards — For consistent effort which may not be recognised through other awards	Sofia Hammer (Year 9) Tate King (Year 10)
The New Zealand Pride Cup — For a high level of pride in school community and country	Tayla Clark
Top Scholar Year 9 Cup	Emma Taylor
Junior Leadership Cup — Greatest leadership in junior school	Edward Blair
The Groves Cup — Most outstanding all-rounder in Year 10 for academic, activities, service	Daniel Tran
Top Scholar Year 10 Cup	Julia Tan

Mr G Robertson, Deputy Principal



Peer Support Leaders Training Day and Year 9 Orientation



Peer Support Leaders Training Day

On 25th January, 72 Year 13 students gave up their time to come back to school for a Peer Support Training Day.

Peer Support is a program run for the new Year 9's in order to help them orientate themselves with their new school and meet their new classmates in a fun way. It also helps minimise any anxiety they might have about their first year of secondary school, so their transition from being primary/intermediate school students into high school students can be a smooth one. At the training day, the peer supporters planned out activities to do on the Year 9's first day, as well as games which would help them get to know each other and familiarise themselves with the school.

On Wednesday 1st February, all the training paid off as we welcomed the new students to the school with a powhiri, and then distributed them off into their new form classes. We played games and showed them around the school, learning everybody's names and the rules and regulations of the college. Overall, it seemed like they had a great first day, and having the help of the peer supporters made it easier to get to know the school and feel welcome and safe in the Glendowie College family.



Powhiri, Year 9 Orientation Day

Aishah Mangnall and Emily Peers (Year 13 students), Peer Support Leaders



Glendowie College Rowing Summer Activities

Over the summer break, Glendowie College's Rowing Squad was training hard working towards attaining success at the competitions that lie ahead for the rest of the season. Sixty of us rowed most days throughout the summer until we reunited at the annual week long Summer Rowing Camp held down at Lake Karapiro. From Year 9s to 13s, we rowed each day with each other on the Karapiro River amongst other schools which also held their rowing camps down there. The trainings were gruelling and tough, however everyone in the squad had a good time together on and off the water.



(Photos taken by Pete Watson)

After Summer Camp, Glendowie College participated in the Cambridge Town Cup held at Lake Karapiro from 27th to 29th January. Once again, the rowers of Glendowie College were put to the test as they battled it out on a 2km course against other North Island schools. Many of us saw success during the regatta taking out titles and placings in each age group. We could not have achieved without the encouragement of our coaching team led by Mr Schmidt. We are very lucky to have such a committed and skilled team of coaches.

With our Provincial, North Island and National Championships coming up over the next two months, our rowers will be grinding away at trainings as the rowing season draws to an end. We will be working hard to represent the college to the best of our ability and we are hoping to defend the titles we currently hold.

The Auckland Championships (Head of Harbour) is being held at Lake Pupuke, Milford on 11th January, it would be great to see lots of Glendowie College supporters supporting our rowers, see you there!

Finlay Watson and Mary-Rose Millett, Rowing Squad Captains



NZ Spearfishing Nationals - Jordan Wilson (Year 13)



Jordan competed in his second year of this competition at the NZ Spearfishing Competition held in Whatuwhiwhi, Northland and came away with a great haul of trophies. As this is considered an extreme sport, it makes it a good achievement! Well done Jordan!

Trophy - 1st Junior Under 18

Trophy - NZ Junior Photography Champ

Trophy - Open Best Overall Photo

Trophy - Most Meritorious Catch - Kingfish

Trophy - Junior Biggest Fish - 17.7 kg Kingfish (gutted and gilled)

Trophy - 1st Open Water Fin Swim Champion

Mr JP Keshav, Year 13 Dean

Vietnam Trip 2018

Opportunity of a Lifetime!

Vietnam History Trip April 2018

Experience the History and Culture of this amazing country.
Information Evening Coming Soon. For a sample itinerary please
email Ms Michelle Simpson – sim@gdc.school.nz



Ms M Simpson, Social Science Faculty



Concert Band Fundraising Garden Party at “Ayrlires”

Glendowie College Concert Band presents



On Sunday 19 March, we are holding a fundraising event at the breath taking gardens at “Ayrlires”, 125 Potts Road, Whitford, Auckland.

Gates will open at 11am, and you will be free to stroll around the gardens, enjoying performances by our musicians prior to an after lunch concert by the full Concert Band. All monies raised from the entry fee and profit from the refreshments will go directly to fund the Glendowie College Concert Band Trip to Sydney 2017 – ‘Opera House, here we come!’

We are most grateful to Bev McConnell for generously opening up her beautiful gardens to us.



Ayrlires website: www.ayrlires.co.nz will enable you to view images of some of the garden. For map and directions, please visit this link: <https://www.google.co.nz/maps/place/Ayrlires+Garden>

Entry ticket \$25 will be available from Music Department office. Unfortunately, children under 12 will not be admitted.

For further information and enquiries, please contact gdcayrlires@gmail.com

Mrs C Myhre, Arts Faculty



School Musical – ‘Suessical’

Students interested in performing lead roles in the school musical of Suessical this year, please meet us next Tuesday 7th February at lunch time in the Drama room. You will be given character sheets so you can prepare for the part you would like to audition for.

Ms C Stone, Drama Faculty

Akari Ouchi – Year 13 Student

Congratulations to our wonderfully talented Oboe player, Akari Ouchi, who was accepted for the Auckland Philharmonia Summer School in January. She has now been recognised nationally as Oboist for the New Zealand Youth Symphony Orchestra and has been accepted in the NZSO's mentoring programme for 2017. These are sought after positions, and we are thrilled that Akari's abilities and hard work have been recognised. Akari will be performing with the orchestra at the Auckland Town Hall on Saturday 15 July.

Mrs C Myhre, Arts Faculty

French Classes



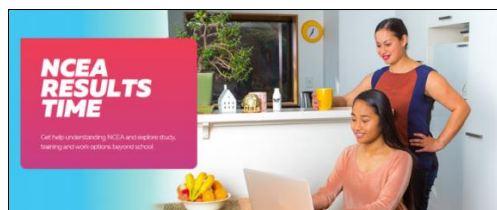
Glendowie College and Milouze French Club would like to launch after-school French classes in 2017. These classes would be tailored to suit the needs of the students and will provide support for anyone interested in continuing to learn French or who would like to begin.

For further information, to express your interest or to enrol, please contact Milouze de France info@milouze.co.nz or Alain on 021 155 3001. You can also visit their website: www.milouze.co.nz

Ms A Vincent, Languages Faculty

NCEA Resource Page

To support parents and their teens with next steps after receiving NCEA results, a NCEA resource page has been launched on the Careers New Zealand website. The page features a video starring former All Black Michael Jones sharing his experience of supporting his children through NCEA, plus a range of helpful articles and an eBook.




The page helps parents understand NCEA and how to interpret their kids' results. Teens and parents can find practical advice and information on next steps. Please visit the page at www.careers.govt.nz/ncea for more information.




Mindfulness Training

Mindful Parenting course is researched-based, using tried and tested Mindfulness techniques that work with stress, with tricky emotions and with relationship dynamics. Many people have repeated the course, so whether you're a first timer or a returner, you are warmly welcome to come.


Please follow the link for registration <http://renewyourmind.co.nz/mindful-parenting/> and feel free to contact Shirley Pastiroff (details listed below) if you have any questions.

**Renew Your Mind**
MINDFULNESS TRAINING



Mindful parenting course

Parenting: it's a relationship but sometimes feels like a job. In this popular 6 session Mindful parenting course, Shirley Pastiroff (counsellor and mother of 5) teaches practical and effective Mindful parenting techniques that reduce parenting stress, improve relationships and create deep and lasting connections with your children.



TERM ONE COURSES 2017:

6 WEDNESDAYS
Starting 15 February 2017, 7.30 - 9pm @ The Parenting Place, Greenlane

6 THURSDAYS
Starting 16 February 2017, 7.30 - 9pm @ St Philip's, 92 St Heliers Bay Road

COST: \$150

MORE INFO/SIGN UP: <http://renewyourmind.co.nz/mindful-parenting/>
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