

Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017

## Kia Ora

With the wonderful school production, 'Seussical the Musical', behind us, the next major school event is the School Ball at Eden Park this weekend. The event is a highlight of our school calendar, as our year 12 and 13 students dress up for fantastic evening of music and enjoyment.

We have talked with students about expectations for this event. It is a school function and therefore free from the presence or influence of alcohol and drugs. We have also talked with students about looking out for each other to, at and from the Ball, so that everyone fully enjoys the evening.

I understand from Mr Keshav, our Year 13 Dean, that we now have 4 buses transporting students from the Ball back to the school for parents to pick them up.

My thanks goes in advance to the students and staff who have organised this year's Ball – 'A Wander in the Woods'.

Our winter sports programme is well underway. This week, we have teams across all codes playing ... hockey, basketball, football, netball, badminton, rugby, lacrosse, and more. I especially admired the teams who played in the heavy wind and rain on Saturday.

We have just received the latest sports data from Sport Auckland (Aktive) which shows, again, **Glendowie College has the highest sports participation** of all co-ed schools in Auckland, and one of the highest participation rates across all schools in the region. This, and other co-curricular involvement in the arts and leadership, is a very special feature of Glendowie College and our community.

### Horror in Manchester

It was with shock that I read of the bomb attack in Manchester, and the murder of 22 young people at the concert there. Any attack on others is terrible, and this one which targeted young people adds to the horror. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and school communities affected by this atrocity.

**R Dykes**  
Principal

## Upcoming Events:

### May

- 27 School Ball (7pm Eden Park)
- 30 Parent / Subject Teacher / Student Interviews (3pm-8pm)

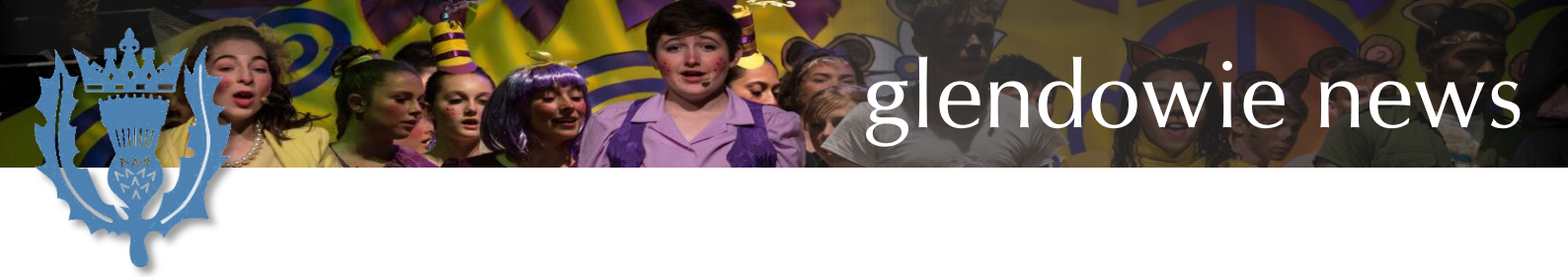
### June

- 5 Queens Birthday
- 6 Careers Expo (4pm-7pm at School Hall)
- 8 Parents' Association Meeting (7pm-9pm)
- 12-16 Senior Exams
- 14 'The Big Sing' Choral Competition
- 21 Board of Trustees Meeting (6pm-9pm)
- 27 Dance Night (School Hall)
- 28 Band Farewell Concert (7pm at School Hall)

### July

- 6 Parents' Association Meeting (7pm-9pm)
- 7 Term 2 Ends
- 24 Term 3 Starts

(For a full list of upcoming events, please see the calendar on the



## Careers Expo 2017

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**INVITATION TO ATTEND**

# **GLENDOWIE COLLEGE CAREERS EXPO**

**4pm – 7pm**

**Tuesday 6 June 2017**

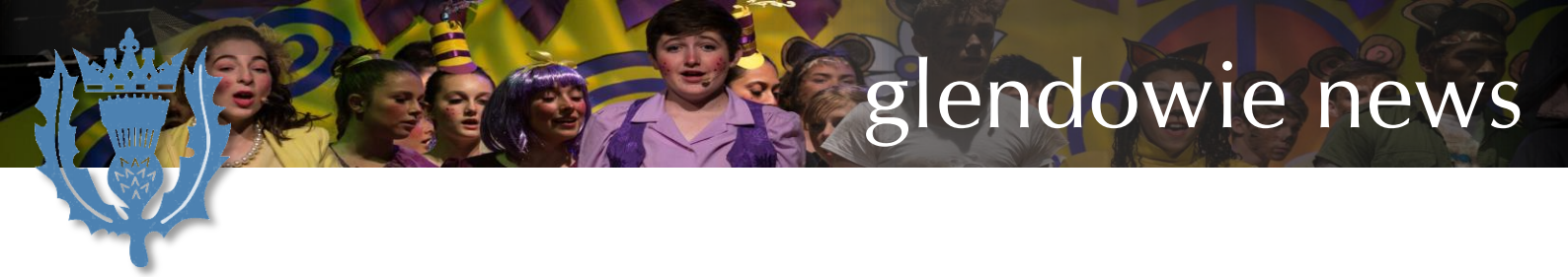
**Glendowie College School Hall**

The college strongly encourages all students and parents to attend the Careers Expo. Liaison staff of NZ universities, institutes of technology, private training providers and several industry training organisations will be available to provide course information, enrolment advice and guidance for their tertiary education and training qualifications.

This information is particularly important for all students, especially 2017 school leavers and for students in Year 9 to Year 12 who are seeking guidance into prerequisite/preferred subjects for their further education and training.

***Mr D James, Career Development***

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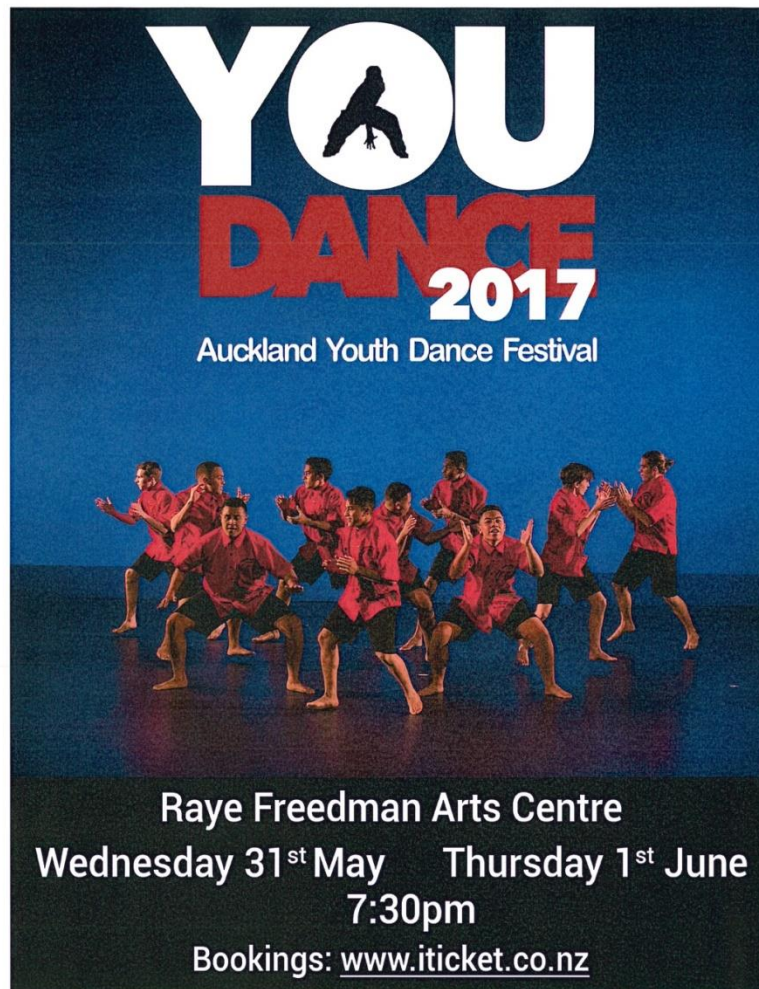
## You Dance 2017

The year 12 and 13 dance students will be showcasing their choreographies during this year's You Dance showcase on Thursday 1 June. This is a great opportunity for the students to show their work in a professional setting, and tickets are available to the public.

Tickets for the evening performances of You Dance are almost booked out. If you want to grab the last few, please go to [iTICKET](http://iticket.co.nz) fast.

There are still seats for students at the **dress rehearsal performances** at 5:30pm on Thursday 1 June at Raye Freedman Arts Centre, Epsom Girls Grammar. Book these now at [iTICKET](http://iticket.co.nz) using the access code '**dress rehearsal**' or phone (09) 361 1000.

It would be great to have some GDC support there!



**Ms L Rasmussen, Arts Faculty Teacher-in-Charge Dance**



## Novice Rowing Information Evening



An information evening will be held next Monday 29 May starting at 6:30pm in the Glendowie College Staff Room to introduce rowing to students who are new to this sport. All students are welcome to attend.

Registrations will be taken that evening for our 'Novice Learn to Row' program, which provides students an opportunity to try and enjoy the sport along with learning basic skills. This is a great opportunity for students to be part of a New Zealand's top sport and to participate at a school with high performance crews and coaches.

The Glendowie College Rowing Squad is a highly successful rowing program. We are a leading Auckland rowing school, and have won regattas, titles and had many North Island and National champion crews over recent seasons. Some of our present and past rowers have been selected for representative (including NZ national) squads. Some ex-GDC rowers are now rowing for prestigious rowing Universities in other countries.

**Mr P Watson, Rowing Manager**

## Mufti Day

On Wednesday 31 May, Glendowie College will be holding a mufti day to support our neighbours at Glenbrae Primary School. Instead of donating money, we would like students to bring canned fruit and/or pre-loved preschool and primary school level books, to supplement Glenbrae School's breakfast and reading programmes.

Glenbrae School is part of the Kickstart Breakfast Programme, through which children are provided with breakfasts of Weetbix and milk. The canned fruit would add something extra, delicious and nutritious to their breakfast.



We would also like to grow their reading programme, so if you have any preschool or primary school books at home that you no longer need, it would be brilliant if you could donate them. If enough books are collected, the children would be able to take some home too. These books do not need to be brand new, but in good condition would be great. The rule of thumb when donating secondhand items is: "Only bring in items you would be happy to receive yourself."

Glenbrae Primary is a small, neighbouring school with only 135 students, which is down from 200 due to housing changes in the Glen Innes area, so your help will make a big difference. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

**Annabel Worn, Lilyan Huang & Eve Walter (Year 12 Students)**

## Cross Country



On Friday 19 May, the annual Glendowie College Cross Country event was held up at Churchill Park. With true Autumn weather leading up to the event, the course was predictably wet and very boggy in some areas, leaving competitors muddy and tired, in true "Cross Country" fashion.

The course was set up, staff and student supporters were around the course at different areas, with the first gun going off at 12:30pm for the Intermediate Girls race. The conditions were tough and with the ice-cold wind, students really demonstrated the GDC values by keeping moving, staying positive and giving it heaps! There were fundraising events taking place, with sausage sizzles, bake sales and music by our very own DJ – Mr Salmon. Students were also participating for America, Asia, Pacific and Europe houses, wearing house colour t-shirts and gaining as many points as they could to try and compete for the 2017 overall winning house (points are still being tallied).

Well done and thank you to everyone who was there on the day. A special thanks goes out to staff who helped to run the event, Year 13 students who were involved in the Bake Sale, Year 13 PHE and Outdoor Recreation and Leadership classes that helped to set and pack up the course, which is a massive undertaking.

The results are:

### Junior Girls

- 1<sup>st</sup> Keely O'Grady
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Holly Harding
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Carly Green

### Junior Boys

There is going to be a rerun of this event for the top runners next Thursday 1 June (due to unforeseen circumstances on the day).

### Intermediate Girls

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sophie Atkinson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jessica McIntosh
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jamie Iro

### Intermediate Boys

- 1<sup>st</sup> Yannik Boehm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel Calvert
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Alexander Duff

### Senior Girls

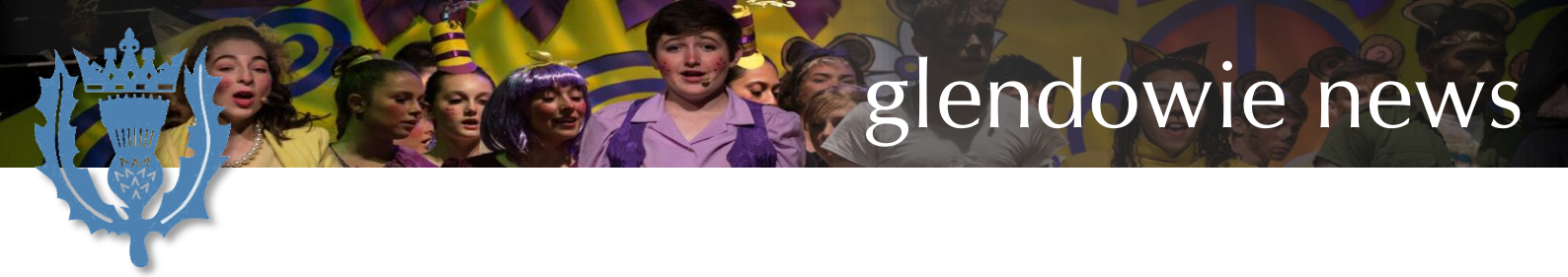
- 1<sup>st</sup> Alexandra Iro
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Brodie Tokios
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Beatrice Smit

### Senior Boys

- 1<sup>st</sup> Maxwell Rawbone
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Allan McBride
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Yamato Nakamura

**Ms K Webster, Health and Physical Education Faculty**





## Rotary Club Breakfast

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Bright and early this Thursday (25 May) morning, seven Glendowie College students, along with Mr So and Mr Singh, attended the Remuera Golf Club for the weekly Rotary Club breakfast.

The four leaders of the Interact Club gave a brief talk about the recent Easter Egg fundraiser, and thanked the Rotary Club for their invaluable support throughout the course of the fundraiser. Two students, Cassius Brown and Sophie Mansell, discussed their RYPEN conference, while Georgia Tippet discussed her great experience with Rotary at a Science and Technology Camp in January.

The students showed poise and leadership in being able to talk publically to a room of adults. Mr So and Mr Singh also spoke briefly about the gratitude we feel as a school for the Rotary Club's continued support and gave some background as to why the wider community is an essential element in the success of the school's efforts to increase awareness with today's important issues.

We would like to take this opportunity to once again thank everyone who participated and donated their time and money to the various causes championed by the Interact Club.

Please feel free to contact Mr So or any of the Interact Club members if you have any queries or would like to get involved.

***Mr H So, Interact Club Teacher-in-Charge***

## Parents' Association Update

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The Parents' Association is in full swing for the year now! We have two events on the horizon, mark these dates in your diaries now!

The first one is a 'Mix & Mingle Movie' night on Thursday 27 July (first week of term 3). The movie is 'Paris Can Wait', starring Diane Lane and we will have tickets available for sale shortly.

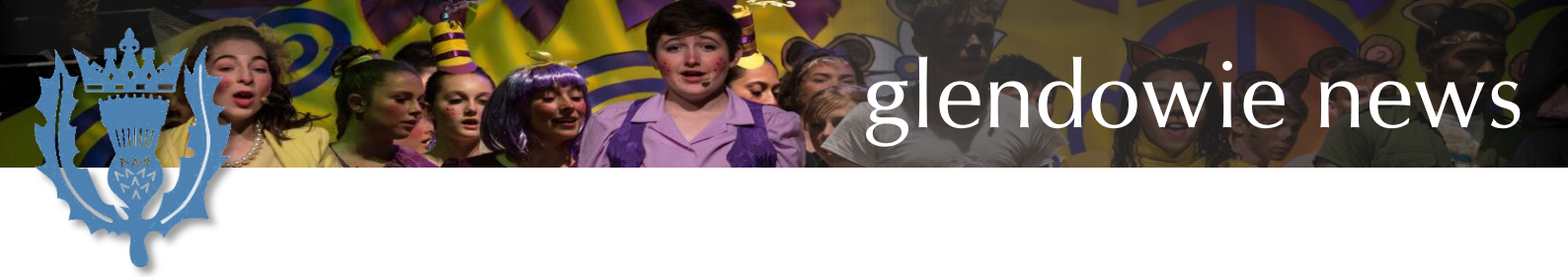
Our annual 'Big Night Out' dance is on Saturday 12 August. This year we are holding a Disco with a 'Back to School' theme, so dig out your old school uniform, or just come as you are. More details will be provided in the next newsletter, but please save the date in the meantime! We are hoping to include a silent auction at the Disco this year. If any families have goods or services that can be donated for this, we would love to hear from you. We can be reached by email at: [gdcparents@gmail.com](mailto:gdcparents@gmail.com)



Entertainment books for 2017/2018 are now available. Thanks very much to those who have purchased them already. This is a solid fundraiser for our college as well as being a great way to try some new places and save some money yourselves. They are available in digital or traditional book format – just simply click the link: <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/102r353>

And finally – keep up with what we are up to by following us on our facebook page – 'Glendowie College Parents Association', or come along to our meeting and join us – you are most welcome!

***Ms S Keats, Chairperson of the Parents' Association***



## Book Night at Glendowie College Library

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On Tuesday night, 33 onesie clad students and two staff members took part in the very first Book Night at Glendowie College.

Book Night is a nationwide event, which is now in its second year. Its aim is simply to encourage reading wherever you can. On the evening, we read for 15 minutes (it was the most silent the library has ever been!) in conjunction with over 2000 others throughout Aotearoa. We also had a onesie catwalk, played some very hotly contested rounds of book themed 'Kahoots' and ate too much chocolate!

In conjunction with the Book Night, the student librarians decided that we would support 'Jammies in June' (Middlemore Hospital's programme to get warm, new PJs for kids in need). We raised over \$300 selling baking, hot chocolate and popcorn to hungry students

and staff. Fun was had by all, and it will definitely become an annual event at Glendowie College, so come along in 2018!

***Ms J Gayton, Library Manager***

## Underwater Hockey Team – New Zealand Representatives

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A number of current and former Glendowie College students have been selected for New Zealand Age Group Underwater Hockey teams to compete in the forthcoming World Age Group Championships.

William Heaps (Year 12) as well as former student James Ramsbottom have been selected for the Men's Under 19 team. They will be defending New Zealand's world champion status achieved in Spain two years ago.

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, Alyshia Samuel (Year 13) has been selected for the Women's Under 19 team. Her two older brothers, Clark and Joel have won selection to the New Zealand Men's Under 23 team along with Scott Knowles who currently coaches the school's Senior Open team. This means former Glendowie College students make up a quarter of the Under 23 team.

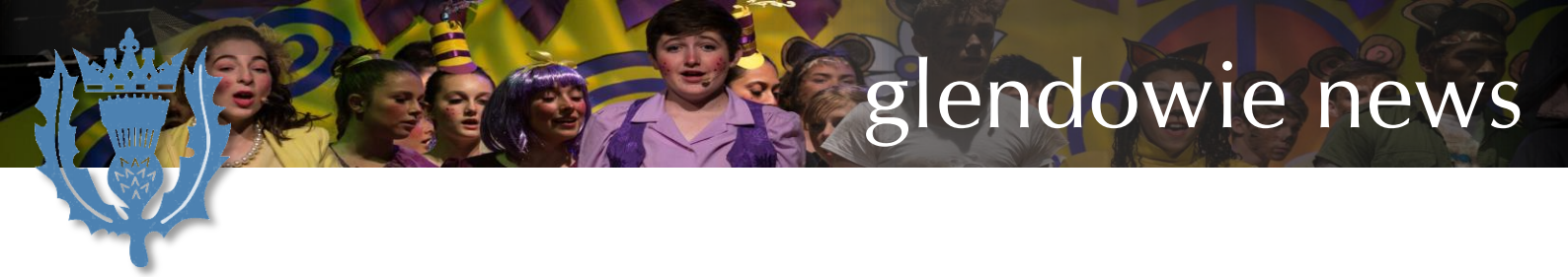
We wish the players well for the World Championships to be held in Hobart during the July holidays.

***Mr G Robertson, Deputy Principal***

## Taurere Whanau Meeting

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The latest Taurere Whanau meeting was held last week with several parents and teachers present. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss issues that Māori students face in the school and to strategise solutions. These meetings, with representatives from the school, including the Senior Leadership Team, happen throughout the year and all parents of Māori students are welcome. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 29 August. For further information, please feel free to contact Mr Dobson on [dbs@gdc.school.nz](mailto:dbs@gdc.school.nz)



## Baywatch Movie Fundraiser

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The group travelling to Tanzania in December are having a private screening of the movie Baywatch on Sunday 4 June at Berkeley Mission Bay at 5:30pm to help raise funds for the upcoming trip. Tickets are \$19 each and include homemade cookies and a drink.

Tickets can be purchased from outside the Nurses office at morning tea and lunch time, or by emailing Olivia Davies: [14031@gdc.school.nz](mailto:14031@gdc.school.nz) or see Ms F Smith.

**Ms F Smith, Tanzania Trip Co-ordinator**

## Vietnam Trip Fundraising

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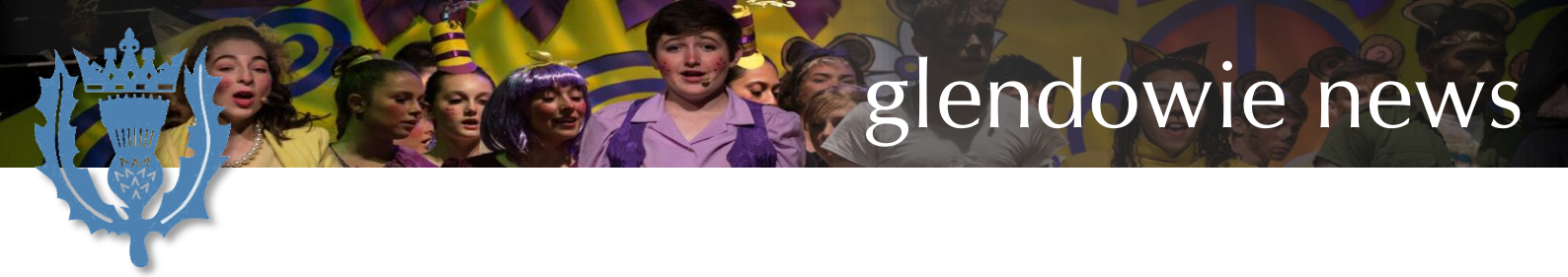
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## Vacancy – Workshop Technician

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If you are a retired builder, engineer or handyman, this might be the ideal job for you.

The college is looking for a Workshop Technician who can work 7 hours a week. The hours are flexible and can be done over 2-3 days between the hours of 9:00am to 3:00pm. Great team and environment.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Mr J Dobson on [dbs@gdc.school.nz](mailto:dbs@gdc.school.nz)

***Mr J Dobson, Technology Faculty***