



Friday, 29th September 2017

Kia Ora

As I write this newsletter, we are in the aftermath of the recent election and waiting on our politicians to decide who will be our next government and what their policy agenda will be over the next three years.

I hope education will be near the top of this agenda. Through the Auckland Secondary Schools Principals Association, I am on a Ministry of Education working group looking at Teacher Supply in Auckland. You may have read about the issue in the media.



The concern of Auckland Principals, primary and secondary, is that an already significant shortage of teachers will worsen as Auckland's population continues to swell and too few young New Zealanders are going into teaching to replace an ageing workforce. The government must act decisively ... now ... to head off a growing crisis.

It is also interesting to see new young MPs coming into parliament. Chloe Swarbrick, the new Green MP, will be New Zealand's youngest MP in more than 40 years. She is only 5 years older than many year 13 students. Might one of our students leaving Glendowie College also enter parliament in five years' time? Given the maturity and success of our young adults by the time they leave Glendowie College, I look forward to seeing this.

Arts Awards

Thank you to everyone who involved in the Arts Awards evening last week. Unfortunately, I was ill and unable to attend. This evening celebrates the extraordinary artistic talent of our students, and the leadership of key students (e.g. Freda Song and Jack Barter – Arts Prefects) and staff. Well done to all students who received awards at the prize giving.

Holidays and Looking Forward

I wish you and your family well over the next two weeks. Whether you head away or stay local, I hope you get to relax with friends and family.

For senior students, it is important to take some time out to relax. They are now in the final straight towards NCEA and taking some of the holidays to rest and recharge mentally is important before the final term.

Accelerate Learning Programme (ALP)

As previously stated, the ALP continues at Glendowie College. The students will remain together in their core academic classes and continue with the same extension curriculum as they currently do.

The only change for ALP students, like all other year 9 students, will be a new form class as we shift students between form classes as part of the new house structure starting in 2018.

Similarly, the Middle Years' Programme (MYP) will not change the ALP structure. We will continue to have ALP classes in the years ahead. Our vision is that the MYP will greatly benefit ALP (and all) students through its focus on global contexts, inquiry learning and clear academic rigour.

R Dykes
Principal

Upcoming Events:

September

- 29 Film Festival
(7:00pm-9:00pm, School Hall)
29 Term 3 Ends

October

- 16 Term 4 Starts
17 Leavers Concert
(7:00pm-10:00pm, School Hall)
19 Sports Awards
(7:00pm-9:00pm, School Hall)
23 Labour Day
24 Taurere Whānau Meeting
(6:30pm-9:00pm, Staffroom)
25 Board of Trustees Meeting
(6:00pm-9:00pm)
26 Service Awards Assembly
(9:35am-11:05am, School Hall)
26 Parents' Association Meeting
(7:00pm-9:00pm Staffroom)

November

- 1 Senior Prizegiving
(7:00pm-10:00pm, School Hall)
3 Dance USA Quiz Night
Fundraiser (7:00pm-10:00pm,
School Hall)
9-1Dec NCEA Exams (except 17 Nov)

(For a full list of upcoming events,
please see the calendar on the
college website.)



Fun Run / Walk



The sun shone brightly for the Glendowie College Fun Run/Walk on Sunday 24 September.

This was the 10th Annual Fun Run/Walk which saw runners and walkers of all ages pacing our neighbouring streets and parks. It was a fun family day with entertainment and food/refreshments enjoyed by all at the completion of the run/walk.

The college would like to acknowledge and thank the major sponsors, namely **Barfoot & Thompson St Heliers**, **New Balance** and **The Uniform Group**.

As with any of our major fundraising events, the college appreciates the support of the Glendowie College Parents' Association who organised the roster for raffle selling and the registration stand. A huge thank you is extended to our course co-ordinator, Jenny Fisher and her awesome team of marshalls.

The college also appreciates the generous support from **Bedpost**, **Life Pharmacy**, **Physio Rehab Group**, **Entertainment Book** and **Active Fitness** for their donations towards the raffles. All the awesome spot prizes this year were kindly donated by New Balance.



Once again, thank you to all those runners/walkers who participated in this community event.



Mr D James, Director of Sports

Maori and Pasifika Home / School Partnership Meeting

On the first Wednesday of term 4, 18 October 2017, the college will be hosting a Maori/Pasifika Home/School partnership meeting in the Te Reo classroom at 6:30pm.

The purpose of this meeting is to inform parents of school data around Maori/Pasifika achievement, discuss strategies of the school, provide a forum for discussion and questions, as well as time to go through individual student's progress with families. There will be a meat tray as a lucky door prize.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Lydia Rasmussen at ras@gdc.school.nz or (09) 575 9128 ext 173. We hope to see you there.



Arts Awards Evening



We were pleased to recognise the various, impressive achievements of our students in the area of the co-curricular Arts. It was also great to have so many parents or family members come along to celebrate with us.

Achievements in Debating, Wearable Arts, Dance, Theatre Sports, Kapa Haka, Visual Art, Drama and Music were the main areas recognised. Our Senior Debating Team did very well in the Auckland wide Debating competition this year, as did the Concert Band in the KBB Festival, and the Sydney International Music Festival. The 2017 musical production

"Seussical" was also highly successful earlier in the year, and that, as well as the Music success, meant that we were congratulating a large number of students for their wonderful work.

Special Awards were also presented to outstanding students and leaders in various activities, and the strong leadership of Freda Song and Jack Barter, our Arts Prefects, was also recognised.

The support which our staff gives to Arts at Glendowie College is immense. To all the staff who run a co-curricular programme, I would like to say a very big "Thank you".

Wearable Arts – Mrs Bilkey and Ms Gee, Debating – Mrs Harding, Theatre Sports – Ms Thomson and Mr So, Kapa Haka – Mr Rikirangi-Thomas, Dance – Ms Rasmussen, Visual Arts – Ms Cooper and Drama – Ms Stone.



Ms C Myhre, Faculty Leader Arts



Leavers Concert



This is to be held on Tuesday 17 October 2017 at 7.00 pm in the College Hall.

It is a concert for everyone and it is one which highlights the year 13 students who are involved in music at the College. Several of them are continuing on with Tertiary Music study and we know that it will be a fine showcase of remarkable talent.

Ms C Myhre, Faculty Leader Arts

Parents Association Update

We hope everyone enjoyed the Fun Run last Sunday!

Our next Parents' Association meeting is a wine and cheese planning meeting as we look back on this year and look forward to next year. Please come along and bring your ideas or just be there, meet us and enjoy some wine and cheese. We would love to see you at this meeting, which will be our final meeting for the year.

Thursday 26 October, 7:00pm in the college staffroom (2nd week of term 4)

The Parents' Association has had a busy and successful year so far. Raising funds for the college and providing social events via Movie night, Parents Disco, Entertainment Book sales and the Fun Run .

We also helped welcome new parents to the college at the Year 9 Parents evening at the beginning of the year and provided a buffet dinner for our fabulous teachers at one of the parent-teacher interview evenings.

Thank you all for your support throughout the year.

Ms S Keats, Chairperson Parents' Association



Community Dance Classes

Where: Glendowie College Dance studio. Come in Gate 1, follow driveway to the left and park by the old gym.

What: Community Dance classes run by students who are going on the GDC Dance trip to America in 2018. Classes are divided according to age and genre. If you are unsure as to which class is best suited for your child, please contact Ms Lydia Rasmussen at ras@gdc.school.nz

When: Beginning week 1 term 4, and continuing until early December. There is potential for a small concert to show the work, depending on the interest of the students.

Cost: Classes are \$5 per student for 45 minutes. This is payable in cash at the commencement of each lesson.

Class schedule for T4 Dance classes at Glendowie College

Day/Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:30pm – 4:15pm	Contemporary Age 9-11 (senior primary aged) (Fiona Ibrahimbegov , Grace Morgan and Macayla Lock)	Hip Hop Age 12/13 (Intermediate aged) (Grace Hollis and Mikayla Harvey)		Boys dance Age 4-7 (Early Primary aged) (Josh Sage, Nathan Sherman, Campbell Nightingale, Kouki Hadano)	Jazz Age 11-13 (Senior primary/intermediate aged) (Ashton Lilley, Anya Harvey, Isabella Farnham, Brianna Green)
4:30pm – 5:15pm	Jazz Age 5,6,7 (Junior aged) (Emily Wood, Caitlin Bowie)	Hip hop Age 8,9,10 (year 5, 6) Rachel Bakkerus and Carly Green		Jr Ballet Age 5,6,7,8 Ebba Alexander, Sasha Watson & Chloe Diprose	Jazz Age 8-9-10 (year 5&6) (Molly Madill, Ela Kalman, Mikayla Mager, Brooke Thompson, Rachel Bakkerus)

Ms L Rasmussen, Dance Department

Violin Achievement

Alanna Chen (Year 10) recently had her Grade 7 ABRSM violin examination. She had practised studiously for the exam for more than 6 months and scored a distinction for her efforts.

Details on how ABRSM mark their exams can be found at: <https://nz.abrsm.org/en/our-exams/information-and-regulations/graded-music-exam-marking-criteria/>



Auckland Secondary Schools Climbers

The 3rd and final round for Auckland Secondary Schools Climbers was held at Extreme Edge Glen Eden on Sunday, 17 September 2017. The college was represented by two Climbers – Niamh Montgomery (Year 11) and Lukas Blenkinsopp (Year 12). Both won their respective senior categories and the 2017 senior series overall.

Extreme Edge Glen Eden will be hosting a special 4th round for interested school climbers, up to year 10 only, on Saturday, 28 October 2017.

Auckland Theatresports TYP Awards – Player of the Year

Best Student Leader - Hamish Clark (Year 13) was named Auckland Theatresports Player of the Year. When Hamish arrives for workshops he has students warming up, there has always been a good turnout, and the students are enthusiastic and clearly enjoy and respect his leadership.

Hamish was unable to play with his team at a player night because he was in hospital, but he live-streamed the event and watched it from his hospital bed.

Ms C Stone, Drama Department

Year 13PHE Aquathon



The Year 13PHE students recently competed in the Annual Year 13PHE Aquathon Assessment at the YMCA Lagoon Pool & Leisure Centre. They have been training for the 400m swim and 5km run for the past 10 weeks at Sacred Heart Pool and the YMCA Lagoon Pool under the experienced Coach, Fallyn Birtwistle.

The finishing times were impressive this year with David Yoo (13RTB) coming first in the class with a time of 28:02 and Alexandra Iro (13THM) coming first with the women's fastest time of 31:43. Well done to both students and a big thank you to YMCA Lagoon Pool & Leisure Centre for hosting the tournament, and to Fallyn Birtwistle for her coaching.



David Yoo (13RTB)



Alexandra Iro (13THM)

Ms F Smith, Health and Physical Education Faculty



New Zealand International Optimist Dinghy Association (NZIODA)

William Beauchamp (Year 10) with some of the 10-strong NZIODA Representative Team, left for Hong Kong on Monday, 25 September 2017 to compete in the Asian and Oceanian Optimist Champs.



Standing Left to Right: George Pilkington, Ruby Baynes, Sydney Cunliffe, William Beauchamp, Jordan Dakins
Front Row Left to Right: Freddy Wright, Carrington Brady. Not in photo: Amelia Angus, Max Scott and Sean Sun

The sailors are from clubs all over New Zealand and have spent much of their winter training for these Championships. The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (Middle Island) is hosting the regatta and there will be 132 sailors (representing 16 countries) competing for sailing honours over 5 days of racing.

Year 13 Zoo trip

On Friday 22 September, three Year 13 Biology classes led by Ms King, Dr Nafissi, Ms Jan and Ms Chand went to Auckland Zoo to gain an in-depth understanding of the Human Evolution topic.

Upon our arrival at the zoo, we were led to a theatre room. The front of the room had many tables where the skulls and skeletons of animals were laid out (some real, some clones). The Zoo Keeper gave a talk on human evolution, starting with "primates" and since we had completed the topic already, we were able to engage in the discussion more.

The presentation was very interesting as we were able to learn more about some of the individual primates at Auckland Zoo, which relates to our plants and animal responses topic. After the "Primates" presentation, we were split into two groups where one group remained in the room to do a more interactive exercise and the other group was free to explore the zoo, the two groups would then trade places.



We were warned that it was mating season at the time, so the animals may behave differently to how they usually do (showing more aggression and/or courtship behaviour). Back in the theatre room, we discussed "hominins". The zoo keeper grouped us further and gave us skulls for us to determine where they went on the timeline, from *ardipithecus ramidus* to modern day *homosapiens* and what the reasons for this were. Next we were given tools and asked to determine their culture (Oldowan, Acheulian, Mousterian, Upper Paleolithic).

Unfortunately, it did rain a few times during the day, however we were all given enough time to fully explore the zoo and see all the animals.

Ms A King, Faculty Leader Science

Stardome Observatory Trip



Drawn by Madalen Guibert-Soehadi (9HEN)

Classes 9HCK and 9HEN visited Stardome Observatory where we learned about astronomy, constellations and the possibility of life on Mars and other planets.



We were led by an instructor who brought us to a room where we were shown a presentation about research on Mars and the potential of us living on another planet. We learnt about a planet outside of the solar system that has or had potential of living organisms surviving although its four light years behind, and we also discussed the necessities for life on other planets and discovered more about the planets within our solar system. We were shown how to identify planets that would circulate around a star which meant they would have the heat needed for life. This was very educational and entertaining to listen to and has broadened our minds about astronomy.

As we left the first presentation, we were allowed to roam around and try numerous activities and read information that was presented next to displays. We all had fun comparing our weights on planets other than Earth, seeing what each lever and button did and taking photos with the astronaut cut-out.

For the second presentation, we were escorted to a different room in the shape of a dome with multiple rows of chairs that were leaning backwards. The presentation, imagery displayed onto a dome shaped screen on the ceiling, exhibited the constellation and milky way. The show was truly surreal, it opened our minds to how small we

are in comparison to the endless void around us and how undeveloped our technology still is. We were shown a video, by Rupert Grint, of the possibilities of life we might see on other planets, it was almost magical. We saw what aliens may look like, what all of these different races operating in a friendly society might be like. The presentation was absolutely beautiful and left us with so many questions about the outside world.



Madalen Guibert-Soehadi and Vidhi Patel (9HEN)



Tanzania Fundraising Success

The Tanzania World Challenge Group travelling to Tanzania in December recently had a very successful fundraising weekend. On Saturday 23 September, the group held a car wash fundraiser at Placemakers on Lunn Avenue, Mt Wellington and raised \$740. On Sunday 24 September, the group ran the Café at the school's Annual Fun Run selling crepes and home baking, and raised the sum of \$962.



Many thanks go to Placemakers on Lunn Avenue for hosting the car wash, New World on Lunn Avenue for sponsoring the ingredients for the crepes, Delphine de Rouvroy for preparing and serving the crepes, Louise and Hollie Thomlinson for running the Café, and also everyone for their kind donations and support.

The Tanzania World Challenge Group are planning their last fundraising activity at Spookers on Friday 27 October, Doublescare tickets will go on sale in Term 4.



Ms F Smith, World Challenge School Leader

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