



Wednesday, 13th December 2017

Kia Ora

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of 2017. It has been a great year with our students enjoying and excelling, in and beyond the classroom. 'Seussical the Musical', dance nights, overseas trips, sports tournaments and regattas, leadership camps, and so much more.

We have started to implement MYP and next year we have our new houses (Rūaumoko, Tāwhirimātia, Tāne Mahuta, Tangaroa) up and running.

Thank you to the many staff, parents, students and volunteers who continue to make these many opportunities possible. The Glendowie College community is an outstanding community to be part of and to work with.

Junior Prizegiving

Congratulations to the many prize-winners on Monday morning. It was great to see so many students come across the stage and have their achievements recognised. Congratulations to all Year 9 and 10 students on a successful academic year. Thank you to the staff and students involved in this event.

Staff Departing – This week we farewell the following staff from the college:

- Mr Dobson ... Faculty Leader, Technology
- Ms Masters ... English, Specialist Classroom Teacher
- Mr Kumar ... Technology, Year 10 Dean
- Mr Guy ... Social Sciences
- Mrs Kumar (nee Chand) ... Science
- Miss Fletcher ... English, Social Studies
- Mrs Beattie ... Sports Administrator
- Mrs Parkinson ... Guidance Counsellor

Mrs Beattie will, however, return immediately to the college as one of two new Tuckshop contractors. Mrs Parkinson only leaves temporarily as she takes one year's leave in 2018. We also farewell Mrs Playle who has decided to fully retire after 45 years at the college. Since her initial retirement from teaching at the college several years ago, Mrs Playle has continued in a variety of roles, especially as a day reliever and overseeing the school archives.

Thank you to these staff for their contribution to the college and our students during their time here. I wish them well in the next stages of their career.

New Staff

Replacing these staff and filling new vacancies due to roll growth, we welcome the following staff to our college in 2018:

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| • Miss Lewis ... Faculty Leader, Technology | • Miss Spencer ... Geography and Social Studies |
| • Mr Shi ... Chinese | • Mrs Curtis ... Guidance Counsellor |
| • Miss Pittwood ... Science | • Mrs McKay ... Social Studies |
| • Mr Kim ... Technology | • Ms Jorgensen ... Sports Co-ordinator |
| • Mr Walker ... English | |

I wish you and your family an enjoyable and restful summer break.

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Upcoming Events:

January 2018

- 24 School Administration Office Opens (9:00am-4:00pm)
- 24 Peer Support Leaders Training (Year 13 selected students – 10:00am-3:00pm Library)
- 25 Subject Confirmation (Year 13: 9:30am-12:30pm / Year 12: 1:00pm-3:30pm)
- 26 Induction Day for New Staff (9:00am-1:30pm)
- 26 Powhiri Training at Ruapotaka Marae (9:00am-3:00pm)
- 29 Auckland Anniversary Day
- 30 Staff Administration Day (8:30am-3:30pm)
- 31 First day for Year 9 / Orientation Day for All New 2018 Students

February

- 1 Whole School Commences (Day 1)

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



School Administration Office



The school administration office (Reception) is now closed and will reopen at 9:00am on Wednesday 24 January 2018.

Junior Prizegiving 2017

The 2017 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 Adam Szentes, Arts and Cultural Prefect 2014. Adam has just completed a Communications degree at Auckland University of Technology. He describes himself on Twitter as an aspiring PR guru and media enthusiast.

Congratulations to all prize winners!



Sophie Newton

Winner of the Junior Leadership and Social Studies Cup



May Gan

Top Scholar (Year 10) and Winner of the Graphics Cup



Sean Gibbs

Winner of the Groves Cup for best all-round student

The Cup and Special Award recipients were:

The Rothbart Cup – For displaying significant entrepreneurial ability.	Brody Green
The Year 10 Social Studies Prize – For all round excellence in Social Studies and a high level of engagement with current social issues.	Sophie Newton
ESL Reading Award – Year 9	Stefani Zaitseva
Lino Nelisi Junior Reading Award	Caitlyn Young
Speech Cup – Year 9	Caitlin Jones
Speech Cup – Year 10	Tyler Cheng
Junior Languages Cup	Joshua Lay
The Gibb Cup – Year 9 Social Studies Inquiry Work Winner.	Ariana Alves-Culley
Graphics Cup – Overall effort in Year 10 Graphics.	May Gan
Music Shield	Quenton Yeo
Junior Art Cup – Most Promising Junior Art Award.	Lauren Blakey



Miss Griff Trophy – Best Girl in Physical Education.	Nina Harding
The Hauora Cup – Best Boy in Physical Education.	Nathan Sherman
Junior Mathematics Cup	Irene Yue
The Trenwith Cup – 1 st in Year 10 English	Emma Taylor
Diligence Awards – For consistent effort which may not be recognised through other awards.	William Shen (Year 9) Thet Lin (Year 10)
The New Zealand Pride Cup – For a high level of pride in school community and country	Nina Harding
Top Scholar Year 9 Cup	Joshua Lay
Junior Leadership Cup	Sophie Newton
The Groves Cup – The most outstanding all-rounder in Year 10 for academic, activities, service.	Sean Gibbs
Top Scholar Year 10 Cup	May Gan

Mr G Robertson, Deputy Principal

Lindsay Adams Memorial Function

On Tuesday 5 December, over 50 people gathered to celebrate the founding Principal of Glendowie College with the unveiling of the memorial seat. Family, friends, former colleagues, students (past and present) came to the unveiling. The seat is situated by the Kauri tree outside the Technology block. Mr David Eddy (past Principal) and Ms Susan St John (daughter of Lindsay Adams) spoke about Lindsay and his long association with our school. From the early days of setting the college up through to celebrating his 99th birthday with founding pupils.

Ms Louise Moore (past Principal) unveiled the seat during the blessing by Mr Ranginui Rikirangi-Thomas and spoke about the planting of the Kauri Tree by Mr Adams - The seed of this mighty Kauri tree, came from Lindsay's Herne Bay home, was nurtured by his very own hands and planted outside the first building in the school. And just as the seed has grown to stand strong and tall, it is a reminder of what Lindsay wished for the college, for it to become (in his words) 'the pride of its community and recognised for its academic and sporting solidarity'.

The unveiling was followed by an afternoon tea in the staffroom where more stories were told and a great deal of catching up was done. Thank you to all who helped make this a memorable occasion.



Donations - A big thank you to those who has donated to the Lindsay Adams Endowment Fund and the Quad Redevelopment. It is not too late, if you would still like to donate, please let us know alumni@gdc.school.nz. Any donations received over the summer holidays will be receipted for in the new year.

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Peter McKenzie Award 2017

On Thursday 30 November, Frank Leng was presented with the 'Peter McKenzie Accounting Scholarship' at a St Johns Rotary Club Breakfast. The Accounting Scholarship is a joint award from the St John's Rotary Club and Deloitte. It is awarded each year in memory of Peter McKenzie, who was a partner in Deloitte and also a member of the St John's Rotary Club.

Ms N Doherty, Mathematics Faculty

Ecostore Soap Tower Challenge

The Ecostore Soap Tower Challenge, which was organised by Ecostore, XVenture and moreFM, was a team challenge which formed part of the Ecostore Roadshow. The first event of 50 nationwide events was held at Victoria Park, Auckland in April 2017.

Mr Pablo Kraus, Managing Director of Ecostore, was very impressed with 'Scooter Kids' comprising of our year 9 students, Ashton Nichols, Harry Turnbull, Antony Skyrme and Philippe Carrier, who came first equal. The boys did a fantastic job in working together as a team, with great communication, trust, collaboration, role allocation and being calm under pressure. Well done Ashton, Harry, Antony and Philippe!

The four boys selected the college as the benefactor of the major prize should they win, and it is our pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of \$2,500 from Ecostore, the sponsor of the major cash prize as well as giveaways of Ecostore products on the day.

The college would like to thank Ashton, Harry, Antony, Philippe and Ecostore for the prize money, which will benefit the school in a wider aspect.

Alumni



Nicola Tuckey & Richard Oliver



Naomi Gribble



Richard Oliver

Congratulations are extended to Naomi Gribble, Nicola Tuckey and Richard (Richie) Oliver, who graduated from the University of Auckland with a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery. Richard Oliver was also awarded the J S Werry Prize in Psychiatry (Top Student).

Ms B Rothbart, Social Sciences Faculty



Leavers Dinner 2017

A truly memorable evening, made special by the 2017 Leavers sharing the evening with their wonderful parents, caregivers and their school family.

The gathering were welcomed by Head Prefects, Lauren Calvert and Brooke Clark, and Maori/Pasifika Prefects, Begaiym Nurlan Kyzy and Steven Harper. The address by Mr Steve Collier, Board Chairperson and Mr Richard Dykes, Principal, who congratulated and thanked the families for their support, and the students for their positive contribution in the academic, sporting and cultural fields. A tribute to the 2017 leavers was made by their Dean, Mr JP Keshav.

Mary-Rose Millett was the valedictorian and spoke passionately and seussically about the coming adventure our graduates will take.

The Compassion Cup was awarded to Lara Sepetavc, by Head Prefects Lauren Calvert and Allan McBride, for her empathy and supportiveness despite personal adversity.

Our thanks to Mr Chand, Mr Robertson, Mrs Hewetson, Mrs Huka, Ms Davison, Ms Lawn, Mr Tanner as well as our Year 13 Form Teachers – Ms Doherty, Mrs Harding, Mrs Prakash, Mrs Rothbart, Mrs Simpson, Mr Storrie, Mrs Thomas and Miss Thomson, who were responsible for the preparation and smooth running of the evening. We missed Miss Rasmussen, who was unable to attend after suffering a leg injury.

Thanks and seasons greetings to all.



Mr JP Keshav, Year 13 Dean



A Leaver's Feeling

A scary, yet daunting, situation lies ahead of us as we reach the end of our adolescent lives. The end of an era. More like the chance of a lifetime to embrace a new beginning on our own terms. A chance to finally leave the adolescent nest and progress into the many uncertainties and opportunities that await in adulthood. We now fly solo.

It is amazing to think that 5 years ago, our biggest worries were where to sit at lunch or how we could dress up our uniform to be 'cool' or socially accepted. Clueless we were to the bigger picture of what was to come. We are now burdened with the inescapable alarm of nationally assessed exams and university entrance which now nip at our toes and which ultimately determine the path we take going forward. We are baffled at how the reality of the results of these final school exams can throw us into the deep end. To think how lucky we had it. But, no matter what we might think of how easy things were, we cannot repeat the past By repeating the past, we are simply not living.

It is our natural instinct to stick to what we know. We must overcome this discomfort by taking a risk and utilising every chance we are given. We have come to the end of a long intrepid 13 years of school and like everything, we must move on, as there are millions of new opportunities blooming ahead.

Who can honestly say they are completely happy with their life the way it is at this young age? We have not lived. We have merely broken the surface of life's big bubble, but have made a strong and promising foundation for the endless moments we are going to be given and encounter during our hopefully long and generous lifetime.

My advice to this is, live in the now. Enjoy what you have, and be grateful for what you have because without realising it, we take most things for granted. Our parents for example. They are a huge blessing to us, without them, we would not stand where we are today. They are like guardian angels on earth. Over the past 5 years, they have nourished and cared for us despite the ignorant sheepish response we give them in return. From paying school fees to driving us to practices and dealing with our teenage mood swings, we may have taken them for granted up until now, but as we move on into our next stage of life, we appreciate everything they have done and do a lot more.

My experiences over the last 5 years have shaped me into a more confident, more driven, more aware and more knowledgeable individual. I am grateful for the many options that have enabled me to develop these attributes and more. This transition is just the beginning of something special, aren't you a bit curious about what might be waiting for you? Every new beginning brings a dozen more possibilities and it is the way you utilise these opportunities that shape the person you become, but if you don't apply yourself in the best way possible, you'll never reach your full potential.

So live your own life, how you want to live it. Become the person YOU want to be because at the end of the day, you know yourself best, and you are the one who must live with every consequence of your actions in the times ahead. We are all in the same boat – a boat of opportunities.

Moving into adulthood is a huge leap, but the best things come from the simplest of things. You may or may not know what you would like for your future or what simply comes next for you, but I encourage you to be bold and leap at the next chance you get because the way to find the best version of yourself is to take every possibility as it comes. Make every moment count as we each are given one life ... one precious life. We have now reached the peak of our adolescent lives, so it is now YOUR mission to make the most of every opportunity you receive. Be that person that says 'I am glad I did', instead of the one that says 'I wish I had'.

Rhiannon Koni-Webb, Year 13 student



Duke of Edinburgh Gold Final Journey Success



Eleven students recently completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh final adventurous journey along with one student completing their practice journey with the purpose of completing the physical challenge of kayaking and walking the Queen Charlotte Track starting from Ship Cove and covering a distance of approximately 80km over 4 days.

The students organised the trip in advance as part of the planning phase and completed training days and a practice journey to prepare themselves for this adventure. The students had leadership roles in their 2 groups and displayed great team-work, resilience, self-reliance, determination, co-operation and initiative.

Day One was a bit of a challenge with the 2 groups kayaking to Blumine Island via Cannibal Cove and Motuara Island in strong winds. **Day Two** the 2 groups kayaked from Blumine Island via Resolution Bay and Endeavour inlet to Camp Bay and the students were told about the history of the area, the Maori myths along with appreciating the environment and spotting some marine wildlife including seals and dusky dolphins. **Day Three** the groups walked from Camp Bay to Cowshed Bay. The students enjoyed the very scenic section of the track listening to bird song and embracing the steep hills in the sweltering 30-degree temperature! **Day Four** started with an early start (4:45am) to complete the walking phase to the end of the track at Anakiwa by 3pm, where the group enjoyed a swim and jumping off the wharf into the refreshing sea.



The students had a wonderful time as did the two staff members, Miss Fiona Smith and Mrs Julie Barrack. Many thanks go to Julie for accompanying her group and assessing them on the adventure. Special thanks to Sea Kayak Adventures Marlborough Sounds and guides Aaron and Nick for encouraging the students to display their leadership and teamwork skills in a professional, inspiring and supported manner.

If you are interested in joining the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award programme, please contact Miss Smith smi@gdc.school.nz or Mrs Barrack brk@gdc.school.nz



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Sports Update

ASB Young Sportsperson of the Year – International Achievement Award



Congratulations to Scott McKenzie (Year 13), who was honoured with an award for International Achievement at the annual College Sport Young Sports Person of the Year Awards, which recognise the top achieving students from Auckland secondary schools.

Scott and his partner won the 2017 U.S National 29er Champs and finished 5th in the 29er Yachting World Champs.

Equestrian

Lily Fowler (Year 9) is currently trialling for the Auckland Dressage team. We wish Lily the best of luck.

Junior Sports Awards

The team awards for our Juniors were held on Thursday 30 November 2017. Students were recognised by their team coaches for Best Team Contributor, Most Improved Player and Most Valuable Player. We also acknowledged our U15A Basketball team (winners), 2nd XI Girls Hockey team (2nd) and Junior Badminton teams, who placed in their respective grades.

In addition, we farewelled our highly regarded Sports Administrator, Mrs Nicki Beattie. Mrs Beattie has done an outstanding job and will be sorely missed by all those involved in sport at GDC.



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Prefects Camp



On Wednesday 29 November, all 2018 prefects met at Glendowie College's gate 3 at 8:15am with bags all packed for a three day camp. Three vans took us over the harbour bridge to Camp Maynard in Albany. The purpose of this camp was for us to get to know each other, plan for 2018 with our House Deans, understand more about leadership, and work as a team.

After our arrival, we went straight into team activities to help us get to know each other, and learn to work together. These included 'helium pole' which proved to be a lot harder than we imagined, and a 'river challenge' involving jandals. We then all took part in a discussion regarding different leadership approaches which would help us understand our differing styles better and how to best collaborate with our peers. Most important on our first day was meeting with our House Deans. This was to learn more about our fellow Prefects and our Deans. We discussed how we wanted to portray and structure our houses for next year, discussing values, mottos, symbols and roles. This was a beneficial and productive afternoon, leaving all of us even more excited to get started with 2018.



Our second day, after a good night sleep, was a wilderness adventure through all the bush that the area had to offer. It was led by Omine from CraftLab, who had us trekking through bush all morning following a set of clues that lead us through swamps, thick bush, and over fallen logs across rivers. With all our equipment recovered during the trek that afternoon, we learnt to make fire by rubbing wood together. All of the teams managed to make fire this way. We then used this to cook our dinner with. Our final meal consisted of an impressive curry with rice, bread, vegetable soup, and chocolate cake. The day offered new experiences for all of us, individually and as a team.



The final day put our team work to the ultimate test with an Amazing Race styled activity led by Mr Guy. Our challenge led us from Albany to Takapuna, across the Ferry into Auckland City where we went looking for various streets, cultural food and a famous person. We climbed to the summit of Mt Hobson, Mt Eden, and Mt Taylor. Equipped with 24-hour unlimited HOP cards and our set of instructions, all the teams had an absolute blast, and we all made it back to school. After the amazing three days, we are all ready and looking forward to the opportunities and responsibilities 2018 will offer us as individuals, and as a team of 36 prefects, at Glendowie College.

Overall this camp was an amazing experience and one that we will never forget. We would like to once again thank Ms Hewetson, Mr Batchelar and Mr Guy for organising this awesome learning experience for us. This camp shaped us all for the better and has made us all more excited than ever for next year and what's more to come!

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Wider Living Days 2017



The Year 9 and 10s braved the scorching sun to attend the 2017 Wider Living Days on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th December. Both year 9 and 10 students went to the new Silverdale Adventure Park where they lugged, zip-lined, and bungied the day away. The Year 9s also dove into Waiwera Pools and had a whale of a time. Year 10s also went rock climbing and played laser tag on Friday. We would like to thank the students and staff for making these days so successful.



Mr J Hurndell, Year 9 Dean and Mr S Kumar, Year 10 Dean

Kaitiaki: GDC's YES Group wrapping up the year

Kaitiaki is a company aimed at providing a safe, sustainable, sensory and visually enticing bath bomb suitable for all skin types and catering towards children and teens who are at a disadvantage and unable to use regular bath bombs. Our bath bombs come without any worries of additives and the hidden 'nasties' typically found in everyday bath and shower products, including Parabens and SLS!

As the year comes to an end, we would like to acknowledge that Young Enterprise Scheme has been a challenging but rewarding experience in Year 13. We never imagined that we somehow could manage balancing school, extracurricular activities together with starting and running our own real life business all in one year!

Kaitiaki has faced many ups and downs during the year. However, Kaitiaki battled all the challenges head on and managed to finally create our beautiful end products; our bath bombs.

We would like to give a huge thank you to Mark Carrick, Inclusion Consultant at BNZ, who took time out to mentor us throughout the entire journey of our business. We feel fortunate to have had his continued support and fantastic humour throughout the year. We would also like to give thanks to Madeleine White (Year 11 Student) who created our promotional video. A special thank you to Mrs Harduar for her hard work and gratitude which motivated our group to keep going throughout the year.

With Christmas and the holiday season approaching fast, we would like to offer three different types of our speciality 'bubble bombs' with scents including Lavender, Lime and Coconut, and Raspberry along with some prior prototypes including a honeycomb, kiwifruit and Kiwiana themed bath bombs for \$7.00 each! For photos of the bath bombs, please follow our Facebook and Instagram @kaitiakinz.



We include speciality gift wrapping for free on request. Be in quick as we do not have many left! Please email Journee James (16203@gdc.school.nz) with your orders.

Journee James, Kaitiaki CEO



Uniform Shops Opening Hours 2018



GLENDOWIE COLLEGE UNIFORM SHOP EXTENDED HOURS FOR 2017/2018

21 Crossfield Road (Gate 3) Pop Up Shop
Ph: 575-9128 extension 142

*The Uniform Shop is temporarily located behind the tennis courts in the Year 13 Common Room.
As it is very busy at the beginning of the school year, new students are advised to purchase
their uniform on the following days:*

Monday	15 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	Surnames A – L
Tuesday	16 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	Surnames M – Z
Wednesday	17 January	12.30pm – 4.00pm	Surnames A – L
Thursday	18 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	Surnames M – Z
Friday	19 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	All students
Monday	22 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	All students
Tuesday	23 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	All students
Wednesday	24 January	12.30pm – 6.00pm	All students (Open until 6.00pm)
Thursday	25 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	All students
Friday	26 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	All students
Monday	29 January	CLOSED	AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY DAY
Tuesday	30 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	All students
Wednesday	31 January	9.00am – 12.30pm	International Students only
Thursday	1 February	12.30pm – 2.30pm	All students
Saturday	3 February	CLOSED	WAITANGI DAY (will be open Saturday 10 February instead)

Normal Uniform shop trading hours then resume

Tuesdays 8.00am – 9.00am and 12.30pm – 2.30pm

Thursdays 12.30pm – 2.30pm

First Saturday of the month 9.00am – 11.00am (except on long weekends or in the school holidays)

Payment can be made by cash, cheque, eftpos or credit card

Mrs S Micallef, Uniform Shop Manager