



Kia Ora Tātou

School Ball

The Glendowie College School Ball will be held on Saturday, 25 May 2019. It may have already occurred by the time you read this. For many students, the School Ball is the social highlight of the year and we want to make it as safe and enjoyable as possible for all those who attend. As such we insist that the occasion is alcohol and drug free, and will take all appropriate steps to ensure this. Parental support in this matter is appreciated.

Buses are provided at the end of the ball, students who wish to return to Glendowie can do so safely. Once the buses arrive back at Glendowie College, the students are your responsibility.

We thought the timing was appropriate to run the 'Loves Me Not' education programme with Year 12 students this week prior to the Ball. Details were provided in the last newsletter. In summary, healthy and abusive relationships, and the area of sexual consent are covered. This programme is run in conjunction with the Police and the Sophie Elliott Foundation.

I am confident that the school ball will be a great event. If the talk already is anything to go by our young adults attending will look stunning.

PPTA Strike – Wednesday, 29 May 2019

The college has been advised that the Post Primary Teachers Association (PPTA) in conjunction with the NZEI will be holding a nationwide strike on Wednesday, 29 May 2019. This is in support of the current pay and conditions negotiations.

The majority of teaching staff at Glendowie College are PPTA members, so it will not be possible to run normal classes. We advise you to keep your children at home. There will be supervision by non-PPTA staff of students who are at school for whom no alternative arrangements can be made.

The PPTA have also informed us that further industrial action, such as rostering home of specific year levels and regional strikes, will be taking place in June and July. The first of these actions would be the rostering home of **Year 9 students on Tuesday, 4 June 2019**. Whether these actions take place will be dependent on progress made in the current negotiations. The college will keep you informed. We apologise for any inconvenience.

School Donation

You may have received a letter co-signed by myself and Steve Collier, the Board Chairperson, requesting your school donation payment if this is still outstanding. To provide the quality of education and facilities we would like for your children, the donation is essential. Your support would be greatly appreciated.



Upcoming Events:

May

- 25 Senior School Ball
(7pm-11:55pm, Eden Park)
- 25-26 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Tramp
- 27 Parent/ Subject Teacher/ Student Conferencing
(3pm-8pm)
- 28 Book Night
(4pm-5:30pm, Library)

June

- 4 Taurere Whānau Meeting
(6:30pm-8:30pm, Staffroom)
- 6 Parents' Association – 'Nigel Latta – Adventures in Parentland'
(7pm-9pm, Hall)
- 10-14 Green Week
- 11 The Big Sing Choral Festival
(All day, Auckland Town Hall)
- 11 Dance Festival (Year 12 and 13 dance classes) (9:30am-2pm)
- 19 Board of Trustees Meeting
(6pm-9pm, Boardroom)
- 20 Year 10 NCEA and Subject Information Evening
(7pm-8:40pm)
- 24 Whakaatu Toi Art Exhibition
(4pm-8pm, Hall)
- 25 Whakaatu Toi Art Exhibition
(9am-5pm, Hall)

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



Parental Support for Sport

Currently we have over 50 winter sports teams competing during the week and at the weekend. A significant number of games are at venues outside of the college. Parental assistance is needed to take students to these venues and to collect them after games using either the school vans or your own transport. The alternative is to use taxi vans to transport teams which is prohibitively expensive. We want as many students as possible to participate in sport because of the opportunities and involvement which sport brings. If you are able to assist with transport, particularly during the week, please contact the sports office (575 9128 ext. 161) or email sports@gdc.school.nz

Outbreak of Measles in Auckland

The Auckland Regional Public Health Service has advised us that the measles virus is circulating in the community. As a precautionary measure, please check that your child has immunity either through having received the MMR vaccination, previous measles diagnosis or by a blood serology test. If not, please have your child vaccinated. Measles poses a risk to pregnant women and those with low immunity. If your child has a weakened immune system and the school is unaware, please inform Jan Davison, the school nurse. (dsn@gdc.school.nz)

Measles in Auckland schools

Please vaccinate your child or young person if they have not had one measles (MMR) vaccine. It is free at your GP.

Students in a class with someone with measles may be asked to stay home for one to two weeks, if they have had no MMR vaccinations.

Students with one or more MMR vaccinations can still attend school.

Check your child's immunisation records in their Well Child/Tamariki Ora book or ring your GP clinic.

Tell your GP or after hours clinic if you suspect measles before you arrive, so you don't infect others.

Symptoms: cough, runny nose, fever, sore red eyes, then a rash.

Measles info at: arphs.health.nz/measles

This information is also available on the school website: <http://www.gdc.school.nz/school/information/measles-information/>

Gordon Robertson
Acting Principal

2019 Board of Trustees Elections

Key dates are as follows:

Friday 24 May	Nominations have now closed and there will be an election for the Glendowie College Board of Trustees.
Wednesday 29 May	Voting papers will be sent by post to all on the school caregiver roll. If you have not received your voting paper by Saturday, 1 June 2019, please contact Mrs Tara King at reception and she will be able to reprint your personal voting paper. Voting papers can be handed in to the College reception office or mailed back to the Returning Officer.
Friday 7 June	Voting closes at 12 noon.
Thursday 13 June	Votes are counted, and our school is advised of the results.
Friday 14 June	New Board takes office.

We look forward to all our parents/caregivers being involved in the process.



Parent/Subject Teacher/Student Interviews

Bookings for Parent/Subject Teacher/Student Interviews is now open.

The date for the interviews is:

Monday, 27 May 2019 3:00pm – 8:00pm

These interviews are with the subject teachers. Discussions will include progress in assessments to date, progress towards NCEA, and discussion of the term 1 key competencies report. For Year 9 students, it could also include discussion of the interim MYP report.

Report evenings for parents/guardians and students will be held in a number of classrooms centred around the library. We strongly recommend that students also attend the conference as it is about them and their learning. Interview times are 5 minutes to enable parents to meet more of their child(ren)'s teachers. Should more time be required in special cases, a separate meeting or phone conversation can be organised between staff and parents.

To book Parent/Subject Teacher/Student interview appointments:

1. Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
2. Input the schools unique code **t45yt** on the Home Page.
3. You can make appointments with up to 7 subject teachers. The Deans, Guidance Counsellors and Careers team are also available for interviews.

Please note:

- School will finish at 1:40pm on Monday, 27 May 2019.
- There will be a few computers made available to students at school who might not have internet access at home. They can use them to make appointments.
- When making appointments, it is advisable to have a gap between appointments to facilitate the movement between rooms.
- **The bookings website is open to enable further bookings for the Monday, 27 May 2019 interviews and will close at 9:00am on Monday, 27 May 2019.**

Student Pass



Study Pass revision guides are now available to be purchased through the school. The following titles are available:

- NCEA Level 1 Mathematics
- NCEA Level 2 Mathematics
- NCEA Level 3 Calculus
- NCEA Level 3 Statistics

The packs include a set of fold-out notes and previous examination questions with worked answers. They cost \$22 and payments can be made through Accounts office.

Mr Jonathan Ely, Mathematics Faculty



Potential Post Primary Teachers Association (PPTA) Actions – Term 2, 2019

Below is information about potential PPTA actions for the rest of term 2. Whether these actions go ahead is dependent on the progress made with current negotiations.

Our region is **Tamaki Makaurau**. If any of these actions take place, more information will be sent out to parents/caregivers closer to the time.

Rostering Home

Week	Date of action	Year group
6	Tuesday 4 June	Year 9
7	Tuesday 11 June	Year 10
9	Tuesday 25 June	Year 11
10	Tuesday 2 July	Year 12

Rolling Regional Action

Date of action	Region
Monday 17 June	Tamaki Makaurau/ Northland (Upper, Central, Lower)/ Counties-Manukau/ Hauraki-Coromandel

Mr Gordon Robertson, Acting Principal

Parent and Student Portal

The Portal provides real-time information from our student management system on attendances, academics and finances.

1. Year 9 Interim MYP Reports are now available to view on the Portal.
2. School donation receipts for tax purposes can be printed at any time from the Portal
3. Did you know that you can use the payments facility on the Portal to pay for a number of charges with just one transaction?
 - You may find this quicker than creating multiple payments to the school account for individual charges or emailing/calling the school with a breakdown for the payment you have made.
 - To try this, please login into the Portal [here](#) with the login details sent to you at the start of the year. Contact Mrs Tara King on reception@gdc.school.nz if you need a copy of these details.
 - If you have any queries about your school account, please contact Mrs Bernadette Hyde on hyd@gdc.school.nz or in person at the Accounts Office from 10am to 4pm.

Ms Lisa Davis-Miller, Business Manager



Book Night Supporting Jammies in June



Book Night is scheduled for Tuesday, 28 May 2019 from 4:00pm–5:30pm in the library. It is an opportunity for students to wear their pyjamas/onesies at school, play non-educational Kahoots and other games, win chocolates, go into the draw for movie tickets and support Glendowie College Library's fundraising to purchase pyjamas in support of Middlemore Hospital's Jammies in June appeal.

As a fundraiser, the student librarians will be selling hot chocolate topped with whipped cream and marshmallows at lunch time on the day for \$2. You

are also welcome to support us by donating pyjamas to the library for Middlemore Hospital.

Ms Jody Gayton, Library Manager

Whakaatu Toi – Arts Faculty Exhibition and Showcase

Save the dates!

The Arts Faculty are excited to announce Whakaatu Toi, an exhibition and showcase of student work in Visual Arts, Drama, Dance and Music. The event takes place over three days in Week 9 of this term:

Monday June 24: Art Exhibition Opening Night

4pm - 8pm (Hall)
Gold coin entry, nibbles and drinks included

Tuesday June 25: Exhibition

9am - 5pm (Hall)
Open to public and GDC students
Free entry

Wednesday June 26: Gala Showcase

7pm - 9pm (Hall)
Performances in drama, dance, music, and digital + visual art
Tickets on sale in week 6 - \$3 student / \$5 adult

Ms Clare Jennings, Arts Faculty





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Glendowie College Alumni Upcoming Events – Please spread the word!

The college will host two reunion events in the coming months.



The first event **Recent Leavers' Reunion** will be held on **Wednesday, 3 July 2019 from 5pm to 7pm in the school hall**. This is for former students who graduated from Glendowie College in years 2014-2018. Any current and former staff are also welcome to attend. Entry is free, food and cash bar will be available. Please visit the Facebook page for details: <https://www.facebook.com/events/334452217257515/>



The second event **The 1960's Decade Reunion** is scheduled for **Friday, 16 August 2019 from 7pm to 11pm**. This is for any students or staff members who were at the college in any year of the 1960s. Tickets are \$35 and include a welcome drink, nibbles on arrival, and supper mid-evening. To book, please click on the following link: <https://www.trybooking.co.nz/BEV>

Please feel free to pass this information on to anyone who may be interested in attending.

Ms Nicole Parish, Alumni Advancement Co-ordinator

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Parents' Association

Nigel Latta Seminar

Nigel Latta will speak to us on Thursday, 6 June 2019 in the school hall. Come along, have a few laughs and gain a tip or two about raising teenagers.

Tickets are selling out. Get yours now: <https://www.trybooking.co.nz/849>. Limited tickets will be available on the night.



Thanks to G & T Hairdressing Mission Bay for their great raffle prize which will be drawn at the seminar.

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Pre-order to enjoy these bonus offers

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Early Bird Vouchers

Entertainment Book 2019/2020

We have launched our first fundraiser, 'The Entertainment Book', which was given out to all year 9 and 10 students. This is a great coupon book offering a range of goods and services. If you have not received a book and would like to purchase one, the link is:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/102r353>



This year we have another large fundraiser planned which will be launched later this term. All we can currently say is save the date **Saturday, 24 August 2019**. This will be a night to remember!

We are always looking for more members to join us – our next meeting is on Thursday, 4 July 2019 in the staffroom. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing Dinner	Monday, 27 May 2019
Nigel Latta Seminar	Thursday, 6 June 2019
Parents' Association Meeting	Thursday, 4 July 2019

Sara Haddon, Parents' Association Chairperson

<https://www.facebook.com/GlendowieCollegeParentsAssociation/> or Gdcparents@gmail.com

Rūaumoko House STEP UP Challenge for the HeartKids!

Our steppers have been working hard over last couple of weeks with Mrs Harduar leading with 13,218 steps on average per day over the last week, closely followed by Mr McBride with 12,295 steps on average per day for Week 1. In Week 2, Nina Harding (Year 12 student) beat us with over 14,000 steps per day over the week. The challenge for this week is still on with the weekend walks ahead!

A massive thank you to our generous donors! We are now on \$819.48 – very close to our goal of \$1,000.

If you wish to donate, please click on the link: <https://give.everydayhero.com/nz/ruaumoko-challenge-heart-kids>. All support counts and will be much appreciated! Let's spread the word!

Have a Heart, Save a Life! Let's do this for the HeartKids!

From the Rūaumoko Team

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International Taekwon-Do World Championships 2019

Damyan Ng (Year 11), a member of the New Zealand Taekwon-Do Team, competed recently in the Under 63kg Junior (15-17 years old) Boys Sparring division at the International Taekwon-Do World Championships in Germany. Damyan got through to the quarter finals (just one match off a medal). Having won 3 previous matches against Romania, Canada and Spain, he lost to Slovenia in the quarter finals. Damyan has been given a ranking of number 5 in the world for his division. Considering Damyan was one of the youngest in the junior division, this is an excellent achievement. Well done Damyan!



Ms Fiona Smith, Tangaroa House Dean

Year 13PHE Tennis Tournament 2019

The Year 13PHE students recently competed in the Annual Year 13PHE Tennis Tournament at Scarbro Tennis Centre. The class has been improving their tennis skills in term one with Ollie Bartosh, Head Coach of the Glendowie Tennis Club.

This year, the Men's Single winner was Thomas Mengel (13KNG) and Women's Single winner was Asta Schnell (13WBR).

Well done to both Thomas and Asta! A big thank you to Scarbro Tennis Centre for hosting the tournament, Ollie Bartosh for his coaching and Kiwi Tennis for their support.

Ms Fiona Smith, Health and Physical Education Faculty





Chief Scout Award Success



Thomas Milmine (11LWS), Jack Milmine (11HAW) and Robert Bass (11LWS) recently received their Chief Scout Awards, which were presented to them by the Auckland Zone Leader.

The Chief Scout Award is the highest award that can be achieved as a Scout. To be eligible for the award, the Scouts' skills are assessed, along with their leadership skills, initiative and commitment. This is a great achievement for the boys and it is also the first time in over 10 years that someone from the St Heliers/Glendowie troop have received it. They have undertaken hours of volunteering, an NZQA first aid course, a 4-day trip to Whangarei (with no adults!)

and run camps for 20+ Scouts, which they organised completely on their own from the planning to budgeting, buying food and running the whole weekend. It is an amazing achievement for them all, well done boys!

Ms Fiona Smith, Tangaroa House Dean

Business Studies – The International Curriculum Network with Norway



Students from Drammen International School

Taking advantage of the advancement in technology, our Year 13 Business students have explored an enthralling global learning opportunity with Norway. This was done through a digital learning platform between Glendowie College and through a contact of Ms Walker, our Director of International Students, at Drammen International School.



Students from Glendowie College

A lot of online conferencing between teachers from both schools was involved to establish common ground for the learning and assessment to occur. Despite the time difference, students held skype conferences and connected online to collaborate and learn from each other to complete their projects.

This experience also opened up the opportunity for an interdisciplinary collaboration between the Business students and a selected group of DVC students. They worked on producing posters to present collated information on Norway as a potential business market.

We look forward to utilising this platform to expose our young Entrepreneurs to global learning and networking opportunities. We are also exploring other international collaborative projects with Drammen International School. Exciting times ahead!

Mrs Pritika Harduar, Social Science Faculty





Market Day



On Friday, 3 May 2019, we held our Market Day in the school hall. It was an awesome day full of food and fun, and also provided us with a great opportunity to learn how to manage a business. We had the chance to taste a diverse range of food from many different stalls, such as ice cream, churros, melting moments, slushies, milkshakes, cake pops, cookies dough, ice tea, tacos and more.

We all arrived in the morning to set up our stalls, prepare the ingredients and products. Signs were displayed and hung onto the roof, tarpaulins were laid and taped down, toasters, blenders, slushy makers and deep fryers were plugged in, and people were busy running around to get everything ready in time for morning tea and lunch.

At morning tea, people rushed into the hall, stall owners were standing on their chairs yelling across the hall to attract customers. Money started to fill up the cash boxes and thousands of items were made and sold. After morning tea, we quickly cleaned up and set up again for lunch. This was also the time for grading by the teachers. We had more customers during lunch time and just 10 minutes before the end of lunch, groups were changing prices, offering discounts and giving out free samples to get more sales. When the bell rang, we all stopped and started to clean up. Everyone helped one another, cleaning up crumbs of cookies, chips and tacos, wiping away spills from ice cream or whipped cream, and helping other groups dismantle their stalls. It was a great experience which we all enjoyed.

Lisa Schubert (Year 10 Student)

Young Enterprise Scheme (YES)



On Tuesday 14 May 2019, two Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) teams travelled to the AUT Manukau campus. The teams were 'Jandalization' run by Lydia Edgeworth and Mayna Tse, and 'Cloud Mass' run by Sean Gibbs, Matthew Bilby and Adam Jonkers.

On the day, we went to pitch our business ideas, which we have been working on since the beginning of term one, as part of the entrepreneurial challenges in the YES programme in front of a panel of four judges.

The business pitch allows teams to earn up to 30 points in the YES year, these go towards the teams performance in the YES programme and determine which teams will make it to the regionals and finals. A lot of preparation is required to be able to explain every aspect of the business in less than five minutes, including financial forecasts, marketing strategies and long term goals.

Feedback from the judges enables us to take on board their advice and improve our businesses. It was a valuable experience and our public speaking skills were challenged. Thanks to Mrs Harduar for helping and supporting us throughout our YES journey.

Lydia Edgeworth and Mayna Tse (Year 13 Students)



Pink Shirt Day



On Friday 17 May 2019, the Year 12 Health class promoted Pink Shirt Day to show support for bullied students and raise awareness of the issue.

Some students wore pink shirts to school to show their support and many more bought cupcakes and posed for pictures! All donations and proceeds from the cupcake sale have been donated to the Mental Health Foundation, the organisation behind Pink Shirt Day. We raised a total of \$1,013.20!

Thanks to everyone who participated! No one should go through bullying, and Pink Shirt Day is all about supporting victims and helping them feel that they are not alone. We encourage all students to 'not bully' anyone and hope that Glendowie College will make school a safe place for everyone to come to.

Ms Kate Webster, Health and Physical Education Faculty



Year 9 Stardome Observatory Visit



"I think we are at the dawn of a new era in commercial space exploration", said Elon Musk.

After visiting Stardome Auckland, the year 9 students of Glendowie College are ready to front the big question: How do we reach Mars? Our session at Stardome started with a 'bang' – a very impressive and enlightening presentation on the Solar System and how it has been explored. This prompted many interesting and unanswerable questions about how to explore the rest of the universe. We also had some active learning – a quiz in groups which involved teamwork, which will be an essential skill for getting us to Mars and beyond.

Our wonderful, educational learning experience ended with a short animation film that tugged at many curious minds as we watched the future of 'Mars Exploration' appear before our very eyes. The film sparked many imaginative solutions and left us with questions to think about. Let's just say, Year 9 is the new dawn of 'Space Exploration'.

Jorja Kane (Year 9 Student)



Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)



Last weekend, a selected group of students from Year 12 and 13 represented Glendowie College at East Auckland Rotary Club's Model United Nations Assembly.

Students were placed in groups of three and allocated a country to represent during the Model United Nations General Assembly. Glendowie Students were lucky enough to be assigned as Cuba, Monaco, and Zimbabwe. The idea of this was to possess the persona, morals, ethics and values of the respective nation in a diplomatic and orderly fashion.

The Assembly was held at Auckland Girls Grammar School, with the auditorium set out in an identical fashion to that of the General Assembly in New York. The day was spent debating a selection of remits set forth by Rotary (including children's rights, hate speech, disarmament, climate change and regulations on internet platforms) designed to evoke conversation about issues incontestably relevant to today's society and with the purpose of encouraging meaningful conversation among politically minded students from schools as far north as Kerikeri.

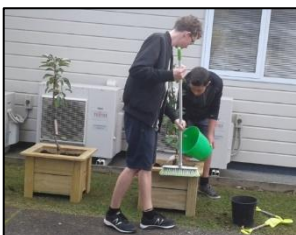
One of our students summed up the event, "It was a full on two days that were spent listening, speaking, laughing, clapping and arguing, and it was amazing to be in the atmosphere full of people who speak up, demand change and are the future leaders of tomorrow. We made friends and learned a lot."

At the end of the two days, the Cuba team was awarded 'Most Engaging Speakers' and Zimbabwe were the runners-up in the award for 'Best Overall Team'. On behalf of all the students involved, "We, the delegates of Cuba, Monaco, and Zimbabwe, are grateful for being invited to take part in this event and thanks Mrs Harding for her help, guidance and supervision in making this event a reality!."

Cameron McGeorge (Year 13 Student)



Tree Planting



On Wednesday morning, 8 May 2019, the Glendowie College Environment Group met before school to plant trees and bushes near the school hall.

Thank you to those who supported the Environment Group by planting apple trees and blueberry bushes. We had a great time gardening with you all. Special thanks to Oscar Webb (Year 13) for purchasing the containers and fruit trees.



If you missed out, please keep an eye out and get involved with future events! We aim to help the school become more sustainable and environmentally friendly. When the trees begin producing fruit, students and teachers will be able to use these for their benefit, for example, food technology classes will be able to use them in their cooking.

The planting morning was a great way to connect with others and do something good within the school. We are planning several other activities during the school year and look forward to having others join us to help create a more friendly and sustainable environment.

Charlotte Lambert, Lauren Connolly and Mercy Gorero (Year 13 Students)



Parenting Place – ‘Behind the Scenes’ Presentation



Behind the screens

Helping families understand how young people are using technology today

Screen time, social media and the self-esteem challenges that go along with that can make parenting tricky. Nathaniel Kandregula will help you to navigate the ups and downs of supporting your young person in the digital world. This presentation will cover social media, gaming, online safety, and supporting a healthy sense of self amidst it all.

Thursday, 6 June
Parenting Place
300 Great South Road, Greenlane
6.30pm – Doors open with drinks and nibbles
7-9pm – Presentation
\$25 per person or \$40 per couple

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