



Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2016

## The Slow Art of Letting Go

Over the holidays I travelled south with my eldest child to Christchurch and Dunedin to visit the universities there.

It was both exciting and scary to make the journey. On the one hand it's exciting to see her growing up and moving into tertiary study. On the other hand it's sad to have a child leave home.

I sometimes describe parenting as the 'slow art of letting go'. Through all the ups and downs, it's ultimately a privilege to see our children mature and leave home to build their own lives.



### Preparation for Life

Part of building their own lives is being actively involved in the community. At Glendowie College we refer to this as 'Preparation for Life'.

Last week at assembly I spoke to students about the trend over the last 30-40 years of young people to be less likely to vote. New Zealand is actually one of the better countries in terms of young people choosing to vote, but still less than two thirds of New Zealanders aged from 18-24 vote in general elections.

I'm hopeful that this percentage is higher for Glendowie College students and graduates when I see how many of them are involved in sport, the arts and leadership at and beyond the college.

For example, I had the pleasure of watching a Year 12 Drama performance of 'Twelfth Night' and was impressed by their ability and enthusiasm. It's great to see the next generation engaging with classical theatre such as Shakespeare.

We can sometimes knock young people for their lack of commitment and involvement, and yet when we see what our students do and achieve at Glendowie and beyond, there's lot of reasons to be optimistic for them and our community's future.

Doing some reading around young voters' turnout there were some common trends, two of which I shared with students. The most common themes were that (young) people have two core beliefs:

- this is their world ... country ... city ... community
- the world can and will get better

I often encourage you to talk with your child about their academic goals and how they're progressing towards these. Similarly I encourage you to discuss politics with them. What are their thoughts on the housing crisis? On homelessness? On Donald Trump? In doing so we help them think about their world, and how they will live in it and influence it.

### Gala Night

A very big thank you to Mrs Myhre and all of the other staff and students involved in Tuesday's Gala concert. This was a wonderful celebration of our students' musical talents. This evening is an important part of their preparation for the upcoming KBB festival. I wish them well in this.

## Upcoming Events:

### August

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| 9              | Year 10 Drama Production<br>'A Midsummer Night's Dream', 'Twelfth Night' (STO),<br>'Hamlet' (THM)<br>(5.30pm & 7pm) |
| 10             | NCEA Information Evening<br>2017 Year 11 Students (6pm)   |
| 11             | Parents' Association Meeting<br>(7pm, Staffroom)  |
| 11             | Half Year Art Exhibition  |
| 11             | Year 11 Drama Production<br>'Dracula' (5.30pm & 7.30pm)   |
| 12             | GDC Mathex  |
| 15 – 21        | KBB Festival  |
| 15 – 19        | International Languages Week  |
| 17             | Board of Trustees Meeting,<br>(6pm, Boardroom)  |
| 17             | GDC Netball Fundraiser<br>(7.30pm, Hall)  |
| 22 – 26        | Library Week  |
| 24             | Auckland Mathex   |
| 25             | GDC Wearable Arts Show,<br>(6.30pm)   |
| 26             | Year 11 Market Day  |
| 29 Aug – 2 Sep | Winter Tournament   |



## Foundation Pupils

On Tuesday night I also had the pleasure of meeting some of the 'foundation' pupils, past pupils who attended the college in its first five years (1961-65). Current prefects took them for a tour of the school to see what had changed since their time (and what hadn't), followed by a gathering in the library and then attendance at the Gala Night. Thank you to Mrs Hewetson for organising this special event.

**R Dykes**

*Principal*

## Farewell



On the last day of Term 2, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July, the staff held a morning tea to farewell Mr Zaheed Salie and Mr Andrew Aitken from the IT Department.

Mr Salie was Network Supervisor and has been at the college since 2004 and Mr Aitken, who is an ex student, has been a part-time Technician since 2013. The ICT services at the college have been contracted out to New Era IT Ltd.

*Mr Zaheed Salie and Mr Andrew Aitken*

## Congratulations!



Introducing Nina Eve Salmon who arrived safely at 7:41am on 15 July, weighing 2.86kg.

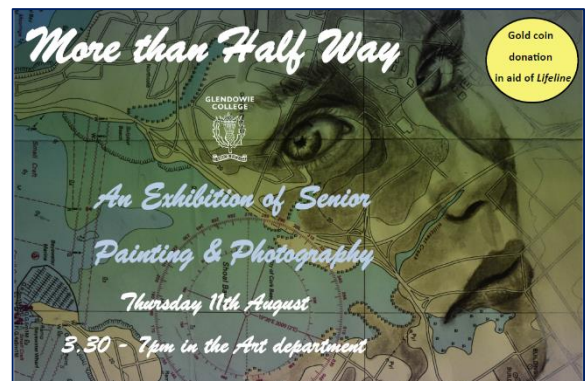
Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Salmon on the birth of their beautiful daughter.

*Mr Salmon with Nina Eve*

## Art Exhibition

We are having a Term 3 Art Exhibition in the Art Department on **Thursday, 11 August from 3.30pm to 7pm**. Senior painting and photography will be on display. Visitors may make a gold coin donation to Lifeline on entry if they wish. All welcome.

**Mrs H Cooper, Head of Art Department**







## Maths Week: 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016



Login to: [www.mathsweek.org.nz](http://www.mathsweek.org.nz) for lots of games, challenges, and problem solving activities.

The more you do - the more points you will obtain - and points = prizes!!

**Mrs J Fraser, Mathematics Faculty**

## 2016 Drama Festival

### Year 11 Drama performance of "Dracula"

5.30pm and 7.30pm on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016

*(Note all these shows will cost \$5 and tickets will be presold unless not sold out as there are only 50 seats per show)*

**Year 10 Drama will be performing short versions of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "Twelfth Night" (STO) and "Hamlet" (THM)**

5.30pm and 7pm Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2016

*(Tickets are \$2)*

## Student Council Food Drive

The Glendowie College Student Council held a mufti day and a food drive on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July in order to collect food donations for the Auckland City Mission in support of their "One Can - Two Can" appeal.

Between Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July non-perishable food donations were collected throughout the school.

Thank you to everyone who supported the food drive.



**Glendowie College Student Council**

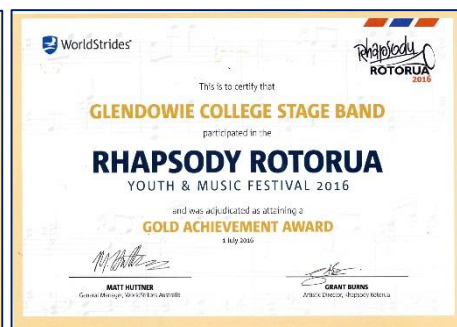
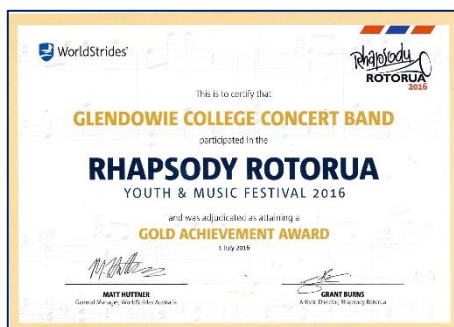
**Lauren Calvert (Chairperson), Aldric Khoo (Deputy), Sophia Chen (Treasurer), Aishah Mangnall (Secretary)**



## Gold Awards for the Concert and Stage Bands

'Rhapsody Rotorua' was held in Rotorua from Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June to Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016.

Congratulations to our Concert and Stage Bands on being presented with Gold Achievement Awards at the festival.



## 'Unsung Hero' - Mr Patrick Spillane

Retired Glendowie College Teacher and Faculty Leader Patrick Spillane featured in the first episode of the Unsung Heroes NZH Focus documentary series. Unsung Heroes is a NZH Focus documentary series that portrays the stories of everyday New Zealanders doing positive things for the community. In the first episode, City Mission volunteer, Patrick shares his experience supporting underprivileged people in Auckland during four years.

Please see the link below for the New Zealand Herald video:

[http://www.nzherald.co.nz/life-style/news/video.cfm?c\\_id=1503081&gal\\_cid=1504018&gallery\\_id=163647](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/life-style/news/video.cfm?c_id=1503081&gal_cid=1504018&gallery_id=163647)

## Alumni Foundation Pupils Evening

On Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August Glendowie College's Foundation pupils (1961 – 65) were invited to a meet and greet with the Principal, Richard Dykes.

On arrival the current Prefects led the Foundation pupils on a tour of the school.

Later in the evening the Foundation pupils were invited guests at the Annual Musical Gala Concert.

**Mrs S Hewetson, Deputy Principal**



*Alumni Foundation pupils attended a meet and greet with the Principal on Tuesday, 2 August.*

**Back Row** (left to right): Don Shaw, Jan Shaw, Murray Wright, Paul Dempsey, Annette Copsey, Anita Facer, Terry Nielsen and Diane Wilson  
**Front Row** (left to right): Dawn Wright, Michelle Dempsey, Lenise Bott, and Daphne Clark





## Annual Gala Concert



On Tuesday evening, we were treated to outstanding performances of a wide range of music from the String Orchestra, Big Band, Wind Band, Choir, a range of soloists and smaller ensembles, and our 48 piece Concert Band. Younger, new players braved it with the more experienced, and all involved deserved the enthusiastic applause that they received from the audience of 200. It was a thrill to see members of the training Wind Band stand and improvise solos during “The Peanut Vendor”, hear the Big Band with vocalist **Kimiya Lobie** perform “A Foggy Day” and the Concert Band’s poignant rendition of Leonard Cohen’s “Halleluiah”.

The calibre of our soloists was exceptional – **Deanna Louis** and **Frank Leng** playing Debussy and Glinka respectively on piano. It would not be an exaggeration to say that **Genesis Su’a Tariau**’s performance of “Come Back to Sorrento” brought the house down.

Arts Leaders, **Katie Glasgow-Palmer** and **Gregory Hunter** welcomed the audience and ensured that all ran smoothly as they introduced the items, adding their own amusing touches.

Thank all the staff who assisted in making this such a wonderful concert.

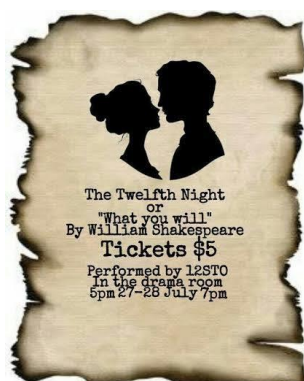
**Mrs C Myhre, Faculty Leader ‘The Arts’**



Left: MCs Student Arts Leaders Gregory Hunter and Katie Glasgow-Palmer. Right: Mrs Christine Myhre.

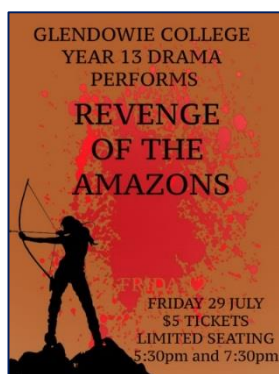


## Year 12 Drama – ‘Twelfth Night’



*On Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> at 5.30pm and at 7.00pm on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> July 12STO Drama students performed ‘Twelfth Night’.*

## Year 13 Drama – ‘Revenge of the Amazons’



*Year 13 Drama students performed ‘Revenge of the Amazons’ on Friday, 29 July. Two shows were held, at 5.30pm and 7.00pm.*



The Drama Festival was great success with a stirring "Macbeth", jolly "Twelfth Night" and a hilarious "Revenge of the Amazon".

***Ms C Stone, Head of Drama Department***





## Education Perfect World Championships 2016

### English Department News - 2 August 2016

#### Education Perfect World Championships 2016: English and Literature



All Year 9 and 10 students had the opportunity to participate in the Education Perfect English World Championships from 25<sup>th</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August. A competitive spirit and inter-form competition inspired fierce participation and led to impressive outcomes from Year 9 learners.

Glendowie College students were competing against 948 schools globally and achieved a phenomenal 4<sup>th</sup> place.

We achieved **1<sup>st</sup> in New Zealand** for the 1001-2500 students category out of 23 schools and 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in New Zealand from 222 schools proving that we have what it takes to become champions.

#### Glendowie Student Awards

Congratulations to **May Gan** for achieving the highest level in the Education Perfect World Championships for English and Literature. May's **Elite Award** with over 10,000 points is a remarkable achievement.

May's efforts also led the way for her English class to win a \$100 Pizza Party.

<b>Credit Awards</b> (500+ points)  <b>53</b>  <small>0 in EPEC2015</small>	<b>Bronze Awards</b> (1,000+ points)  <b>42</b>  <small>3 in EPEC2015</small>	<b>Silver Awards</b> (2,000+ points)  <b>20</b>  <small>1 in EPEC2015</small>
<b>Gold Awards</b> (3,000+ points)  <b>9</b>  <small>1 in EPEC2015</small>	<b>Elite Awards</b> (10,000+ points)  <b>1</b>  <small>0 in EPEC2015</small>	<b>Total Awards</b>   <b>125</b>  <small>5 in EPEC2015</small>

Special mention to our **Year 9 English Gold Award winners** (3,000+ points):

**Lavee Khammy, Brianna Ching, Laura Oh, Cindy Huang, Andrea Eng, Irene Xue, Britney Hansen and Annika Boehm.**

**Year 9 Silver Award winners** (2,000+ points):

**Izzy Mati, Viktorija Kuzeva, Tim Htar, Campbell Nightingale, Sree Kurani, Emily Zou, Sasha Barrett-Garnier, Lauren Blakey, Caitlyn Young, Woori Ko, Tyler Cheng, Josh Vodanovich, Ethan Qi, Ryan McKay, Leslie Eggins-Pickering, Sally Paing, Katya Rusakova and Meghana Bandlamudi.**

**Mrs M Carrigan, Year 9 Level Leader, English Faculty**



## The Gateway Programme



Left to Right: Owen Boucher, Pablo Wilson and Daniel Land, The Warehouse Red Shirts in Schools students and Sophie Stringer

During Term 2 a number of year 12 students taking Building Construction (BCATS) were placed with employers through Gateway. Some of them gave up holiday time to find out what it's really like to work on building sites. **Owen Boucher** spent five days with **Cammell Projects** working on a large renovation project in Remuera. **Stefan Cammell** was his host and generously gave his time to introduce Owen to the industry. This is the second time Stefan has hosted students from the College.

**Pablo Wilson** and **Daniel Land** are set to spend time in the next holidays with **Bridge City Construction**. This week they met with **Janine Blackmore** and **Mark Bedford** (Directors of the company) to be prepared for their work placements as well as receive all the necessary safety gear. All of the construction students have completed Site Safe Passport courses through the Gateway programme which allows them to legally enter and work on building sites. They have also attended other preparation courses including First Aid.

A small group of students took part in term 1 and now this term in **The Warehouse Red Shirts in Schools** Gateway programme. Whilst there they learn skills required for working in retail, practice getting prepared for work and managing their time. They will also earn valuable NCEA level 2 credits.

**Sunhill Garden Centre** very generously offered to host a Gateway student this year. This provided **Tom May** in year 12 the opportunity to find out what it is like to go to work, the skills required as well as some of the challenges.

**Hamish Beattie** who is interested in working in the automotive industry next year was hosted last term by **Scott Baird Automotive**. Scott has hosted students every year for the last 8 years which is hugely appreciated by Glendowie College and the students who been fortunate to have worked with Scott and his team.

**Sophie Stringer** attended **Acorn Learning Centre** in Sierra Street last term to experience the working life of early childhood teachers. It was enough time for her to get a valuable insight & enhance her career planning. A big thank you to **Kate Hutchinson** and her team for opening their doors to Sophie.

Year 13 students **Conor O'Neill** and **Mathew Tetley** have completed placements during this year. Conor with Sky TV where he was able to pursue his interest in studying media and Mathew with Auckland Aero Club.

The Gateway Programme can only operate with the support of our local employers. The College would like to pass on our thanks to all the companies who have so generously offered valuable placements this year and previous years. Every placement assists our students with their career decisions and can be hugely influential.

**Mrs S Caiger, Gateway Co-ordinator**



## 2017 NZ Black Stacks - Gryffen and Tate King



Following the NZ National Sport Stacking Championships in Wellington in July, the World Sport Stacking Association NZ (WSSA (NZ) has announced the 2017 NZ Black Stacks team (our national sport stacking team) who will travel to Taiwan in April next year to compete in the World Sport Stacking Championships. **Gryffen** and **Tate King** from Glendowie College have been selected into the 2017 team. This is a fantastic achievement for Gryffen and Tate, who both attended the National Championships, to represent New Zealand!

## Netball Fundraiser



**Dave Upfold**  
Comedy Stage Hypnotist

Back by Popular Demand

From South Africa

Fun Family Show

[www.not1but2.com](http://www.not1but2.com)

**Glendowie College Hall**  
*GDC Netball Fundraiser*

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August - 7.30pm**

Tickets can be purchased from Netball A team players  
Online tickets @ Eventfinda and search DAVE UPFOLD

**Tickets only : \$ 20.00**

Show info phone or txt - Dave 021 453 202



## Junior Girls A Football



*The Junior Girls A Football team are currently top of their table, having won all their games.*

The Junior Girls A Football team plays in the Central Junior B Grade and have played 8 matches to date. They have won all 8 matches with 60 goals scored and only 6 goals against.

Junior Boys A Football play in the 14A Grade and have played and won 5 matches with 29 goals scored and only 3 goals against. Both teams are enjoying an exceptional season.

***Mrs N Beattie, Sports Administrator***

## Year 9 Netball Tournament



In the last week of term 2 the Sports Committee and several other year 13's organised an Inter-Form Netball Competition for the year 9 form classes.

The week was a great success. Pool games were played on Monday and Tuesday, semi-finals on Wednesday, and the much anticipated final on Thursday- with 9SCH being crowned netball champions for 2016. 9KAU were second, with 9SRM in third.

We just want to say a massive thank you to all the year 9 form classes and form teachers for their enthusiasm and support of the week. It was amazing to see such a huge number of you participating and including everyone in your form class. You guys were awesome and showed good skills on and off the courts. Well done.

Thank you once again to our volunteer refs and to everyone involved in the organisation of the year 9 netball competition.

***Alyssa Bulloot and Jayden Jasmat (2016 Sports Prefects)***



## Jacob Smith (13HEN) - Elite Motorsport Academy Success



A couple of weeks ago **Jacob Smith** (13HEN) went to participate in the 2016 New Zealand Elite Motorsport Academy where he was one of eight drivers selected from Australia and New Zealand to compete for one of Motorsport New Zealand's biggest accolades '*The Ian Snellgrove Memorial Trophy*'.

The intense week in Dunedin at the Otago Academy of Sport and High Performance Sport New Zealand provided Jacob with everything to do with being a professional racing driver apart from actually driving a car. Mental testing, physical testing, public speaking, media training, nutrition, simulator testing, sports psychology, data analysis and sponsorship training were all included in the week long camp which pushed all the drivers to their absolute limits.

The drivers selected were all from different disciplines of Motorsport such as Rally, Co-Drivers and Circuit racers from different classes like Single Seaters, Utes and Saloon Cars and all were aged between 16 and 25 years old.

The Motorsport New Zealand Trust panel judged each of the drivers over the week on how well individual tasks were completed. Congratulations to Jacob who received the highest score and took top honours for the Academy week. Jacob has the upper hand at the moment but maintaining focus and completing tasks issued by the Academy will be crucial to his being able to win the 2016 New Zealand Elite Motorsport Academy outright.

The overall winner for the 2016 Elite Motorsport Academy and '*The Ian Snellgrove Memorial Trophy*' will be announced in June next year.

Jacob says that he is super proud of his achievement and knows that he couldn't have done as well as he did without the support of everyone at school and having the time to focus on what has been a once in a lifetime opportunity. Jacob can't wait to get back in the race car and apply the skills that he has learnt at the Academy and to go out there and win the next Toyota 86 Championship.

Please see the links below for news articles on Jacob's success:

[http://www.nzherald.co.nz/motorsport/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=66&objectid=11671701](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/motorsport/news/article.cfm?c_id=66&objectid=11671701)

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/sport/motorsport/82158183/toyota-finance-86-driver-comes-out-on-top-of-motorsport-academy>

**Mrs J Fraser, Year 13 Dean**

### Liz Walker - Information Evenings

"Parenting children and teens has always been difficult to navigate, but in a toxic environment that is increasingly saturated with inappropriate online images, it can be particularly challenging. If you're unaware of the online culture that children and teens are dealing with, or bewildered about how to best support your kids to navigate this new landscape, these parent nights are not to be missed."

**Presented by Youth Educator, Liz Walker at The Parenting Place**

**300 Great South Road, Green Lane, Auckland**

**Monday 15 August for parents of children**

**Tuesday 16 August for parents of teens**

Learn more and book

## 11 Economics visit to New Zealand Steel

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Last week the Year 11 Economics students visited New Zealand Steel at Glenbrook. The visit provided an opportunity for the students to see first-hand how iron sand is processed into steel. The only operation of this kind in the world! An eye opener was the focus on sustainable practices; from the pipeline pumping a slurry of iron sand and water from Waikato North Head Mine to the steel mill instead of using trucks, the recycling of water and reuse of storm water and the generation of power using hot waste gases reducing Glenbrook's reliance on the grid. On its own the Glenbrook operation accounts for 1% of New Zealand's GDP.

***Ms B Rothbart, Social Sciences Faculty***

*Two groups of students visited New Zealand Steel at Glenbrook last week*

## Information Evening - Discovery For Teens

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The Discovery Foundation exists to give young people the skills, tools and strategies that enable them to get the best out of life and to deal effectively with life's challenges. The Discovery programmes are designed to promote self-esteem and to encourage young people to reach their full potential.

The Foundation runs their next programme in Auckland during the October school holidays (Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>) and are able to pick teens up from the airport and transport them to the venue. The venue for 2016 is Carey Park in West Auckland.

Discovery for Teens is a 7-day residential programme for 14-18 year olds run during term break. One third of the course is academics: study skills, speed reading, with two thirds of the course focussing on life skills. The life skills components include: communication, relationships, leadership, goal setting/planning and team work. This programme is also designed to give teens increased confidence and a toolbox of strategies to help them overcome challenges and navigate the difficult teen years. Teens come out with improved self-confidence, motivation and commitment. The programme is full of activity-based experiences and includes a parent's day workshop on the final day of the programme.

**Discovery Foundation are running an Information Evening on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August at Youthline, 13 Maidstone Street Grey Lynn from 7-8pm. Please RSVP if you would like to attend.**

**E-mail:** [admin@discoveryforteens.org.nz](mailto:admin@discoveryforteens.org.nz)

[www.discoveryforteens.org.nz](http://www.discoveryforteens.org.nz)