



Thursday, 15th December 2016

Kia Ora

Have a relaxing summer break!

Last week we enjoyed a wonderful Leavers' Dinner to farewell the 'Class of 2016', and tomorrow we say farewell to our years 9 and 10 students at the Junior Prizegiving.

Thank you to all of the staff who have been involved in both events, and also the other school activities such as this week's Wider Living days.

2016 has been a year of reflection and change as we reviewed three key aspects of the college – our junior curriculum, pastoral support, and our Campus Vision (building and property plan). I have provided feedback on these below.

Around these reviews, life at Glendowie College has been busy and fun as our students participate and excel in a wide range of academic and co-curricular activities.

Some highlights of 2016 include:

- 35 NZ Scholarships – our highest ever result
- NCEA results at Decile 10 levels at all three levels
- our annual Summerfest, a wonderful celebration of the Arts
- our first Dance tour to USA
- three medals (gold, silver and bronze) at the KBB festival

- the successful 'Blood Brothers' school production

- two gold awards at the 'Rhapsody in Rotorua' competition

- winning the Head of the Harbour rowing regatta and coming 3rd at the North Island regatta

- winning our first Auckland Rugby championship

- 14 netball teams, 11 football teams, 5 hockey teams, 4 underwater hockey teams, and more

- history tour to Vietnam

Glendowie College is a top New Zealand school – in terms of the opportunities available to students and in the level of success that our students enjoy.

I want to thank our teaching and support staff for their dedication and hard work. Their commitment and professionalism enables our students to achieve so much and makes Glendowie College such a wonderful school.

Secondly I thank you – our parents. The Glendowie College community is a highly involved and supportive one. This makes a vital difference to our students' success. I enjoy meeting you at school functions, sports events and various performances, and I look forward to doing so again in 2017 and discussing your feedback and opinions on your child's education and the college.

Thirdly I wish to thank the Board of Trustees. The college is fortunate to have such a capable and committed group of people to govern the college and lend their expertise to our strategic direction. It can be a demanding job at times. I appreciate their support of me as Principal, and service to our college and students.



Upcoming Events:

January

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| 25 | Peer Support Leaders Training
(Year 13 selected students – 9:00am-3:00pm) |
| 25 | School Office Opens
(9:00am-4:00pm) |
| 26 | Course Confirmation
(Year 13-10:00am/Year 12-1:00pm) |
| 27 | Orientation Day for New Staff
(9:00am-2:30pm) |
| 27 | Powhiri Training at Ruapotaka Marae (9:00am-3:00pm) |
| 30 | Auckland Anniversary Day |
| 31 | Staff Administration Day
(8:30am-3:20pm) |

February

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| 1 | 1 st day for Year 9 / Orientation Day for New Students |
| 2 | Whole School Commences (Day 1) |
| 2 | Parents Association Meeting (7:00pm-9:00pm) |
| 6 | Waitangi Day (No School) |





Through 2016 we undertook three reviews:

Junior Curriculum Review

This has been an exciting journey with the review group visiting schools around New Zealand and attending conferences in New Zealand and overseas to build a vision for effective teaching and learning in years 9 and 10 at Glendowie College.

From their work, we have agreed on a vision for our junior curriculum and will begin planning for this in 2017. We will arrange meetings for interested parents in the first term of next year to explain our vision and discuss this with you.

House and Pastoral Review

Glendowie College is a close-knit community with strong, close relationships.

As our roll continues to grow, it is important that we evolve our pastoral support for students to ensure that we are doing the very best to support individual students pastorally and academically, and help them grow into superb young men and women.

To enable this, we will shift from year level Deans to Deans and Assistant Deans of vertical houses in 2018. This will enhance our pastoral care, and provide more leadership opportunities for students at all year levels, while retaining traditions such as whole-school assemblies and prefects. 2017 will be a year to plan for this transition.

Campus Vision

The Board of Trustees has now identified the building and property projects that it wants to achieve over the next five years, and is now working with a project management firm – Watershed – to turn this into a reality.

Unfortunately our planning for the new Science (and Somerville) block hit a few road-bumps and has been delayed in its implementation. While undesirable, the Board decided it is better to take our time and get a better finished product than to rush into a compromised design that will not meet the long-term needs of our community.

We will keep you updated about progress on this in 2017.

I wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable summer break. I hope that you will get to unwind, read a few books, go to the movies, and most importantly – catch up with friends and family.

**R Dykes
Principal**



Leavers Dinner 2016

356 students, parents and staff members attended Alexandra Park on Monday 5th December for our Class of 2016 Graduation Dinner. It was a lovely evening, filled with heartfelt speeches, good food, graduation certificates and books and let's not forget the old and current photos of both students and form teachers! A number of students, including Brandy Matagitau, Korihi Patuwai, Brodie Green, Megan Chan and Genesis Su'a-Tariau, all participated in the evening's events. The Compassion Cup was awarded to Kate Yanagisawa, a very popular choice, for simply being an awesome, amazingly friendly and bubbly person. Well done Kate! After lots of selfies and even more hugs, it was time to say our final goodbyes. All the best year 13, it's been a pleasure!



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Form Teachers



Parents



Students



Brodie Green (Valediction speech)



Korihi Patuwai (Mihi and Karakia)



Brandy Matagitau (Karanga) with
Kulaea Tapealava

Mrs J Fraser, Dean of Year 13



School Prefects 2017

Congratulations to all our school prefects for 2017.



Allan McBride
Head Boy



Lauren Calvert
Head Girl



Brooke Clark
Deputy Head Girl



Aldric Khoo
Deputy Head Boy

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| • Arts | Jack Barter / Freda Song |
| • Academic | Andrey Borro / Erin Dench / Frank Leng / Kiera Montgomery |
| • Events and Promotions | Finn Davis / Joanna Archer / Darien Matsis / Chelsea Gibson |
| • Service | Truman Boughey / Leilani Colenutt / Yi Mei Chuah |
| • Student Support | Ryan Bradley / Emma Wong |
| • Sports | Jordan Wilson / Alexandra Iro |
| • Outdoor | Jayden Fleming / Isabel Mills |
| • Maori / Pasifika | Steven Harper / Begaiym Nurlan Kyzy |
| • International | Alonzo Nieves / Sophia Chen |
| • ICT | Rebecca McKinnon |
| • Library | Siyi Xue |
| • Environment | Tali Blumgart |

Mr R Dykes, Principal

Good Samaritan – Paige Sturgess (Year 10 Student)

On Saturday 26th November 2016, Paige was competing in her second full Lake Taupo Cycle Challenge, a 160km circumnavigation of Lake Taupo. Paige had about 20km to go before the finish and was cycling up Hatape Hill. She got off her bike for a rest when another competitor fell off his bike right next to her. Paige initially thought he had mechanical issues with his bike, but he then went into anaphylactic shock. She put down her bike and went to his aid, others also stopped. Paige became the support person for the man as he was convulsing on the ground, and tried to keep him in the recovery position. She then called 111 and while she was still on the phone, the first responder arrived. She assisted the St John first responder with keeping the oxygen mask over the man's face while the ambulance crew were trying to set up an IV because the man kept fighting to take it off and dry heave. She stayed with him until he was on a bed and they said she could go.

For her effort, Paige was awarded the Fred Ogle Memorial Award, which is for an outstanding Good Samaritan act on the ride. Although this is a wonderful recognition of her kindness, it is a harsh reminder of the toll these ultra events put on some of the entrants.

Mr R Thompson, Health and Physical Education Faculty



Staff Long Service Celebrations, Retirement and Farewells

The College recently celebrated the retirement of **Kay Harris** after 48 years of teaching (31 years at Glendowie College) along with farewells for other staff members who received recognition for their long service – **Jeanette Bell** (35 years) taking a position at Stratford High School (her old College), **Lucy Foxall** (20 years) accompanying her husband travelling and **George McKie** (19 years) taking a position at Sancta Maria College.

The College also farewelled the following staff members who will be taking up new appointments in the new year:

- **Sasha Howard** – St Kentigerns College
- **Connie Chan** – St Kentigerns College
- **Jane Willingale** – taking up a relief post
- **Joyoti Wylie** – Green Bay High School
- **Cristina Weinberg** – Lynfield College
- **Angela Farahan** – James Cook High School

In addition, **Sarah Bassin** is taking a year's maternity leave for her second child. **Frank Kerrigan** finished at the College and is continuing the position of managing the payroll of several other schools and **Christine McCabe** who is leaving after 18 years of service.

The College and staff wish them well with their future endeavours.



(Left to right) Ms J Bell, Mrs L Foxall
Mrs K Harris, Mr G McKie



Mrs H Cooper (left) & Ms J Wylie



Mrs C Chan (left) & Mr J Eley



Ms J Willingale (left) & Ms T Gibb



(Left to right) Ms C Weinberg,
Mr G McKie & Ms A Farahan



Mr B Davies & Mrs C McCabe



Mrs S Wood (left) & Ms S Howard



Ms S Bassin



Yum Cha at Imperial Palace

On the 8th of December, 9SRM ventured to the Imperial Palace, Mt Wellington to conclude our social studies “Our People” topic which explored the growing cultural diversity in New Zealand, and in particular Auckland.

A generous selection of Chinese cuisine was served to us and we all ate far too much! The first food that arrived at our tables was ‘shao mai’, which is like a Chinese dumpling, it had vegetables and prawns. This along with the rest of the food entertained our taste buds and gave us the opportunity to explore different foods that we had never heard of let alone pronounced correctly.

Along with the food, the highlight of the trip was the chopsticks game. We were given two separate bowls, one with peanuts and the other empty. We had one minute to transfer as many peanuts as possible. The number of peanuts were counted and as a reward the winning team were given maltesers to eat using chopsticks, and the losing team had to eat beef tripe!

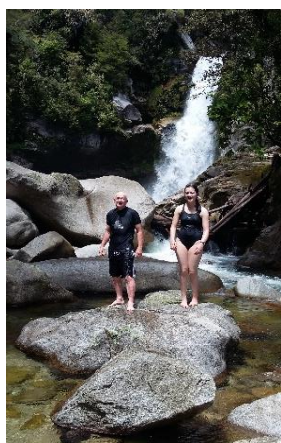


This was an educational and fun way to spend one of the final social studies lessons of the year and it was a thoroughly enjoyed experience. A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Yeo for having us at their restaurant, to Ms Jones for organising the trip, and to Ms Gibb, Mrs Hewetson and Ms Sirimanne for accompanying us.

Macayla Lock and Sofia Hammer, 9SRM



Duke of Edinburgh Gold Final Journey Success



Twenty students recently completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh final adventurous journey with the purpose to complete the physical challenge of kayaking and walking from the start of the Abel Tasman Coast Track at Marahau to the end of the National Park at Wainui covering a distance of approximately 85km 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 3 groups and displayed great team-work, resilience, self-reliance, determination, co-operation and initiative.

- Day one was a bit of a challenge with the 3 groups kayaking the 'Mad Mile' in strong winds and large swell, but all of the team eventually arrived at Anchorage Bay and after some food reflected on what they had achieved that day.
- Day two the wind had died down and the group got to explore some of the lagoons and hear about the history of the area, the National Park and Maori myths along with appreciating the environment and the importance of protecting it.
- Day three had an early start (4am) to cross the Awaroa inlet and walk to scenic Mutton Cove. Along the track the groups sang songs, challenged each other with games and quizzes while enjoying the picturesque views, golden sandy beaches, rocky outcrops, vegetation and seeing the seal colony at Separation Point.
- Day four the students completed the walking phase to the end of the Coastal track at Wainui and then enjoyed a visit to Wainui Falls with some of them braving a dip in the cool freshwater pools.

The students had a wonderful time as did the 3 staff members Fiona Smith, Julie Barrack and George McKie. Many thanks go to Julie and George for accompanying their groups and assessing them on the adventure. Special thanks go to Abel Tasman Kayaks and guides Harley, Greg and Cecilia for encouraging the students to display their leadership and teamwork skills in a professional, inspiring and supported manner.

Anyone interested in joining the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award programme should contact Miss Smith smi@gdc.school.nz or Mr Thompson thr@gdc.school.nz

Ms F Smith, Gold Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator



Wider Living Days

Both year 9 and 10 enjoyed two fun days out taking part in a range of activities this week.

Year 10 headed to Muriwai and selected from a range of activities such as a surfing lesson, blo karting, a walk to the gannets, horse riding and sports to take part in. Both year levels had a day at Waiwera Hot Pools and the year 9's had an action packed day at Rainbow's End.

A big thank you to Mr S Kumar, Year 9 Dean and Mr R Thompson, Year 10 Dean for organising these opportunities.



Mrs S Hewetson, Deputy Principal

Peter McKenzie Award 2016



On Thursday 8th December, Lachlan Southall was awarded the Peter McKenzie Scholarship at a St Johns Rotary Club meeting. The Scholarship of \$2,000 is awarded from a fund for a Glendowie College student who is intending in pursuing a career in Accountancy. Lachlan was the 21st person to receive this Scholarship. Lachlan attended the St Johns Rotary Club Breakfast with his parents, Ms Noeline Doherty and Mr Richard Dykes.

Ms N Doherty, Mathematics Faculty



10 Enterprise Studies Cultural Inquiry Dragon's Den

Two of the 10EST classes had their cultural inquiry Dragon's Den presentations on 14th of December 2016. Participating students gave amazing presentations on how they would become successful participants in the Asian Century. In a short timeframe of 7 lessons, the students have learnt a lot and have come up with great action plans on where to next for their journey into the Asian Century. The panel of judges consisted of Mr Robertson, our Deputy Principal, Mr Liu from the Mathematics Department, Mrs Prakash from the Science Department and two of our high performing Year 11 students Matthew Edwards and Joshua Taylor.



The winning team with the best inquiry, evaluation of inquiry process and the most thought through action plan was one of the teams that investigated their journey into China as an Asian country and culture that interested them. The group members were Jodie Dickens, Madeleine White and Elena Liu. Congratulations to these girls on their achievement – this is a reflection of their great work ethic, diligence and excellent team effort.

Both teachers, Mr James and Mrs Harduar are extremely proud of the student groups that presented, especially students who took it for their group and gave the presentations despite group members not being present. What an awesome end to the year with the "cultural shared morning tea" and wonderful presentations. We would like to wish all the students a safe and enjoyable holiday!

Ms P Harduar, Social Sciences Faculty

2017 Production

We are pleased to announce that the 2017 production will be the lively, fun filled show "Seussical" by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty, which is based on the books of Dr. Seuss.

Mrs C Myhre, Art Faculty

NZSS Track, Field and Road Race Championships

The results from NZSS athletes champs held last weekend in Henderson are:



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| • Alyssa Bullo | 3 rd in Senior Girls Road Race |
| • Alice Webster-McNamee | 12 th in Junior Girls Javelin |
| | 15 th in Junior Girls Shotput |
| • Sophie Atkinson | 5 th in Semi-final Junior Girls 800m |
| • Charles Devlin | 22 nd in Junior Boys High Jump |
| • Max Rawbone | 32 nd in Senior Boys Road Race |

Ms Nicki Beattie, Sports Administrator



Chen Staff Scholarship

This year the College established The Chen Staff Scholarship. This scholarship is an award to support a permanent teacher to visit schools overseas and investigate an area relevant to Glendowie College's strategic direction, and to bring back new ideas to the college.

As well as supporting staff it will also create international connections for our college, as we become a more global college.

Congratulations to Jo Fraser, the first recipient of this award, who will take up the scholarship in 2017.

Mr R Dykes, Principal

Vietnam History Trip 2018

Opportunity of a Life Time! Vietnam History Trip 2018

The chance to explore the history and culture of this amazing country.

Information evening Term 1 2017.

**Please contact Michelle Simpson
for information:
sim@gdc.school.nz**



Ms M Simpson, Social Sciences Faculty

Uniform Shop Opening Hours 2017

The uniform shop will re-open on Monday, 16 January 2017, details of extended hours as follows:

Monday 16 January	9:00am – 4:00pm	Surnames A – L
Tuesday 17 January	9:00am – 4:00pm	Surnames M – Z
Wednesday 18 January	12:30pm – 4:00pm	Surnames A – L
Thursday 19 January	9:00am – 4:00pm	Surnames M – Z
Friday 20 January	9:00am – 4:00pm	All Students
Monday 23 January	9:00am – 4:00pm	All Students
Tuesday 24 January	9:00am – 4:00pm	All Students
Wednesday 25 January	12:30pm – 4:00pm	All Students
Thursday 26 January	9:00am – 4:00pm	All Students
Friday 27 January	9:00am – 4:00pm	All Students
Monday 30 January	CLOSED	AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY DAY
Tuesday 31 January	9:00am – 4:00pm	All Students
Wednesday 1 February	9:00am – 12:30pm	International Students only
Thursday 2 February	12:30pm – 2:30pm	All Students
Friday 3 February	CLOSED	Normal trading hours resume (Tuesdays, Thursdays & first Saturday of the month)



"14 year old builds his own 3D Printer" on YouTube

A 14-year old builds his own 3D printer on YouTube? If you are interested to know 'how', simply click on the following link:

<https://youtu.be/WMmWSup2EzQ>

Mr R Dykes, Principal

French Classes



Glendowie College and Milouz French Club would like to launch after-school French classes in 2017. These classes would be tailored to suit the needs of the students and will provide support for anyone interested in continuing to learn French or who would like to begin.

For further information, to express your interest or to enrol, please contact Milouz de France info@milouz.co.nz or Alain on 021 155 3001. You can also visit their website: www.milouz.co.nz

Ms A Vincent, Languages Faculty

Fundraising for Trip to Tanzania and Zanzibar

Does your car need a wash? Does it need some TLC? If you have said Yes! Then read on.....

Bring your car down to Placemakers on Lunn Avenue, Mount Wellington on Saturday 17th December from 10am to 4pm where students from the Glendowie College Antipodeans Group will be washing cars to fund raise for their trip to Tanzania and Zanzibar.

The cost of the car wash is a very reasonable \$10 per car (\$15 for large cars).

Thanks for your support, we look forward to seeing you at the weekend!

Ms F Smith, Physical Education Faculty

AT HOP Card Savings

AT HOP is a reusable prepay smart card for travel on trains, ferries and buses around Auckland. Students can save \$100 a term by loading a Secondary Student concession on their AT HOP card. To apply, students need to buy and register their AT HOP card. All secondary students must have a current Auckland Transport approved Student ID card to be eligible. For more information, please visit their website: <http://engage.ubiquity.co.nz/mail/link/7GnYO70EHuiPjTORJHvRJw>

Should you need more information, please feel free to contact their team at info@athop.co.nz or on (09) 366 4467.

Mr G Robertson, Deputy Principal