

Friday, 9th March 2018

Kia Ora

Ngā mihi nui,

Thank you to all parents and caregivers who attended the Parent-Student Conferences last week. We appreciate meeting with you and discuss how we can work together to see your child(ren) succeed in 2018.

The busy-ness of the school start-up with school-wide events such as Year 9 camps and Athletics Day are successfully behind us. This week we enjoy Summerfest - a weeklong celebration of the arts at the college. Thanks to the Arts student leaders and staff who have organised the many events around the school at intervals and lunchtimes this week.

The college's final NCEA results are now available and, as indicated previously, are very strong. The college's results are summarised below.

The most important thing about statistics are the people behind them. The statistics reflect the hard work and support of students, family and staff. The best part of these results is seeing students returning to school the following year, proud of their efforts, whether it was gaining a scholarship, an endorsement or a straight pass.



Upcoming Events:

March

- 13 Junior Social Evening (7pm-10pm, Hall)
- 14 Scholarship Information Evening (6pm-8pm, Staffroom)
- 16-25 MAADI Cup Rowing Regatta (Lake Ruataniwha, Twizel)
- 19-23 Summer Tournament Week
- 21 Board of Trustees Meeting (6pm-9pm, Boardroom)
- 22 Taurere Whanau Meeting (6:30pm-8:30pm, Staffroom)
- 28 Vietnam Trip Parent Meeting (6pm-7pm, Staffroom)
- 30 Good Friday (school closed)

April

- 2 Easter Monday (school closed)
- 3 Easter Tuesday (school closed)
- 5 Parents' Association Meeting (7pm-9pm, Staffroom)
- 7 Alumni vs School Teams Sports Day (10am-2pm)
- 10 Dance Night (6:30pm-8:30pm, Hall)
- 11-25 Vietnam History Trip
- 13 End of Term 1

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

Achievement

	GDC 2017 Results	GDC Academic Targets	Decile 10 National Average	GDC 2016 Results
Level 1 NCEA	94%	95%	92%	97%
Level 2 NCEA	98%	95%	95%	96%
Level 3 NCEA	89%	95%	92%	93%

Endorsements and Scholarship

Level 1 NCEA	80%	75%	76%	73%
Level 2 NCEA	59%	65%	66%	96%
Level 3 NCEA	62%	60%	63%	50%
Scholarship	39	40		21

To briefly explain this data, each year we compare our results to our internal targets, similar (Decile 10) schools and previous years. The purpose of these targets is to define our expectations of students and to achieve these.

At Glendowie, we expect every child will achieve NCEA. At Level 1, we expect over three quarters will gain NCEA with an endorsement, and at the other levels we expect two thirds of our students will do so.

With such good results, it is inevitable that our results cannot continually go up. The purpose of our academic targets is to ensure that we maintain a similarly high level of achievement annually.

We also compare our results to other Decile 10 schools across New Zealand rather than an average of all schools. Our students achieve significantly above the overall New Zealand average, so instead we compare their achievement to schools in similar communities. Hence the comparison to other Decile 10 schools in New Zealand.



It is also important to note that we do not manipulate our data. Sadly, some schools can and do, e.g. by not entering students expected to fail into the system, and therefore they do not show up in the final data. We will not do this. We track and monitor all students.

Finally, it was pleasing to see the strong results of our Māori and Pasifika students. Overall 96% of Māori students achieved their respective NCEA, which is well above the Decile 10 national average of 89% and above other ethnic groups at the college. Pasifika students also achieved well with 85% achieving NCEA compared to 80% at other Decile 10 schools.

Next week, we have five teams competing in their national summer sports tournaments - Rowing, Cricket (boys and girls), Baseball and Volleyball. I wish all the teams and their managers/coaches well.

R Dykes
Principal

Scholarship Information Evening – 14 March 2018 (Wednesday)

The college invites parents of Year 12 and Year 13 students, who are interested in undertaking NZQA-Scholarship examinations this year, to attend an information evening on Wednesday 14 March 2018 at 6pm, in the staff room.

NZQA-Scholarship examinations are subject specific and in addition to the external NCEA examinations. The College offers a comprehensive scholarship programme to support high achieving students. Last year, the College gained a total of 39 scholarships, including 4 outstanding scholarships.

You may find the following link to the NZQA website useful for more general information on scholarship-examinations: <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/awards/new-zealand-scholarship/>

Mr R Singh, Deputy Principal

Negative Effects of Snapchat for Teenagers

The following is from the "Smart Social" website:

Anxiety & Depression: Research suggests that young people who spend more than 2 hours per day on social media are more likely to report poor mental health, including psychological distress (symptoms of anxiety and depression).

Sleep: Numerous studies have shown that increased social media use has a significant association with poor sleep quality in young people. Using phones, laptops and tablets at night before bed is also linked with poor quality sleep.

Body Image: Body image is an issue for many young people, both male and female. Studies have shown that when women in their teens and early twenties view Facebook for only a short period of time, body image concerns are higher compared to non-users.

Cyberbullying: Bullying during childhood is a major risk factor for a number of issues including mental health, education and social relationships, with long-lasting effects often carried right through to adulthood.

To listen to the entire podcast, please visit this link: <http://bit.ly/2FxZXZi>

Ms V Mercer, ICT Manager



Rowing

Glendowie College congratulates all their rowing squad on a very impressive season culminating in the successful North Island Secondary School Championships. Glendowie College came a very commendable 11th place in the overall North Island Championship and 6 crews achieved podium places.

Silver winning crews:

U18 Novice Boys Double: Samuel Calvert, Aaron Painter
 U17 Girls Coxed Quad: Jamie Iro, Olivia Hay, Francesca Treuren, Sara Everitt and Meg Rolton
 U17 Girls Double: Jamie Iro, Jessica McIntosh

Bronze Medal winning crews:

U15 Boys Double: Daniel Howard, Michael Brenton-Rule
 U15 Boys Coxed Four: Ethan Cleland, Aaron Painter, Daniel Howard, Michael Brenton-Rule and Meg Rolton
 U15 Boys Coxed Octi: Ethan Cleland, Ethan Elgin, Ethan Denny, Aaron Painter, Santiago Montano, Isaac Petrich, Daniel Howard, Michael Brenton-Rule and Ella Wake

Maadi Announcement

The following 38 squad members have been selected to attend the NZ Secondary Schools Regatta (Maadi Cup Regatta) to be held at Lake Ruataniwha, Twizel from 18-24 March. We wish all the competing athletes, their coaches, their supporters and Mr James the very best as they travel to this prestigious NZ sporting event and represent Glendowie College.

Aaron Painter	Ethan Elgin	Joshua Sain	Rafe Nielsen
Adam Jonkers	Finlay Watson	Joshua Vodanovich	Rotem Einhar
Amy Barclay	Francesca Treuren	Louise Swain	Samuel Calvert
Archie Porteous	Imogen Stythe	Martin Jonkers	Santiago Montano
Cairo Stark	Isaac Petrich	Max Duder	Sara Everitt
Conor Campbell	Jack Jessiman	Meg Rolton	Sascha Moltschaniwskyj
Daniel Howard	James MacKenzie	Michael Brenton-Rule	Theo Mallinson
Ella Wake	Jamie Iro	Oliver Heafield	Tomas Broderick
Ethan Cleland	Jessica McIntosh	Olivia Hay	
Ethan Denny	Jodie Barclay	Quenton Yeo	

Mr Pete Watson, GDC Rowing Manager

Auckland Championships Triathlon



On Wednesday, 28 February 2018, Brodie Tokios (year 13), Emma Goodall (year 9) and Erin Walshe (year 9) attended the Auckland Championships Triathlon.

Unfortunately, due to high winds, the swim was cancelled and replaced by a 2km run. Brodie was up first and her 2km run was followed by a 15km ride and a 5km run. She did extremely well and finished in 4th place for the under 19's. Next was Erin and I, we had a 10km ride following our 2km run, and another 2km run. We also did quite well, Erin was close behind me for most of the race. It was a great day, and although the bike was hard in the wind, we all had a fantastic time.

Emma Goodall, Year 9 Student



Young Enterprise Scheme Kick Start Session



Our very committed Glendowie College Young Enterprise extra curricular groups made a kick start to the YES programme with Lucy Wymer and Matt Stenton (YES coordinators) in the school library on Wednesday, 28 February 2018. We look forward to celebrating these students' progress, learning and achievements. More photos are available on the college Facebook page.

If you have expertise in marketing, IT, operations, website development, app designing/programming or other aspects of running a business and are keen to mentor one of our student companies, we would appreciate your expression of interest. For more information and details, please contact Mrs P Harduar on hdu@gdc.school.nz.

Mrs P Harduar, Faculty of Social Sciences

Year 13 Day



The Year 13 Day was held at the Pakuranga Rugby Union Club on Monday 5 March 2018. It was attended by all Year 13 students and focussed on the transition period between school, tertiary education and work. It was also a day where they could get together as the 'Class of 2018'.

The day started with three former students, Sally Wilkins (2012), Alice Strang (2012) and Cameron Tuckey (2015), sharing their journeys and experiences followed by the keynote speaker Professor Chris Gallavin, Deputy Pro Vice Chancellor of Massey University, who flew up from

Palmerston North for the occasion. He spoke candidly about his journey from school to his present position. He was motivational encouraging students to be proactive in seeking opportunities and to push down their perceived barriers and obstacles. Lunch was followed by Emma Appleton, a young leader from the Asia New Zealand Foundation, who shared her experiences in Indonesia with us and highlighted the opportunities available to work and network through Asia.

Thank you also to our "resident" speakers, Mr R Singh, Mrs S Hewetson, Mr P Chand and Mr D James.



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GDC Alumni Sports Day

SPORTS DAY 2018

 **GDC ALUMNI**

SATURDAY 7 APRIL 2018



Alumni teams vs School teams

FOOTBALL/NETBALL/BASKETBALL/TOUCH

Registration at 10am. Games run from 10.30 to 1pm

Post game refreshments in the staffroom

Spectators welcome

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Parents' Association Update

Welcome from the Parents' Association to all the new school parents. We hope your year 9s are enjoying college and finding their feet here.

The Parents' Association are in action and busy planning for 2018. We are pleased to welcome numerous new parents this year, and there is room for more! We would love to have you join us too. Joining us is a great way to meet other parents, hear about what is going on in the school as there are representatives from the college and from the Board of Trustees at each meeting to update us on what is happening, and it is also a way to support our fabulous college. Come along and be involved! Meetings are usually held on the first Thursday of the month, and dates are listed on the college website calendar. Our next meeting is April 5, 2018.

We have hosted our first event of the year – a movie night 'Lady Bird' at the Berkeley in Mission Bay. The evening sold out really quickly and was a great night. Huge thanks to Kelly Midwood, Barfoot & Thompson St Heliers, for sponsoring the evening, and to Life Pharmacy St Heliers for sponsoring the gorgeous raffle.

As movies are such a fun night out, we will run another movie night later in the year - you don't want to miss 'Mamma Mia'. Tickets will be on sale in term 2. Mark it in your calendar now – 27 July 2018!

Pre-sales for Entertainment books for 2018/2019 are available. They come with early bird additional special offers, and are available in digital or traditional book format, please click here [Support Us Now](#) to go to our order page.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Lastly, please follow our Facebook page 'Glendowie College Parents' Association' as this is a way for us to let you know what's coming up and what's going on.

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New and Fabulous at the Library – For John Green Fans

If you loved John Green's *'Turtles All the Way Down'* you need to read these books.

We Are Okay

An achingly beautiful novel about grief and the enduring power of friendship. Marin hasn't spoken to anyone from her old life since the day she left everything behind. No one knows the truth about those final weeks. But even thousands of miles away from the California coast, at college in New York, Marin still feels the pull of the life and tragedy she's tried to outrun. For fans of *'We Were Liars'*.

OCDaniel

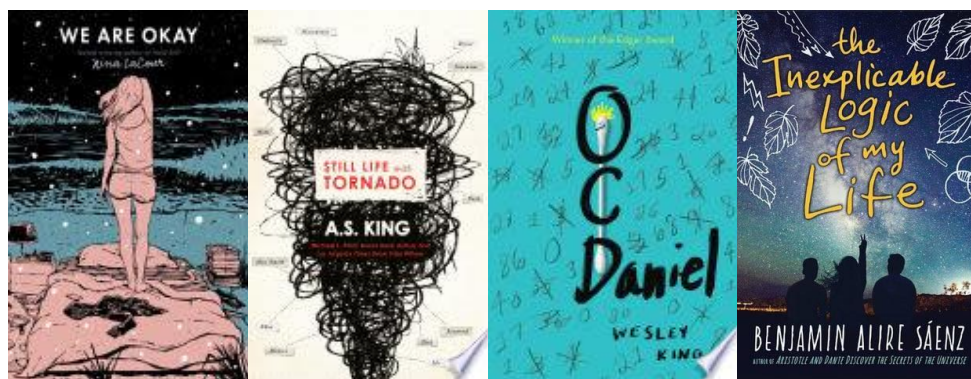
A coming-of-age story about a boy whose life revolves around hiding his obsessive compulsive disorder --- until he gets a mysterious note that reads "I need your help," signed by, Fellow Star child. Suddenly Daniel, a total no one at school, is swept up in a mystery that might change everything for him.

Still Life with Tornado

A heartbreaking and mindbending story of a talented teenage artist's awakening to the brokenness of her family. Insightful and ultimately hopeful, this is a vivid portrait of abuse, survival, resurgence that will linger with you long after the last page. *The New York Times* said "Read this book, whatever your age. You may find it's the exact shape and size of the hole in your heart."

The Inexplicable Logic of My Life

Sal used to know his place with his adoptive gay father, their loving Mexican American family, and his best friend, Samantha. But it's senior year, and suddenly Sal is throwing punches, questioning everything, and realising he no longer knows himself. If Sal's not who he thought he was, who is he? This is a humour-infused, warmly humane look at universal questions teens find them facing on the cusp of adulthood.



Ms J Gayton, Library Manager


Science Classes

The Science department offers help sessions every week after school from 3:30pm to 4:30pm in room H4L. The day alternates between Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to help accommodate students' co-curricular commitments. The dates can be found in the student notices, on the door of H4L and in the library. This is for Years 9, 10, 11 Science and Senior Biology, Chemistry and Physics, as there will be one teacher from each specialist subject there each week. We highly recommend students take advantage of this opportunity!

Mrs A King, Faculty Leader Science



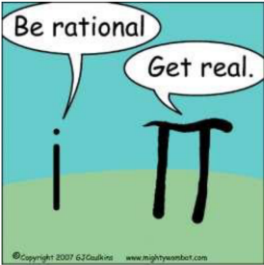
Maths Classes



Need extra help with your Maths?

MATHS HELP!

Wednesday after school...
3.30-4.30pm in Room **H5L**
See you there!



If students need extra help with Maths, please join this after school class on every Wednesday in H5L from 3:30pm – 4:30pm. There will be a Maths teacher on duty every week to assist with homework or prepare for an internal.

Mr J Eley, Faculty Leader Mathematics

Rotary International Youth Exchange

The Rotary International Youth Exchange is very well regarded and popular programme which offers students a one-year exchange through Rotary International, a global service organisation (www.rotary.org). Each year about 8000 students participate in the programme, and are given the opportunity to see and experience the life and culture of another country, such as France, Germany, Canada, Argentina and more.

The Youth exchange programme is administered by experienced representatives from Rotary Clubs in the Auckland area. This is an exceptional opportunity for students to develop their independence, communication and leadership skills.

Rotary are holding information evenings (see below details) for students and parents to find out more about this exciting opportunity, including the costs and how to apply.

South Auckland	East Auckland	Auckland Central
7:30pm, Wednesday 4 April 2018 Papakura RSA 40 Elliot Street, Papakura	7:30pm, Tuesday 10 April 2018 Te Tuhi Centre 13 Reeves Road, Pakuranga	7:30pm, Thursday 12 April 2018 Remuera Golf Club 120 Abbotts Way, Remuera

Applications close on Monday, 30 April 2018 for departure January 2019.

For further queries, please contact Rebecca Olliff on rotexd9920@gmail.com or visit their link International Youth Exchange www.youthexchange.org.nz



Students Drop Off / Pick Up

We would like to take this opportunity again to remind all parents that students should be dropped off before school and picked up after school at either the Mt Taylor Drive or Riddell Road entrances.

Please do not drive in through Gate 1, and avoid stopping at the bus stop or at the entrance gate, as well as no speeding. Parents are requested not to drive into the school grounds to drop off or pick up their children unless this is for medical reasons or appointments.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Parent and Student Portal

Both parents and students can access the 'Parent and Student Portal' through the college website (see below). Student's specific accounts (fees which have been paid or are yet to be paid) can be viewed as well as reports, attendance, daily notices, calendar and timetables.

Passwords are given to both parents and students at the beginning of the year. If you have mislaid or forgotten your password, please email Brigita Kesminaitė on kes@gdc.school.nz for a new password.



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