



Friday, 23rd March 2018

Kia Ora

Ngā mihi nui,

My thanks to the parents, staff and volunteers who travelled with our sports teams this week to the tournaments around New Zealand. Their generosity of time is much appreciated.

Our two cricket teams (boys and girls) played locally in Auckland, as did our baseball team whom I had the pleasure of watching. Our girls' volleyball team played in Tauranga and the rowing squad are in the South Island at Lake Ruataniwha near Twizel. Update of the results will be provided in the next newsletter.

This week we have also had a number of students out on course field trips, such as the year 12 trip to Tongariro. These trips are a great extension of what students learn in the classroom, and provide our students with richer learning experiences as part of their studies.

On a different note, I have asked Mr Robertson to provide some information about 'vaping' which we have spoken to students about at assembly. Unfortunately, we are still getting a small number of students vaping at school or on the way to (and from) school.

An interesting statistic is that 0% of our year 10 students regularly smoke tobacco, and over 90% have never tried. This statistic comes from ASH who conduct an anonymous survey of all year 10 students each year. This is better than other schools and is a very positive trend. It also reflects the same trend across New Zealand where we have one of the lowest smoking rates in the world.

At Glendowie College, we treat vaping in the same way as smoking. At the very least, it is too difficult to differentiate between whether a student is vaping or otherwise. I encourage you to discuss this with your child(ren), and please read the information provided by Mr Robertson below.

Now is a good time to talk with your child, especially senior students, about how she or he is coping with their workload. Internal assessments are starting to accumulate and this creates pressure on students.

All subjects should have a weekly planner that shows when assessments occur through the year, which your child can use to manage his or her work. When discussing this, it is also useful to check that your child has a clear understanding of what is necessary to achieve and to gain merit or excellence. If not, encourage him or her to talk with the teacher to get this information.

For those travelling away over Easter, I hope that you have a relaxing break and safe travel.

R Dykes
Principal



Upcoming Events:

March

- 28 Vietnam Trip Parent Meeting (6pm-7pm, Staffroom)
- 30 Good Friday (school closed)

April

- 2 Easter Monday (school closed)
- 3 Easter Tuesday (school closed)
- 4 Junior Otago Mathematics Competition (Period 2)
- 5 Parents' Association Meeting (7pm-9pm, Staffroom)
- 7 Alumni vs School Teams Sports Day (10am-2pm)
- 10 Dance Night (6pm-8pm, Hall)
- 11-25 Vietnam History Trip
- 13 Term 1 ends
- 14-26 USA Dance Trip
- 30 Term 2 starts

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



Glendowie College's Stance on Vaping

An activity that has become more prevalent in the last year is for people to use vaporisers or to vape. Mr Robertson talked to the students about the school's stance on this at last week's assembly. Given that there has been some vaping incidents involving students this year, we felt it important that the same message is shared with parents.

The college considers that vaping will be treated with the same degree of seriousness as cigarette smoking or the consumption of alcohol. It is not permitted at school, on the way to and from school, at any school related activity or event.

Vaporisers or e-cigarettes and the products used in them, whether they contain nicotine or not, are prohibited from sale to anyone under 18 years of age. Vaping is also not permitted in areas where smoking is banned under the Smoke-free Environments Act.

Currently there are no mandatory safety requirements for the products being used for vaping which is a concern particularly if the products are purchased on-line. (Source: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/preventative-health-wellness/tobacco-control/e-cigarettes>). Our advice is, given that the safety of the products and what goes into the products cannot be guaranteed, vaping should be avoided.

Mr G Robertson, Deputy Principal

Maadi Cup and Tournament Week



Maadi Cup Opening Day (Lake Ruataniwha, Twizel)

Further update on Maadi Cup and tournament results will follow in the next newsletter.

Dance Night – 10 April 2018 (Tuesday)

Dance night this term will be on Tuesday, 10 April 2018, from 6pm in the school Hall. Entry is by donation, with works being shown from junior and senior students, as well as an exhibition of the dances that will be performed at Disneyland these holidays.

Food and drink will be available for purchase on the night, we look forward to seeing you there!

Ms L Rasmussen, Dance Department



Spanish Immersion Program

Congratulations to Ms Giordana Santosuosso, our Spanish Teacher, who has been selected to take part in a Spanish Immersion Programme in Salamanca, Spain in the July holidays. She will be one of ten Spanish teachers from New Zealand travelling to Spain to take part in this programme which will consist of language study, cultural activities, cooking lessons and a homestay experience. ¡Felicidades Señora Santosuosso!

Ms Anna Vincent, Faculty Leader Languages

GDC Alumni Sports Day

SPORTS DAY 2018



GDC ALUMNI

SATURDAY 7 APRIL 2018



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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

For information email alumni@gdc.school.nz



Junior Social Evening – ‘Whiteout’



A fluorescent blur of moving bodies across the dance floor would be one way to describe the fantastic night that was the Junior Social Evening. It started with the planning – several meetings, with four events prefects and junior connections participating, tuakana teina, prefects, twenty helpers, 220 balloons and two UV lights, then we were finally ready. The juniors were overwhelmingly greeted by many over-enthusiastic seniors. After taking a multitude of photos in the photo booth, we all went into the hall to listen to our DJ, glow under the UV lights and eat the pizza which was delivered in a car packed full. Overall, the night was a success. It was amazing to see the number of year 9's and year 13's taking the opportunity to interact in a fun, carefree environment, building on the relationships established at our year 9 camps.

On behalf of the events prefects, we would like to thank all the teachers and students involved in helping make the evening a success. Thanks to Mrs Rothbart for driving to get the UV lights on the day, she is an absolute legend. Thanks to Marco De Kretser and Emily Seyb for being the talented photographers, and to Lewis McNae for the awesome music. The biggest thank you goes out to all the year 9's and 10's who attended the evening. Without your enthusiasm, the evening would not have been such a highlight.

Hannah Johnson – Tāne Mahuta Event Prefect

NZ Track and Field Championships – Athletics NZ



Sophie Atkinson (Year 13, Tāwhirimātea House) won a bronze medal in the Under 18 800m at the NZ Track and Field Championships, which was held between 9-11 March, 2018. She ran a personal best of 2:15.24. This is a fantastic result, especially as she was rubbing shoulders with some of New Zealand's best athletes who are heading to the 2018 Commonwealth Games. Well done, Sophie!

Mr J Hurdell, Tāwhirimātea House Dean



Summerfest 2018

There was a strong desire amongst the Arts prefects this year to energise Summerfest with some new strategies, and this certainly occurred. Small music groups worked hard to prepare for their moment in the spotlight, as did the Big Band, Concert Band and Choir, all of whom did very well to learn new music and revive old pieces for their Summerfest outing.

A new addition to the week's events was a dramatic "walk through" lighting show which Ms Thomson and helpers set up on the hall stage. The hall was also the venue for a most entertaining Theatre Sports experience, which attracted a big audience, a year 13 modern Maori dance performance, and the Big Band, who were forced inside by the threatening rain.

The Art department offered some wonderful ideas, mostly based around the new Glendowie College house system. Four symbolic panels have been designed by students – each representing a house. Tāne Mahuta, Tangaroa, Tāwhirimātea, Rūaumoko.

Painting of these began at Summerfest and will continue over the next few weeks. When completed, these will hang proudly in our school. To add more excitement and competition to the week, Mr Tanner devised a competition where all students could make a paper crane in the colour of their house and earn a house point. It worked very well, in spite of rigorous checks against possible ideas of cheating, and the beautiful cranes were finally hung on a tree outside Student Services.

Banana Art was also a popular option. A whole box full of bananas was decorated and consumed. The quad was colourfully decorated by senior students using balloons, streamers, bunting and of course, our Summerfest banner.

A huge thank you must go to the staff and students who contributed to this week. It certainly was a big collaborative event and it went brilliantly, celebrating the Arts through the theme of festivity, colour and fun.



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Year 12 Biology Trip to Goat Island

The Year 12 biologists went to Goat Island on Monday 12 March 2018 to measure the organisms on the rocky shore for our internal. The Rocky Shore Trip was great because we learned a lot about the different organisms on the shore and their relationships with one another and with humans. The Goat Island Marine Discovery Centre explained to us about the conservation work that they are doing to protect the marine life around 44 marine reserves in New Zealand. We had the opportunity to interact with the animals in the touch pool as well as study them under the microscope and learn about their adaptations to cope in the Rocky Shore environment. They were squishy! This was very helpful for our internal and was very interesting to learn about. Despite the weather, the trip was successful because we received information we needed for our internals and learned a lot more about the biology in the environment that we were studying.



Zoe Neville-White, Christina Murrell and Amy Hughes (Year 12 Students)

Surfing



Over the last three weeks, a group of students have been out to surf at Muriwai. Muriwai Surf School have provided awesome instructors for the college since 2011 and students continue to enjoy the lessons and experience.

Not only did the students learn how to surf, they also learned the basics of beach safety. All students had a great time and are keen to continue the activity.

It was amazing to see the amount of interest in the sport, we had two vans head out on Tuesday and one on Wednesday, and regrettably we had to turn away some students. If you did miss out, please talk to Mr Salmon about joining the group and keep in the loop with future events.

A big thank you to all the parents who supported the activity, especially Lianne Thomas, Aileen Tanner and Nick Jeffery. Thank you also to Miss Vincent and Mr Salmon for helping with transport.



Mr A Salmon, Health and Physical Education Faculty



Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Success



Former Glendowie College student, Sophia Reid, recently attended a Gold Duke of Edinburgh Presentation Ceremony at Government House in Wellington. More than 90 recipients were presented their awards by Sarah Hillary over two separate ceremonies during the day. The two groups came back together for a reception in the evening hosted by Governor General Dame Patsy Reddy.

Olivia O'Connor-Robertson was invited to the same ceremony, but unfortunately she was unable to attend. Congratulations to Sophia for receiving her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. (Photo: Sophia is pictured with Sarah Hillary)

Ms F Smith, Gold Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator

German Exchange Trip



Last year, eight Year 12 German students had the incredible opportunity to go to Germany on a two-month exchange, from December 2017 to January 2018. This exchange is run by the New Zealand and North-Rhine Westphalia governments. It gives Kiwi students the opportunity to stay with a German host family and then one month after returning home, our exchange partners came to stay with us.

Saturday 3 March 2018 was the day when they arrived. They have been treated to some beautiful weather, which was exciting for them as they came from snow! School here is also a different experience for them: less academic pressure, more sporting opportunities (underwater hockey was something none of them had ever heard of), being allowed to use devices in the classroom, and also having to wear a school uniform. As their host students, we look forward to showing them more of New Zealand and hope that these international friendships will last a lifetime.



Eve Walter, Year 13 Student

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Ms J Gayton, Library Manager



Safe Driving Opportunity for Students

Holden Street Smart is a world-class, cognitive based driver programme that aims to positively influence the lives of young kiwis across the country. The Programme has been developed with the involvement of world-renowned road safety expert, Peter Sheppard, and passionate road safety advocate, Greg Murphy, is the Programme Ambassador.

It is a one-day event providing young drivers and their parents/caregivers the opportunity to undertake supervised driving practice with a focus on developing good decision-making strategies for safe driving, including assessing themselves, reading the road environment, resisting peer pressure, managing or eliminating distractions and planning ahead. The programme takes place in safe, controlled, off-the-road environments, under the watchful eye of qualified coaches plus the parent/caregiver. This provides the parent the opportunity to also assess themselves, in order to be a better coach and mentor to their teen.

Registrations are now open for the upcoming April School Holidays programme for only \$49 at Hampton Downs (Auckland): 28 & 29 April 2018. Registrations can be completed via the easy to use pages on their website: www.holdenstreetsmart.co.nz.

Here is a You Tube link to an introduction video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oO49nl-gCGU>

Mr G Robertson, Deputy Principal

STS Student Exchange Program

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RYDA Driver Education Programme for Year 12 Students

All year 12 students will be attending the RYDA Driver Education Day sponsored by Rotary to be held at Alexandra Park on Tuesday 10 April 2018. Permission slips and information has gone home to parents/caregivers. RYDA is designed for 15-17 year olds as they begin to drive or ride in cars driven by their peers. This Programme challenges students to change the way they think about road safety and lay the foundation for safe road use throughout their lives.

This programme focuses on cognition development, building an increasing social competency and resilience, and motivating low risk behaviour. Facilitators work with students to develop and practise personalised strategies and life skills which help them respond positively to challenges on the road, both as drivers and highly influential passengers. It does not teach technical driving skills.

RYDA delivers six interactive sessions aimed at exploring crucial aspects of travelling safely, combining the efforts of local road safety experts/educators and recovering survivors of road crashes. There is an activity booklet to be completed on the day. More information can be found on <http://www.rse.org.au/programs/ryda/>

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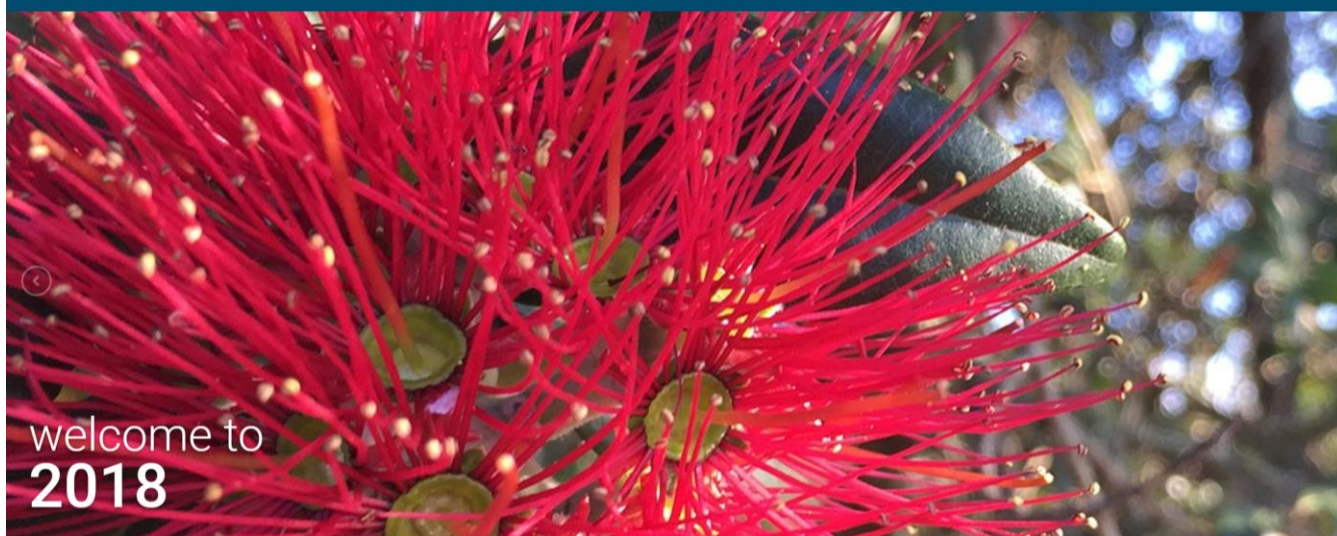
Both parents and students can access the 'Parent and Student Portal' through the college website (see below). Student's specific accounts (fees which have been paid or are yet to be paid) can be viewed as well as reports, attendance, daily notices, calendar and timetables.

Passwords are given to 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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