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Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March



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Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

## Kia Ora Tātou

This week has been intense, long and humbling.

On Wednesday, I attended a memorial service at Al-Madinah School, one of two Muslim schools in Auckland. I was humbled by the resilience of their Principal and staff, who talked of how good has come out of this tragedy and their confidence that time will heal their community. Our thoughts are with the Muslim and Christchurch communities at this time.

Friday's events were abhorrent. They are not part of our or any country. It has been comforting and uplifting to see New Zealanders unite against this evil and affirm our commitment to peace, diversity and tolerance.

Our students have responded well to the tragedy. Our Head Prefects – Jessica Neilsen and Edward Blair, spoke well at our school assembly yesterday, and two students – Siddika Guler and Melissa Pangestu, have organised a green ribbon fundraiser at our college over the last two days.

At Glendowie College, we held a minute's silence on Monday morning, have our flag at half-mast, held a special assembly, have a condolences book for students and staff in the library, are doing a special fundraising, and observed two minutes silence today.

The impact of these events will echo for a long time and we will continue to support staff and students as needed. Our guidance staff have also recommended the following website if you would like ideas and advice on how to support your child(ren).

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.nz/home/news/article/243/supporting-each-other-after-the-christchurch-terrorist-attack>

### Meeting with Hon Nikki Kaye ... Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm

The Hon Nikki Kaye is speaking at the college to discuss the Haque Report, which proposes radical changes to how education in New Zealand is structured. Nikki is a former Minister of Education, and has been involved in cross-party discussions about the report. I encourage you to attend this meeting and learn more about the report. Note that we have shifted the meeting from the school hall to the library.

### Elstree Avenue Roadworks (until June 2020)

If your child travels to school along Elstree Avenue in Glen Innes, you will be aware that roadworks now block northern access. This is due to new sewer lines being installed in Glen Innes. The works are significant and require Elstree Avenue to be closed to traffic driving north, i.e. towards Glendowie College ... possibly until June 2020. All students travelling this way to school will need to adjust their travel plans to allow for the disruption. Information is available on the Watercare website at the following address:

<https://www.watercare.co.nz/About-us/Projects-around-Auckland/Glen-Innes-wastewater-upgrade>

## Upcoming Events:

### March

- 23-31 Maadi Cup Rowing Regatta  
(Lake Karapiro)
- 25-29 Summer Tournament Week
- 27 Tomorrow's Schools Report  
Evening  
(7pm-8:30pm, Library)
- 31-1Apr Duke of Edinburgh Silver  
Tramp

### April

- 2 China Trip Final Briefing  
(7pm-8pm, Staffroom)
- 3 Taurere Whānau BBQ  
(6pm-8pm, Staffroom)
- 4 Parents' Association Meeting  
(7pm-9pm, Staffroom)
- 6 Alumni Sports Day  
(10am-12pm)
- 6-7 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze  
Tramp
- 11-25 China Trip (selected senior  
students)
- 12 End of Term 1
- 29 Term 2 starts

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



## Summer Tournament Week

Good luck to all students competing in tournaments next week. We wish you safe travel and well in your various games or competitions. Thanks in advance to the many coaches, managers and parents supporting our students.

**Richard Dykes**  
Principal

## Principal's Address to Full School Assembly

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On Friday last week, at 1.40pm, 50 people were brutally murdered in their place of worship in Christchurch. Sadly, that event can't be undone. It will leave a scar on our identity as New Zealanders, as for a long time we will talk about March 15th. It doesn't, however, change who we are and what we value. It will not change how we live our lives.

The first part of today's assembly is dedicated to the 50 people who died on Friday. To their friends and family left behind, and to the wider Muslim and Christchurch community.

After I speak, our head prefects Jessica and Edward will share some of their thoughts. They will be followed by Siddika Guler and Melissa Pangestu who are organising a fundraiser here at Glendowie College to support those affected by this tragedy. We'll then stand and sing our national anthem before the normal assembly items.

In textbooks, tragic events such as what happened in Christchurch ... they seem straightforward. But in real life they are confusing.

In textbooks, it's obvious what happened. A tragic event happened at a certain hour on a certain day in a certain place. In real life it doesn't pan out that way.

I started to hear about the events on the radio as I drove home. A reporter was interviewing someone. Something serious had happened, but I was confused about what. I initially assumed it was something overseas. These things don't happen in New Zealand. But no, it was in New Zealand.

Where in New Zealand? In Christchurch. Why Christchurch? In a mosque. No, two mosques. Someone has been shot. Someone's died. Many people have died. The next day I learnt that 50 people had died.

The events. They come at you in snippets of information. Like a jigsaw, but without knowing what the final picture is going to look like.

In textbooks, it's straightforward to read how people responded to an event and what they thought about it in hindsight. In real life, it's more confusing than that.

On Saturdays I play tennis. Was that still on or was it cancelled? Should we say or do anything at our game? Well done to those who played in the weekend, such as the Boy's First XI cricket, and took some time to honour those who died.

As Principal, what did I need to do? There's no instruction manual or policy for dealing with terror attacks. I was helped by other Principals who shared what they were doing, and together we responded to our staff, students and whānau.

In textbooks, it's clear that people got over the event and moved on with their lives. But again, in real life it's more confusing than that.



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Over the last few days, I've driven around Auckland and seen police men and women standing, with guns, outside shops, mosques and schools. I've never seen that before in New Zealand. And I find it unsettling. How long will it last? What will we do ... what will our Government do to ensure this doesn't happen again?

What happened last Friday was an abhorrent act that has no place in New Zealand or any country. Together, we stand against hatred in any form, and especially against the use of intimidation, violence and murder.

New Zealand is a country that celebrates and embraces diversity. We don't have to believe the same things as each other, or to agree on everything. But we do agree to respect others and their opinions regardless of their race, religion or creed.

We are a country who cares. We are a country that values peace. We are a country that works to keep people safe.

So how do we respond? 1.40pm, March 15th. That time and date will be written into future textbooks. So what will future generations read about us and how we responded?

Firstly we **STAND TOGETHER**. We stand together against evil, which this was; and we stand against hatred. We stand for peace. We stand for the tolerance of diversity.

Secondly we **REMEMBER**. We remember those who died. We support those who are left behind - their families, their friends, their schoolmates, their teachers, and many more.

Thirdly we **SUPPORT**. We support the wider Muslim community who, right now, feel vulnerable and unsafe. Through donations. Through comments in the condolence book. Through personal messages. We support those working directly with the victims. The Police. St John's Ambulance staff. Doctors. Nurses. Social workers.

We support each other as we try to understand what happened. We support the Government and the legal authorities as they hold the perpetrators to account for their actions, for this evil.

Fourthly we **MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER**. We continue our normal routines and defy anyone who tries to draw us into their hatred and their violence. They and their beliefs are not welcome in New Zealand. We work together to make our communities safer. We look out for each other - those we know and those we don't know. We revisit gun control laws. We support the agencies tasked with monitoring extremists to keep us safe.

We do all that ... as a country - Aotearoa New Zealand. And we do it as a local community here at Glendowie College. Our values are real. They're not just bits of paper on the walls of our classrooms.

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| • Whānau  | ... we are family    | We celebrate our diversity. We enjoy our unity. We look out for each other.   |
| • Harikoa | ... we stay positive | We believe that we can and will make our community, our country and the world a better place. We will continue to work towards that hope. |
| • Kaha    | ... we keep moving   | We understand that time will pass and we will heal. We keep living our lives.   |
| • Hiranga | ... we give it heaps | We believe our society should be safe. Not just a little bit safe, or safe for some. Fully safe for all.                                  |





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At Glendowie College we've done and are doing the following:

1. On Monday we held a minute's silence.
2. We have the condolence book for staff and students to write messages of support into. This will be sent to members of the Muslim community.
3. We have the flag at half mast until instructed by the Government to return it to its normal position.
4. Many students may have given to the Give a Little page.
5. We will be doing a local fundraising here at the college.
6. This assembly.
7. We're providing support for students and staff as needed.
8. We are carrying on with our normal lives ... classes, sports, rehearsals.
9. We don't accept bullying or hatred in our classrooms and school.

In a moment I will finish with the words of our Prime Minister. Before I do that, I need to speak about the video of Friday's attack that has been circulating online.

Some of you may have intentionally or unintentionally watched this. Some of you may have it on your phone or device. If, like me, you haven't watched it. Great. Don't.

There are two reasons why you should not ... must not watch it, store it or share it.

Firstly, to do so means supporting the views of the perpetrator of this evil. It gives that person publicity that he and his views don't deserve. Secondly, it is illegal. The New Zealand Department of Internal Affairs have stated that to possess, share or host the video, which is considered harmful material is a crime.

On Friday, the Police arrested an 18 year old for distributing the video, and have said that anyone in possession of the video of the shootings, or found to be distributing it, could face imprisonment.

If for any reason you have a copy of the video on one of your devices, delete it immediately and do not share it with others or post it anywhere online.

To close, I want to read the words of our Prime Minister - the Right Honourable Jacinda Ardern:

*"Al salam Alaikum*

*Peace be upon you. And peace be upon all of us.*

*... the 15th of March will now forever be a day etched in our collective memories. On a quiet Friday afternoon a man stormed into a place of peaceful worship and took away the lives of 50 people. That quiet Friday afternoon has become our darkest of days.*

*But for the families, it was more than that. It was the day that the simple act of prayer – of practising their Muslim faith and religion – led to the loss of their loved ones' lives. Those loved ones, were brothers, daughters, fathers and children. They were New Zealanders. They are us.*



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*And because they are us, we, as a nation, we mourn them ... We cannot know [the] grief [of the victims' families], but we can walk with [them] at every stage. We can. And we will, surround [them] with aroha, manaakitanga and all that makes us, us. Our hearts are heavy but our spirit is strong."*

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Kia aroha. Kia kaha.

**R Dykes**

**Principal**

## Head Prefects Address to Full School Assembly

This week has definitely been a tough one for not only New Zealand but the world. What happened on Friday last week was horrific, unexpected and wrong.

As a New Zealand community, we have all been affected by the sorrow and grief of last week. As a school, we have and will continue to express our love and support in many ways for those families and friends who have been so affected by such a tragic event.

Over the past week, the support networks New Zealand has offered to all those families and friends affected, have been immense. As New Zealanders, we have come together as one, and showed the world who we really are. We support each other, care for each other and love each other. These qualities have helped strengthen the New Zealand community, proven by not only the \$7 million raised by the give-a-little page, but the support through social media and outreach towards the Muslim community.

As quoted by our Prime Minister Jacinda, *"We are a proud nation of more than 200 ethnicities, 160 languages, and amongst that diversity we share common values. And the one that we place currency on right now is our compassion and the support for the community of those directly affected by this tragedy"*.

Growing up in New Zealand we have been raised to love one another no matter what colour, religion or beliefs. This way of life has enabled us to accept each other for who we are, and grow up to be unique and empowering individuals. We are always there for those in need and are willing to give a shoulder to lean on.

The New Zealand "Can Do" attitude does not only help get the job the done, but builds a determined character. This quality gives us the drive to spread positivity and help others.

When searching for the definition of a New Zealander, the wise words from the Urban dictionary came up with this, 'New Zealanders are hobbit-like people, in the way that they are warm and friendly people who can do almost anything with anything. They are nice people who live in a beautiful country, that others are jealous of'.

Taking pride in who we are and where we live has created a family like culture throughout the school, community and country.

As a country, we are open minded and accepting of change. Shown through our history, where we were the first to allow women to vote, legalise gay marriage and are now working on changing our gun laws to ensure a safer future for New Zealand. Jacinda's support of the youths' campaign against climate change showed her forward thinking and has inspired our generation to stand up and make positive changes for the sustainability of our country.



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It's a time for encouragement of others and their individuality. From the harsh week, we have experienced as a nation we can acknowledge that in order to move forward, we need to accept and love each other despite our differences, remembering that they are us and we are them.

New Zealand's identity is forever changing and will continue to change throughout our lifetime. However, there are a few things that will remain constant. Our ability to unite as one nation, support for others and our determined character.

With the events in the past week, our generation has shown that we are more than ready to step up and create a hopeful future for everyone.

Kia Kaha, stay strong guys.

***Jessica Nielsen and Edward Blair (Head Prefects)***

## Update Your Contact Details

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It is important for the school to keep an up-to-date record of parents' and caregivers' contact information in case we need to make contact with you.

Please access the [Portal](#) and check that your contact details are correct, i.e. home phone number, mobile number, home address and email address.

If changes are required, please email Mrs Tara King on [reception@gdc.school.nz](mailto:reception@gdc.school.nz), so that we can update the system with your correct information.

## Lost Property from Year 9 Camps

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To all parents of year 9 students, if your child(ren) are missing any items from the year 9 camps, such as towels, sleeping bags, clothing etc., please ask them to check in the Medical Room by Wednesday, 27 March 2019.

Any unclaimed items after Wednesday, 27 March 2019 will be donated to the Salvation Army

## Alumini Sports Day – 6 April 2019 (Saturday)

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Calling all GDC Alumni! The annual Alumni Sports Day will be held on Saturday, April 6 2019.

Who will win, the students or Alumni?

If you would like to help the Alumni retain the Jeanette Bell Trophy when they take on the students in netball, basketball, soccer and touch, please come down to the school on the day and register for your sport at 10am.

A sausage sizzle, hot and cold drinks will be available, and Physio Rehab will be on site. After-match refreshments for the Alumni teams will be provided in the staffroom. The new artificial, multi-sport turf will be in use, so come and check out the new netball courts. Spectators are most welcome. For more information, please email [alumni@gdc.school.nz](mailto:alumni@gdc.school.nz) or visit our Facebook page.

***Mrs Nicole Parish, Alumni Advancement Coordinator***





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## Junior Social Evening

On Tuesday 12 March 2019, we hosted the year 9 and 10 social evening with the theme of 'Carnival'! It was a successful night filled with lots of fun, plenty of food and of course, some killer dance moves. It was a great opportunity to bring the two year groups together, and where they were able to express themselves outside the classroom and socialise with their peers in a stress free environment. We look forward to the rest of the year!  
*(Brianna Green, Year 13)*







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## Summerfest

In the week of 4 March 2019, the Arts Faculty enjoyed hosting the annual celebration of the arts – Summerfest 2019.

The week opened with the reveal of the completed house panels, which were painted in 2018 and which are now proudly displayed in the Quad. Throughout the week, students enjoyed participating in a range of lunchtime activities, including sculpture making, theatresports demonstrations, rock painting, and many musical performances.



The Dance students took over the Quad on Tuesday with a flash mob from High School Musical, and Art students spent the week painting the house canvases, which are now on display in Student Services. A large number of students took part in the daily Arts Quiz which was shared through the daily notices. Our staff also enjoyed the Inter-Faculty Arts Challenge with the Languages Faculty taking our first place, followed closely by the Science Faculty.

The weather joined in the fun for most of the week, but rain sent us inside for our final Friday activities. The Concert Band did not let this dim their spirit and performed their summery tunes in colourful costumes for a large crowd in the hall.

2019 House winners were: Canvas Painting                      Tāne Mahuta  
Photobooth Competition      Tangaroa and Tāne Mahuta (first place equal)

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



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## Year 13PE Practice Tramp to the Kaimai Mamaku National Park

Last week, the Year 13 PE class departed Glendowie for a two day tramping trip to the Kaimai Mamaku National Park. The purpose of the tramp was to prepare our final trip to the Otago Rail Trail at the beginning of April, and to increase our knowledge and create a connection with the environment of the park through place responsive presentations. With a varying level of camping experience across the class, we all had a lot to learn.



On Wednesday afternoon, we travelled to Dickie Flats campsite. Once we got through the Auckland traffic, we made it to the campsite at around 6:45pm, giving us just enough time to pitch our tents and prepare dinner before we lost the light of day. The challenge began.....getting our tents pitched and discussing how to use the gas cookers! Supporting each other throughout the evening was a great way to discover all the skills we needed for our trip to Otago in April. In the evening, we were lucky to see the 200m mining tunnel lit up by hundreds of glow worms – an amazing experience!

On Thursday, we were up at 7am to cook breakfasts and get ready for the big tramp ahead. From the Dickie Flats campsite, we travelled to the small town of Te Aroha at the base of Mt Te Aroha. The plan was to walk up to the summit of 953m. Prior to that we took some time learning about map reading, radio communication and group safety. The track to the summit was steep and rugged, it took us almost three hours to reach the pinnacle. The satisfaction of reaching the top of Mt Te Aroha was amazing, with views stretching hundreds of kilometres over the Waikato and Bay of Plenty region. On the descent down, we continued to enjoy the views that Te Aroha offered and stopped to explore what was left of the Tui mine.

After a hard day's tramping, we rewarded ourselves with a trip to the Te Aroha mineral hot pools. The pools were a great way to end the day, and to revitalize our bodies for Friday's tramp.

On the last day, we were up early at 6am to pack up our tents and have breakfast before departing on our walk to the crown mine and swim hole. The walk along the crown track led us to the amazing crown mine, which operated from 1889-1928. After visiting the mine, we finished our camp with a swim in the water hole. The cool waters were refreshing, and a great way to stop off our peak experience. After a tough two days of physical activities, we made it back on Friday afternoon hopefully with the skills we need to take on to the Otago Rail Trail.

***Jessica Nielsen, Head Prefect and Year 13PHE Student***





## Cricket Tournament

GDC students played hard against Saint Kentingern College last week in a nail biting game. Naomi Hay (Year 10) scored 48, just short of her half-ton, and the girls finished on 154 for 3. On the penultimate ball of the game, Saint Kentingern were also on 154. We lost 155-154 on the final ball. It was an amazing game! 'Character building' was what we tried to convince them, and hope we have saved our best for the tournament week, commencing 25 March 2019.



*Dr Angie Winnington-Sharp, Science Faculty*

## CloudMass (Young Enterprise Business)

CloudMass, our student run Young Enterprise business, went through their idea validation at a workshop organised by the Velocity group at the Auckland University Business School.

After an hour in the workshop, Sean Gibb (CEO), Adam Jonkers (Finance and Operations) and Matthew Bilby (Communications and Marketing) met with Maru Nihoniho, the founder of Metia Interactive, and key note speaker at the Velocity launch 2019 run by the Auckland University Business School.



Inspired by Maru Nihoniho's talk, the directors of CloudMass are ready to take on the challenges and opportunities of running their business venture this year. We are now seeking IT experts in the community who are willing to mentor these young entrepreneurs. If you have experience in the IT industry, especially linked to coding, GPS tracking, business management etc., this is an amazing opportunity for you to get involved as a mentor. For more information or to register your interest, please contact Ms Pritika Harduar on [hdu@gdc.school.nz](mailto:hdu@gdc.school.nz).

Watch this space for CloudMass!

***Mrs P Harduar, Liaison Teacher for Young Enterprise Studies***





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## Interact 2019

This year's Interact Club is already off to an exciting start. As part of the secondary school branch of the Rotary Club, there are lots of exciting opportunities for students to support important charity work in the community and beyond.

Two weeks ago, five 2019 Interact leaders along with teachers, Mr Hayden So and Dr Thais Nafissi, attended the monthly Rotary Club dinner at the Remuera Golf Club. We had the opportunity to listen to Alexia Hilbertidou, the founder of Girlboss, speak about young women in leadership and STEM. It was awesome to meet with Alexia and talk about issues that are important to us. The conversation was educational and it was eye opening to learn how young women, like Alexia, are making a real difference in New Zealand and the world.



The Interact Club has an upcoming fundraiser where we will be selling Easter eggs and bunnies to students. The proceeds will be donated to Starship Hospital Foundation, a foundation which is close to the hearts of many young people.

Thank you for supporting our fundraising events, and if you would like to find out more about the Interact Club, please do not hesitate to contact us at [Glendowieinteract@gmail.com](mailto:Glendowieinteract@gmail.com)

***Nina Harding, President, and Sophie Newton, Vice President***

## St Heliers School Fair



**ST HELIERS SCHOOL  
FAIR**

**SUNDAY 31 MARCH  
10AM - 2PM**

▶ ARTS & CRAFTS	▶ KIDS ADVENTURE & SPORTS
▶ RAFFLES, AUCTIONS, LOADS OF PRIZES	▶ CLOTHING, BOOKS, TOYS
▶ AMAZING FOOD, ICE CREAM	▶ GAMES, PLANTS, 2 <sup>ND</sup> HAND GOODS, FURNITURE & MUCH, MUCH MORE!

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