



GDC ALUMNI

3 May 2017

The Principal's Desk

Welcome to our first alumni newsletter for 2017 ... and to our second year of formally operating the GDC Alumni.

It has been delightful to make contact with past students, parents and other friends of the college; and to hear your stories of life beyond the gates of Glendowie College.

Some significant points last year were to meet our foundation pupils at the Spring Gala Concert, and (sadly) to honour Lindsay Adams when he passed away last May at the age of 101. See below for some more information about our plans to honour Lindsay and his contribution to Glendowie College.

Glendowie College keeps going from strength to strength.

Academically we saw outstanding results by our students in years 11 – 13 (forms 5 – 7). For example 97% of our year 11 (form 5) students passed Level 1 NCEA. A superb result and places Glendowie College among the top academic schools in New Zealand.

Sports continue to grow with huge participation by students, and successes in Auckland and national competitions. Read about our successful rowing squad below.

In the arts we are about to hold our annual school production – Seussical the Musical – which starts next Thursday. The show is an amalgam of Dr Seuss stories. It is a challenging show technically and musically, reflecting the depth of talent amongst our staff and students. I encourage you to buy tickets if you are in Auckland. It will be a great show.

We will also host past students from the 1980's on the opening night of the show. Students from that time will go on a tour of the school and attend a brief informal function, before attending the show. I look forward to meeting more of our alumni.

**Richard Dykes
Principal**





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Lindsay Adams Commemoration

Last year, we recognised the passing of Lindsay Adams, Glendowie College's founding Principal, and the College received a generous bequest from Lindsay's estate, which will go towards the education of today's students.

With the generous and extensive help of other past Principals, David Eddy and Louise Moore, it was decided that the funds would be used to support the introduction of the 'Middle Years Programme' in years 9 and 10 (forms 3 and 4) at the college. Lindsay's bequest will cover various curriculum development resources and related staff professional development.

On behalf of the College, I thank Lindsay and his family for the bequest; and David and Louise for their ongoing support for the College and its students.

In recognition of Lindsay's contribution to the College as the foundation Principal, the College is:

- planning a special ceremony in late November this year to unveil a memorial seat and plaque in memory of Lindsay. The seat will be situated by the Kauri tree planted by Lindsay in the early 1960's. We warmly welcome alumni, especially Foundation pupils, to attend this ceremony. We will shortly send out more information about this event.
- establishing the Lindsay Adams Academic Endowment Fund in recognition of Lindsay's commitment to the academic success of Glendowie College students.

We will be in touch shortly about how you can contribute to the commemorative seat and plaque, and/or the Lindsay Adams Academic Endowment Fund.

2017 Head Prefects



From left to right: Brooke Clark, Allan McBride, Lauren Calvert, Aldric Khoo

Head Boy – Allan McBride
Deputy Head Boy – Aldric Khoo

Head Girl – Lauren Calvert
Deputy Head Girl – Brooke Clark





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Seussical – The Musical Production

Glendowie College presents

Seussical™

Music by **STEPHEN FLAHERTY** Lyrics by **LYNN AHRENS**

Book by LYNN AHRENS and STEPHEN FLAHERTY
Co-Conceived by LYNN AHRENS, STEPHEN FLAHERTY and ERIC IDLE
Based on the works of DR. SEUSS

Dates: 11, 12, 13, 15 May at 7pm, Matinee on Sunday 14 May at 2pm
Glendowie College School Hall
Price: \$20 or family concession \$70

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia)
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia

Ticket sales information: ticket.sales@gdc.school.nz



Our students and staff have been working extremely hard putting together this fabulous production. If you and your family or friends would like to attend, please contact our ticket sales office on ticket.sales@gdc.school.nz

REMINDER – For the 1980's Cohort Social Event 'Seussical' opening night on 11 May 2017 (Thursday), there are still a few spaces available, so it is not too late if you are interested to join us. Please RSVP with Eliza Wong on won@gdc.school.nz to reserve a seat now.

Round the Bays Success

Special congratulations to two of our former students – Juliette Foley (2011-2015), who was the fastest woman across the course, finishing in a time of 31 minutes and 33 seconds, and Jonathan Jackson (2004-2008) was the fastest overall with a time of 26 minutes and 5 seconds in the Round the Bays Ports of Auckland event.

This year was also the first time we had a staff team from Glendowie College taking part – it was an enjoyable day for all.





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Maadi Cup and Head of Harbour Successes

The first major regatta of the year is Head of Harbour held at Lake Pupuke. Our rowers came 2nd across all schools competing which is a fantastic result as the regatta also acts as the Auckland championship.

The AON Maadi Cup for rowing was held in the last week of March at Lake Karapiro this year. Glendowie College sent a large team and 20 of our students made A finals. This is a great achievement as this means all of these students are placed in the top eight in New Zealand.

We had two crews won medals this year – the Girls u16 coxed quad sculls won silver and Boys u15 coxed octuple sculls won bronze.



2017 Anzac Day Services

Glendowie College was superbly represented by our prefects at the St Heliers service on ANZAC day.

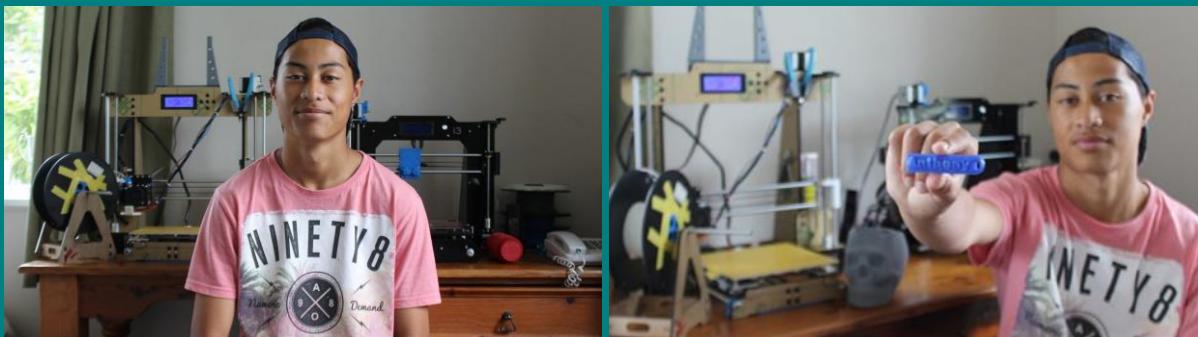
Head students Lauren Calvert and Allan McBride both spoke at the service and Lauren also spoke later in the day at the service at St Andrew's Village.





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Student Feature – Anthony Doctor's Success Building and Selling his 3D Printer



As teenagers becoming young adults, the questions involving our future are asked more often. Anthony Doctor, who is a year 11 student at Glendowie College, is already creating his future. He has currently built three 3D printers, each one a different model. It is expected that they would take some time to build.

"It was easy to build my last two 3D printers (Micromake and Anet a8). To build the Anet a8, it took me 2½ hours to assemble it and an extra 2 hours to calibrate it and program it. Building my first ever 3D Printer (Prusa i3), it was a hard journey, having to adapt and learn which part was meant for what, and whether I had it assembled correctly. It turns out it was faulty, which is why I bought the Anet a8. No one has really discovered the key of solving the problem with the faulty Prusa i3, but I am still researching and comparing its components to other 3D printers and checking how theirs are better compared to the Migbot Prusa i3."

Anthony had begun this journey years before. "To be honest, I didn't come up with the idea to build a 3D printer. I was asked from my dad and a close friend of mine who took me to a university to check out everyone's projects and how they could improve the problem in the world. They just kept asking me constantly about how cool it would be to build a 3D printer at 12 years old, and I was like yeah, nah, but then I received the opportunity to build one when I was sponsored with a lot of money," he said, "this enabled me to buy my own affordable 3D printer."

Another chance arose when New Zealand film director, Peter Jackson, purchased one of Anthony Doctor's 3D printers. "One of Sir Peter Jackson's personal assistants was seeking for a 3D printer that was unique. He could have bought a 3D printer from a store, but he wanted one that was different from everyone else. Probably only three or four people have the Anet a8 in New Zealand." What had also made Anthony's 3D printer unique was the fact that "it has history behind it, such as, it was built by a teen in Glen Innes at a young age". He said Peter Jackson needed it for his new movie he is currently making called 'Mortal Engines'.

Anthony's life changed. "It has opened a lot more doors for my future and has given me the opportunity to start a small business, which I sell 3D printers that I've assembled." His plans for the future is to start his own business with people working for him, while being able to relax at home with his own family and earn income at the same time, "but I do feel a lot more fortunate that I have a better understanding of something than others and also to say I own a 3D printer that belongs to me and I've built it."

By Sarah Tham (Year 11 student)





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Zoe Braithwaite – Success in Arts



Whilst at school Zoe achieved Excellence in all NCEA Painting internal and external achievement standards at levels 1, 2 and 3 and a Scholarship Painting.

Her work was selected for the Wallace Arts Awards Secondary School Exhibition at Pah Homestead and the Auckland Secondary Schools Art Awards.

She was also awarded a Visual Arts Award of \$1250 by the Ara Masonic Lodge. Zoe has since gone on to study Design in Wellington.



Zoe Fleming - BMX Scholarship to USA

Zoe Fleming, who left Glendowie College last year, has taken up an opportunity to be part of the top ranked Haro Promax BMX team in the United States for the 2017 season. She has moved to Florida and is competing in the USA Pro Circuit across America. On her blog, Zoe described the opportunity as one she could not turn down.

Zoe has been achieving some great results with a 4th in Arizona and 6th in Florida where she is competing against the best in the world.

Spread the Word

If you know anyone who is linked to Glendowie College, please help them stay connected by passing on the following webpage <http://www.gdc.school.nz/school/about/alumni/> or email address alumni@gdc.school.nz, so they can register for free to be part of the GDC Alumni.

**Thank you for being part of the Glendowie College Alumni,
we look forward to staying connected.**

