



Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

## Kia Ora

Dear Parents,

This year is now well under way with a great start last week. My thanks to the staff and students involved in the Pōwhiri which welcomed our year 9 students, as well as other students and staff to the school. It was especially nice to have three of our senior students speak.



I look forward to meeting with the parents of year 9 students on the evening of Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. This is a chance for year 9 parents to learn more about the school, as well as to meet your child's Dean and Form Teacher.

Yet again, our school roll has increased and we are now approaching 1,200 domestic students at the school. This reflects the continued population growth in our area (and across Auckland generally) and demand to gain a place in our college.

The first six weeks of this term are very busy with many events, such as Athletics Day, Swimming Sports, Summerfest, and various trips and camps, especially the new Year 9 camps. I encourage you to bookmark the school calendar on the website. You can also access the school notices via the 'Parent Portal' from our school website.

We still await the formal NCEA results from NZQA, however, preliminary highlights include 96% of year 12 students achieving Level 2 NCEA, and 80% of our year 11 students gaining Level 1 NCEA endorsed with either merit or excellence. These are both our highest ever at Levels 1 and 2, and place Glendowie College among the top schools in New Zealand. They reflect the calibre of our students and their hard work in 2017, as well as the excellent work of staff at the college.

Joining our staff team this year are:

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| • Miss Lewis     | ... Faculty Leader, Technology   |
| • Mr Shi         | ... Chinese                      |
| • Miss Pittwood  | ... Science                      |
| • Mrs Curtis     | ... Guidance Counsellor          |
| • Mr Kim         | ... Technology                   |
| • Miss Jorgensen | ... Sports Co-ordinator          |
| • Mr Davidson    | ... Geography and Social Studies |
| • Mr Walker      | ... English                      |
| • Mrs McKay      | ... Social Studies               |
| • Miss Fletcher  | ... English                      |

I welcome them to Glendowie College and wish them well in their time here.

**R Dykes**  
Principal

## Upcoming Events:

### February

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| 12    | Swimming Sports<br>(Sacred Heart College)                 |
| 14    | Year 9 Parents' Evening<br>(5pm-6:30pm)                   |
| 19-21 | Year 9 Camps  |
| 21    | Board of Trustees Meeting<br>(6pm-9pm, Boardroom)         |
| 23    | Athletics Day   |
| 27    | Parent/Form Teacher/Student<br>Conference (2:45pm-5:00pm) |
| 28    | Parent/Form Teacher/Student<br>Conference (Full Day)      |

### March

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| 5-9   | Summerfest  |
| 8     | Parents Association Meeting<br>(7pm-9pm, Staffroom)   |
| 19-23 | Summer Tournament Week                                |
| 19-25 | MAADI Cup Rowing Regatta<br>(Lake Ruataniwha, Twizel) |
| 21    | Board of Trustees Meeting<br>(6pm-9pm, Boardroom)     |
| 29    | Taurere Whanau Meeting<br>(6:30pm-8:30pm, Staffroom)  |
| 30    | Good Friday (school closed)                           |

### April

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| 2 | Easter Monday (school closed)  |
| 3 | Easter Tuesday (school closed) |

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



## Year 9 Parents' Evening

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### YOU ARE INVITED TO AN EVENING FOR THE PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF YEAR 9 STUDENTS

Wednesday, 14 February 2018 at 5:00pm  
in the College Hall

5:00pm – 5:35pm

Principal, PTA and Board of Trustees

5:35pm – 6:00pm

Meet your child's House Dean, Assistant Dean and Form Teacher

6:00pm

Light refreshments in the Hall

## Glendowie College Tennis Open Day

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### Glendowie Tennis Club Season Opening BBQ

- **WHEN:** Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb; 3pm to 5pm
- Kiwi Tennis will be on the courts, bring your racquet, Cardio Tennis taster session, Hot Shots & way more
- Gold Coin BBQ & the Bar will be open
- **PLEASE BRING** your friends & family, never seen before **Membership offers**
- Open to all Club Members, the Local Community & all local school kids, the young, the old & everyone in between!!!
- Any questions email: [glendowietennis@xtra.co.nz](mailto:glendowietennis@xtra.co.nz)



**Ms F Smith, Tangaroa House Dean**

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## Parent / Student / Form Teacher Conferencing

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Parent/Student/Form Teacher Conferencing will be held at the school on Tuesday 27 February 2018 from 2.45pm to 5.00pm and Wednesday 28 February 2018 from 8.45am to 4.00pm.

***Students are required to accompany their parents/caregivers to the interview.  
They must be in full school uniform.***

As the interviews are about their academic progress, it is important that they are part of the discussion and have a clear understanding of their progress to date and future priorities. ***Please note that the interviews will take place with EACH student regardless of whether or not a parent/caregiver is present. Form teachers will let these students know of their interview times.***

The interviews will be conducted in your child's form room and will be of 15 minutes duration. Your child can help direct you to the relevant room and there will also be staff and prefects to assist you.

- Subject Teachers are not available for these interviews. There will be the opportunity to discuss subject specific progress at the mid-year Parent/Teacher Interviews or by arrangements organised through the Form Teacher.
- School will finish at 1.40pm on Tuesday 27 February 2018. It will be arranged for buses to be on time for the early finish.
- Classes will not run on Wednesday 28 February 2018.

### To book Parent/Student/Form Teacher conferencing appointments:

1. The booking site will be open from 10am Monday 19 February 2018.
2. Go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)
3. Input the school's unique code **dxvdn** on the Home Page, then follow the instructions.

### ***Please note:***

- There will be a few computers made available at school to students who might not have internet access at home. They can use them to make appointments.
- You can print your appointment sheets.
- You can go back and edit appointments later.
- When making appointments with other people listed as well as the Form Teacher, it is advisable to have a gap between appointments to facilitate the movement between rooms.
- **The booking website will be closed at 9am on Tuesday 27 February 2018 for the interviews. This is necessary for the teachers to prepare for interviews and to schedule time slots with students who do not have an interview time.**

## Corrections to School Bus Information

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There has been a mismatch between the information provided by the college and that provided by Auckland Transport as to which buses serve Glendowie College. The following corrections have been made to the school website and need to be made in the Student Planner each student has.

The morning 359 route from Otahuhu no longer runs. Students need to use the 757 public bus which stops at the Mt Taylor Drive entrance to the college.

The afternoon 527 bus to Otahuhu has been replaced by the 027 which follows the same route departing from the college. Alternatively, students can take the public 757 bus which leaves from Mt Taylor Drive.

We sincerely apologize for any confusion this has caused.





## Student Orientation and Peer Support

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On Wednesday 24 January 2018, over 60 Year 13 students gave up their time to come back to school for a Peer Support Training Day.

Peer Support is a program run for the new Year 9's in order to help them orientate themselves with their new school and meet their new classmates in a fun way. It also helps minimise any anxiety they might have about their first year of secondary school, so their transition from being primary/intermediate school students into high school students can be a smooth one. At the training day, the peer supporters planned out activities to do on the Year 9's first day, as well as games which would help them get to know each other and familiarise themselves with the school.

On Wednesday 31 January, all the training paid off as the Year 9 undertook an Orientation Day. They played games and were shown around the school, learning everybody's names and the rules and regulations of the college. Overall, it seemed like they had a great first day, and having the help of the peer supporters made it easier to get to know the school and feel welcome and safe in the Glendowie College family.

***Mr G Robertson, Deputy Principal***

## Pōwhiri – Welcome for New Students & Staff

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To welcome new students and staff, a pōwhiri took place on Wednesday 31 January 2018. This is important to the college as it acknowledges that the new staff, students and their families are now an integral part of our school community.

It was really pleasing to see the increasing involvement of Glendowie College students, who all spoke Te Reo, in the pōwhiri. The new arrivals (Manuhiri) were called into the school hall by Brooklyn Alves-Cully, Deanna Louis (Deputy Head Girl) and Tyler Sullivan (Head Girl). Jovahnn Teura and Alex Peterson spoke on behalf of the Manuhiri while Jamie Martin (Head Boy) was one of the speakers for the Mana Whenua (hosts).

An increasing number of parents have attended the pōwhiri over the years. Special thanks must go to Ruapotaka marae, Mrs Richardson, Mr Rikirangi-Thomas, Ms Rasmussen and Ms Thomas for helping to prepare the students to lead the pōwhiri.



***Mr G Robertson, Deputy Principal***



## Music Lessons offered at Glendowie College

Performance music is an extremely strong area of learning at Glendowie, and we are fortunate to have a team of highly skilled teachers who work with our students through the itinerant music programme. We offer tuition in a wide range of instruments, including voice, except piano and keyboard. Many Year 9 students have already signed up for instruments, but it is not too late for others to join.

Lessons are weekly, held during school time, 30 minutes in length and rotate with the 6-day timetable, so students do not miss the same part of a lesson each week.

I highly recommend the following You Tube clip, which explains the educational value of learning an instrument.

[How playing an instrument benefits your brain - Anita Collins - YouTube](#)

If you wish to inquire about these, please phone the music office 575 9128 extn 126, or email [myh@gdc.school.nz](mailto:myh@gdc.school.nz)

**Mrs C Myhre, Faculty Leader Arts**

## Hands on at Otago



Earlier this year, I had the opportunity to fly down to Dunedin to experience university life at the University of Otago. I was one of 400 students from all over New Zealand who applied and were selected for this program.

The program was six days long, and it included a variety of extra activities and courses called snacks. My snacks included Maori studies, Psychology and Otago Museum preparation. In our free time, we were also free to explore the town.

We started the physics project with an ice-breaker activity of making solar powered grasshoppers that led onto our first topic which was on light and waves. We got to use a pyranometer and pyrgeometer which measure visible light and infrared light and took them out to MacAndrew Bay to do some real life measuring comparing ice, water and land surfaces' reflectance of light. In more scientific words, we were investigating the radiation balance over several surfaces using a pyranometer and a pyrgeometer.



Leading off the ice surface in the previous experiment, we went to see the ice lab. One of the rooms was -3 degrees where we saw super-cooling in action and the other was -21 degrees where we made some designs using water and then saw them through polarized light (turning this created a different image; one invisible one that looked like it was 3D).



The day after that we processed data and went onto sound waves. We also made a wave machine to help demonstrate sound waves. We were fortunate enough to see the atom manipulation and interferometry lab which worked with lasers to capture pictures of atoms.



Overall it was a very enjoyable experience, and I recommend others apply for this program, so they can learn more about their possible future degree.

**Arbel Tenenbaum, Year 12 Student**





## National Climbing Team Success

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Well done to Lukas Blenkinsopp (Year 13) for being selected again to represent New Zealand in the 2018 Youth Oceania Male Under 20 Climbing Team.

***Ms F Smith, Tangaroa House Dean***

## TaeKwon Do NZ

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Congratulations to Damyan Ng (Year 10), who has been awarded a 1<sup>st</sup> Dan Black Belt (Junior) from ITKDNZ (International TaeKwon-Do NZ) after a fairly gruelling 2-day exam at the end of last year.



The photo on the left shows Damyan breaking the required boards with a side kick during the second day of his black belt exam (when he was still red belt black tip). The photo on the right shows Damyan being presented with his black belt by his senior instructor Mr Graham (Remuera Club).

## AUT Roy Geddes Science Education Award

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Huge congratulations to Alvaro Nola-Dodd (Year 13) for receiving the AUT Roy Geddes Science Education Award. This provided travel to London to attend the prestigious London International Youth Science Forum. He was one of the two Roy Geddes awardees, selected by Rotary clubs throughout NZ, from among 174 high-achieving science students.

Alvaro was nominated by the school to participate in the 2018 National Rotary Science & Technology Forum, held in Auckland 14-27 Jan. This is what he had to say about his experience:

"In January, I attended the Rotary National Youth Science and Technology forum in Auckland along with almost 200 like-minded students from around the country, partaking in two weeks of science modules and activities. The modules and lectures gave all students a great insight into the world of science across all the various disciplines. In just two weeks, everyone went from being complete strangers to lifelong friends, and everyone would agree that it was an invaluable experience that left us changed. I, along with another student, was awarded the AUT University Roy Geddes Science Education Award to attend the London International Youth Science Forum in July this year with around 500 top students from around the world. I would like to thank Rotary St. Johns, who sponsored me for the forum, and everyone else involved, including all the lecturers and universities for giving their time to run the modules with us, and especially the Forum Director, Darryn Wells, for making the forum a realistic and an unforgettable experience for all involved."



***Ms A King, Faculty Leader Science***



## Dental Care for Students



Dental care is free for adolescents from year 9 up to the age of 18 years. To receive free treatment your child is required to enrol with a dentist who holds a contract with the DHB in your area.

The Medical room at the college has a list of all dentists in the Auckland area or parents/caregivers can visit the Auckland Regional Dental Service (ARDS) website [click here](#) and go to the adolescent contracting dentist section where a full list may be viewed.

## AT HOP

AT HOP would like to ensure students and their parents are aware of AT HOP cards and the benefits of using the card. Here is the link to their [website](#) and to download the poster, please [click here](#). Should you need more information, please feel free to email their team on [info@athop.co.nz](mailto:info@athop.co.nz) or phone them on (09) 366 4467.

**GO**  
cheaper.

**You could pocket \$40\* a month with an AT HOP card**

Buy and register your child's AT HOP card and pay less for school travel for children aged between 5 – 19 (excludes SkyBus and Waiheke ferry services).

**Go Metro. A7 Metro**

Check out [at.govt.nz/schooltravel](http://at.govt.nz/schooltravel) for more details

\*Compared with a cash fare based on a 1 zone bus or train trip, twice daily, five days a week over a month. Must have a child or secondary student concession applied to an AT HOP card. Terms of use for AT HOP cards are available on AT.govt.nz. Fares and discounts are correct as at 28 January 2017.

## Students Drop Off / Pick Up

May we take this opportunity again to remind all parents that students should be dropped off before school and picked up after school at either Mt Taylor Drive or Riddell Road entrances, and to please not drive in through Gate 1 or stop at the bus bay. Parents are requested not to drive into the school grounds to drop off or pick up their children unless for medical reasons or appointments.

Thank you for your co-operation.





## School Canteen

The school canteen serves a wide variety of healthy food and is open during morning interval and lunch every day. A copy of the menu can also be downloaded from the college website.

# GLENDOWIE

## COLLEGE

### CANTEEN MENU

Sandwiches muffins slices

From \$2.50

Please see display cabinets, for daily specials.

#### MEALS

Butter chicken rice (GF) 4  
Egg fried rice (V) 4  
Mac & Cheese 4

#### BURGERS

Cheeseburger 4  
Bacon BBQ burger 4.5  
Chicken burger 4.5  
Beef aioli & onion burger 4.5

#### PIES

Savouries Minis 1  
DADS Junior pies (110g)  
- Mince/cheese 3  
- Butter chicken 3  
Large - Mince 4  
- Mince & cheese 4.5  
- Steak & cheese 4.5  
GF/ Vegan on request 5.5

#### HOT FOOD

Hash brown 1  
Hotdogs 3  
Noodles 3  
Mini donuts (V) 3  
Samosa (V) 2  
Garlic bread (V) 1.5  
Cheese garlic bread (V) 2  
Butter chicken wrap 4  
Butter chicken toppa 3  
Steam bun - BBQ Pork 3  
Potato Bites (V) (GF) 2.5

#### DRINKS

Pump 750 ml 3  
Pump mini 2.5  
Pumped 750 ml 3.5  
PowerAde 330ml 4  
Vitamin water 500 ml 4  
Ice Tea 500ml 4  
Keri juice 250 ml 3  
Keri juicefruit blast 500ml 4  
Non sugar coke 300ml 2.5  
Barista Bros range 500ml 4.5  
Aqua Lite range 2  
Up & Go 2.5  
Primo 3  
Calci Yum 2.5  
Plain milk 300 ml 2

#### SMALL CHANGE MENU

Mini pies 1  
Chicken sticks 1  
Hash brown 1  
Samosa (V) 2  
Garlic bread (V) 1.50  
Cheese garlic bread(V) 2  
Popcorn GF 2  
Potato chips 2  
Vege chips 1.5

We offer GF/DF/V & Vegan options  
Please pre order.





## Volunteer Opportunity



### THE LITTLE ADVENTURERS

“Supporting parents and caregivers to develop their toddlers’ climbing ability in a fun and safe environment.”



The Father and Child Trust (Onehunga) and friends are hosting a free community event

Check out the venue here <https://www.rocketropes.co.nz/rocketeer-course/>

## WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

- that will cheerlead toddlers as they climb the course
- that will supply information for a police check
  - that will support a toddler if they fall
  - 18+ years old by March 2018
  - able to have fun

WHEN:	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> March and/or Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March
WHERE:	Rocketeers Course - Rocket Ropes - 10 Tom Pearce Drive - Auckland Airport

## APPLY HERE

NAME:	CONTACT NUMBER:	D.O.B:	
ORGANISATION (IF APPLICABLE):			
PREFERRED DAY (CIRCLE ONE):	Both	4 <sup>th</sup> March	6 <sup>th</sup> March
PREFERRED TIME (CIRCLE ONE):	Both	9am - 1pm	12pm – 3pm
PLEASE EMAIL TO CHANTELE <a href="mailto:chantellec@xtra.co.nz">chantellec@xtra.co.nz</a>			

### THANKS TO OUR MAIN SPONSOR: HEALTH PROMOTION AGENCY

Our Friends: Guardians of our Children, Separation and Sole Parent Support Group, Inspire Up Trust





## Parent and Student Portal

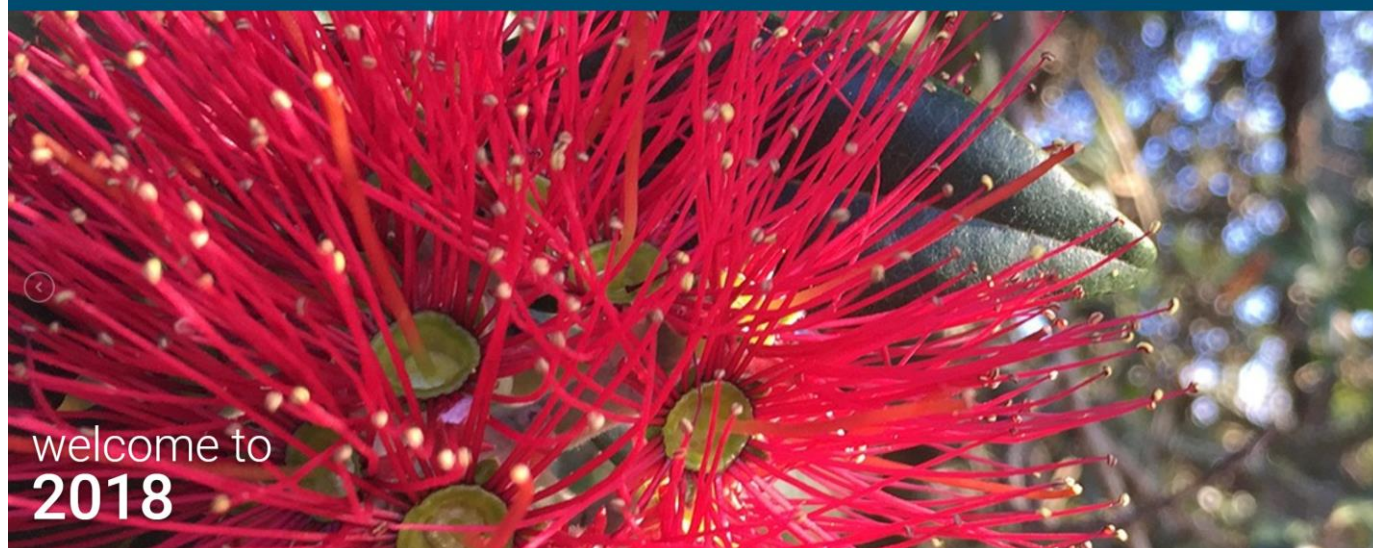
Both parents and students can access the 'Parent and Student Portal' through the college website (see below). Student's specific accounts (fees which have been paid or yet to be paid) can be viewed as well as reports, attendance, daily notices, calendar and timetables.

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](mailto:kes@gdc.school.nz) for a new password.



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Principal's Newsletters Library GC Net Parent & Student Portal Calendar



## GDC Communication Pathways

Glendowie College Communication Pathways	
Portal	<a href="https://glendowie.mystudent.school.nz/">https://glendowie.mystudent.school.nz/</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Student Details e.g. attendance, grades / Billing / Accounts</li></ul>
Website	<a href="http://www.gdc.school.nz/">http://www.gdc.school.nz/</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Calendar / General Information / Policies</li></ul>
Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/Glendowie-College-1598323453768825/">https://www.facebook.com/Glendowie-College-1598323453768825/</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Current Events / News / Updates</li></ul>
Flickr	<a href="https://www.flickr.com/photos/138591673@N03/">https://www.flickr.com/photos/138591673@N03/</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Photos of School Events</li></ul>