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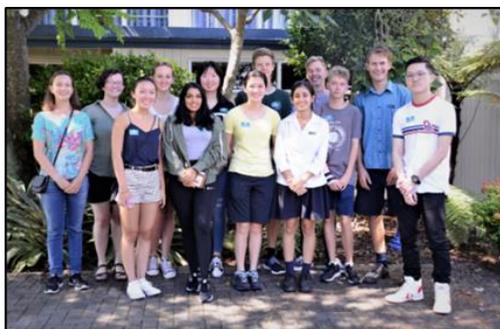
Kia Ora

Dear Parents,

Scholarship Success!

I am very pleased to announce that Glendowie College students gained 39 scholarships last year, including four “Outstanding Scholarships” and one “Top Scholar” award.

This is the college’s best ever result, and it reflects highly on the work and calibre of our students, the staff and families who supported them.



Congratulations to all scholarship recipients for 2017

The NZ Scholarship award is a separate exam that students sit in each subject at the same time as NCEA. Only the top 2-3% of students across New Zealand gain a scholarship. Within that, students who place within the top 10 or 20 students gain an Outstanding Scholarship.

The Top Scholar award is just that – the very best student across New Zealand in a subject. Congratulations to Cameron Kelso who gained the Top Scholar award in Media Studies, taught by Mr Ifrim. Cameron will travel to Parliament in May to be recognised for his achievement.

Congratulations to all of the students who achieved in the NZ Scholarship exams in 2017. A full list of scholarship winners is included in this newsletter.

Year 9 Camps

All year 9 students are safely back from their various camps around the upper North Island. The photos and various stories indicate that the camps have been a success, and greatly enjoyed by the students.

My many thanks to the many people who organised the camps and made them such a success.

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Upcoming Events:

February

- 27 Parent/Form Teacher/Student Conference (2:45pm-5:00pm)
- 28 Parent/Form Teacher/Student Conference (Full Day)

March

- 1 Movie Night Fundraiser (7pm-10pm, Berkeley Cinema Mission Bay)
- 5-9 Summerfest
- 8 Parents’ Association Meeting (7pm-9pm, 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)
- 30 Good Friday (school closed)

April

- 2 Easter Monday (school closed)
- 3 Easter Tuesday (school closed)
- 5 Parents’ Association Meeting (7pm-9pm, Staffroom)
- 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.)



Scholarships 2017

Below is the list of scholarship recipients for 2017. Congratulations!

Barter, Jack	Biology, Classical Studies
Borro, Andrey	Physics, Statistics
Bradley, Ryan	Art History
Carr, Stephanie	Biology, History
Chen, Sophia	Geography
Cheng, Keane	English
Cox, Jacqueline	German
Dally, Nina	Geography
Dench, Erin	Geography
Dickins, Katrina	Biology, Accounting
Hankin, Alice	Statistics
Jin, Yang (Phoebe)	Economics
Kelso, Donovan	English, Economics, Statistics (outstanding)
Kelson, Cameron	English, Classical Studies, Media Studies (outstanding & Top Scholar)
Leng, Frank	Statistics, Accounting, Economics (outstanding)
McKenzie, Scott	Statistics
Melese, Benjamin	German
Montgomery, Kiera	Chemistry, Physics, Calculus, History, Statistics (outstanding)
Nafissi, Azita	English
Nola Dodd, Alvaro	Physics
Ouchi, Akari	Japanese
Tan, Sophia	Biology, Statistics
Verma, Priyanka	Photography
Yarrow, Kendra	Classical Studies



Parent / Student / Form Teacher Conferencing

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. Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
2. 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.**



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

For information email alumni@gdc.school.nz

Mrs C MacKenzie, Advancement Officer (Alumni)

SnapChat and Instagram – Parent Guide

Many teenagers are now using SnapChat and Instagram. Here is the link to some useful information about SnapChat which all parents/caregivers may need to know <http://bit.ly/2BJlvzt>

Ms V Mercer, ICT Manager



Year 9 Camps

This year we ran our first year 9 camps, which were held at various locations. Students attended these along with their Deans, Form Teachers and senior students as peer support. These camps are important to help new students feel welcome and supported at the college.

House: Tāne Mahuta
Location: Tui Ridge, Rotorua



On Monday, we left for our three-day camp and arrived at Tui Ridge in Rotorua. Being in a confined space with people you barely know can do wonders. The day started shortly after, with all groups involved in their first few activities, including flying fox, bubble soccer, abseiling, high ropes, orienteering etc. All the activities were really enjoyable and everyone was eager to get involved and give everything a go. We loved how the peer support leaders were so supportive and joined in all of the fun. The teachers were also involved which was interesting. Overall, all Tāne Mahuta year 9's became closer and had such a great time.



Lucy Witehira and Sophie Campbell-Patston (9COA)



House: Tāwhirimātea
Location: MiCamp, Whakamaru



Tāwhirimātea were up early and travelled south to an island in the middle of the Waikato River between the Atiamuri and Whakamaru dams, where they kayaked, rafted, shot, slack-lined, and climbed up, along or over during our stay. We were lucky enough to be able to swim in the sheltered waters of the camp, especially as the days were hot and humid. Everyone participated positively and regularly demonstrated our house values of determination, individuality, power, righteousness, forgiveness and loyalty. Great bonds were formed between the Year 9s and Year 13 buddies and our youngest members of Tāwhirimātea are passionate about the “purple house”.

Thanks to Ms Rothbart, Ms Gayton, Mr Liu, and Year 9 form teachers Mr Naisbitt and Mrs Prakash, together with former students Freda Song and Melisa Gomez, for their unfailing support of the students and other staff on camp. Thanks also to our Year 13 leaders who were on the camp. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to develop your skills, lead your team, and have fun in an amazing location.

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House: Rūaumoko
Location: Tui Ridge, Rotorua

On 19 February, year 9 Rūaumoko students, year 13 student leaders, teachers and volunteers set out to spend 3 days in the amazing Tui Ridge camp in Rotorua. The camp was packed with fantastic activities ranging from a giant swing, to high ropes with a trapeze, an 18m abseiling wall and archery. Everyone tried new things, conquered some fears (mainly heights), and connected together as a house group.

We had an amazing group of Year 13 leaders who helped create a family bond with the Year 9's, and lead them in all of the activities and organised games for the evenings. The camp was a great opportunity for the students to bond with their classmates, gain some house pride, and discover what it is like to be a part of the Glendowie College family.



Tyler Sullivan, Head Girl



House: Tangaroa
Location: Piha Mill Camp, Piha



On day one, the students enjoyed participating in groups rotating round 5 different activities including archery, air rifles, poles and planks, the inventor lab and problem solving tasks. They had a chance to participate in team work, sharing ideas, supporting each other, utilising their skills, creating new friendships and strengthening bonds throughout these activities. In the evening, the Peer Support students ran a house culture activity with the focus on the Tangaroa House values followed by a 'fresh' swim in the river, and an impromptu sing-song round the fire pit while toasting marshmallows.



With cyclone Gita, the bad weather alternative activity took the group into Auckland city to visit the Great Escape rooms. They also visited Auckland Museum and completed some activities including visiting the People of the Pacific exhibition to learn more about aspects of Tangaroa. Late afternoon, they took a walk along Piha beach towards Lion Rock, and in the evening, they performed group skits representing dimensions of Tangaroa followed by a high energy quiz and a competitive pasta/spaghetti tower making activity.



On the last day, the group walked to the scenic Kitekite Falls where some enjoyed a swim while others spotted eels and appreciated the 3-tiered waterfall. They also visited Extreme Edge in Glen Eden climbing on the themed walls, challenging themselves to reach the top and master the varying climbing experiences.

Special thanks goes to the management and chef at Piha Mill Camp along with all the teachers and staff who came and helped to make it a fun filled, entertaining 3 days.



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A Midsummer Night's Dream



On 14 February, year 10 students went to see the play 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at the Pop up Globe. I recommend you watch the play as not only are the building and the stage beautiful, but the unique twists in the play and the actors' mesmerising acting and body language make the whole experience worth it.

The Pop up Globe is not new to me as I have been there twice before, but entering the small gate with the pictures from the play took my breath away all over again; as you make your way into the theatre, you pass a beautiful garden that includes a small cafeteria and a space to sit around and enjoy a snack before the play. When you enter the stage area the whole amazement shock starts all over again. The stage itself was large, spacious and beautiful and on the back wall were paintings of Greek gods and goddesses: Poseidon, Artemis, Demeter and Dionysus.

The improvised acting, the almost modern costumes and the lively live music, which under any other circumstances would not work together, seemed not only to go hand in hand with each other but made the play the exciting, fascinating piece that it was. Back in the day, the actors (who were usually all men, just like in our play) would improvise their lines and constantly interact with the audience, and that's exactly what we got. In the play, when Hermia wakes up in the woods wondering where Lysander is, a boy from the standing audience yelled out "He's dead!", and Hermia just quickly replied with "Well, that's unhealthy for the plot", which in my opinion was just brilliant. The main characters of the play, the members of the love square, were amazing actors and made everyone laugh.

I would have to say that my favourite character in the play was Puck, the clever yet a silly little helper of Oberon, King of the Fairies. Everything from his big body language to his amazing athletic skills was moving, but it all got better when he delivered his very last lines which wrapped up the whole play: '...And as I am an honest Puck [...] goodnight unto you all'. The last lines were in English and not in Maori as his other lines in the play.

I highly recommend you to watch the play. It is a unique experience I would not replace for the world. The play itself was not only well directed and beautifully acted, it was also very amusing and educational. Personally, I enjoyed it so much I might be seeing it again with friends for a third time. Everything from my favourite line ("the one I'll slay, the other slayeth me"- Demetrius talking about Lysander and Hermia) to the play put on by the workers, 'Pyramus and Thisbe' was well executed and mesmerising. The play, the building and the experience were all well worth my time, and would be definitely worth yours too.

Ela Kalman, Year 10 student



The Scottish Play



The threat of Cyclone Gita provided a fitting backdrop for 200 Level 2 English students enjoying William Shakespeare's tragedy 'Macbeth' at the Pop Up Globe in Ellerslie.



His ambition fuels the two-hour blood bath that ensues and many students experienced the splatter in person, while others fainted in the sultry air.



A live performance as Shakespeare intended improves student enjoyment, engagement and understanding. Students will now review director, Tom Mallaburn's interpretation of this classic theatre for their writing portfolios. This experience was a fine example of education outside the classroom.

We were fortunate enough to follow up this performance with a visit from Mile Gregory, the creative genius behind the Pop Up Globe and director of *Midsummer Night's Dream*. He shared his personal insights on Shakespeare in the theatre with the Year 10s, followed by interested Year 12 students. His commentary provided further understanding of the expertise needed in live performance without digital technology.

Sue Wood, Faculty Leader English

Ara Lodge Visual Arts Scholarship

Jacqueline Cox (former student) was awarded an Ara Lodge Visual Arts Scholarship at a ceremony held at the masonic lodge on Friday, 22 February 2018.

The \$1250 scholarship is awarded to Auckland secondary school Art students who have achieved at a high level during their senior years. To qualify, students must also be going on to study Visual arts at tertiary level. Jacqueline has gone to Toi Whakaari in Wellington where she will be studying for a Bachelor of Design for Stage and Screen.



Mrs H Cooper, Faculty of Art

Irish Dance Championship



For the first term of this year, Ciara Walshe (Year 13) is living in Ireland to concentrate on pursuing Irish Dance. Last week, Ciara came 7th out of 200 world-class competitors in the All Ireland Championships. This is an incredible result which we are all really proud of, and gives a good indication of how well she will perform at the World competition at the end of March.

Ms L Rasmussen, Dance Department

Transpower Neighbourhood Engineers Awards



The Neighbourhood Engineers Award is a prize offered by Transpower and IPENZ Engineering New Zealand to students all over the country, serving as an interesting way to enhance problem solving and the Technology curriculum. This nationwide competition gives students the opportunity to collaborate with their teachers and mentoring engineers to produce a practical solution to an identified problem within the school community, as well as the opportunity to compete against other students and demonstrate their technical expertise. It also provides the top achieving teams with a cash prize for their school.

In 2017, a group of 5 Glendowie College students achieved the Senior Winner nationwide award with their project titled 'SensAir', winning a prize of \$2,000 for the school. Congratulations to the following students: Anthony White (Year 12), Daniel Tran (Year 12), Jaden Zeng (Year 12), Jhillian Remedio (Year 12) and Michael Tran (Year 11).

A big thank you to Mo Chalabi, the mentoring Engineer from Beca, Gay Watson from Futureintech, Brian Leyland from Engineering New Zealand and Simon Murrow from Transpower for making this competition possible.

Ms J Christopher, Faculty of Technology

Auckland Climbing Regionals



Congratulations to Niahm Montgomery (Year 12) and Lukas Blenkinsopp (Year 13) who won their respective categories at the Auckland Climbing Regionals, which was held on Sunday, 18 February 2018 at Extreme Edge Glen Eden. Well done Niahm and Lukas!

Mr D James, Director of Sport



Glendowie College Social Lawn Bowls



The Glendowie College Social Lawn Bowls Team has kicked off this week at the Glendowie Bowls Club. Students were able to enjoy the local club, the beautiful setting, the generous help and experience of the long standing members and trial a new sport.

Everyone is welcome, this will run for 5 weeks, so please come along and join us – every Monday night, 5pm-6pm practice time, 6pm-7pm games, 7pm-8pm dinner and prize-giving. The bar will be open for refreshments throughout.

Teams of 3 are preferable, but the organisers can also team you up. Cost per person is \$12 (\$10 for members).

Ms K Webster, Faculty of Health & Physical Education



Weet-Bix TRYathlon



Congratulations to our contributing schools – St Heliers School with the highest number – 165 entrants to Weet-Bix TRYathlon, and Glendowie Primary with the highest percentage of students participating in the TRYathlon.

Glendowie College also had the privilege of taking 13 Senior GDC Sports/Dance girls as volunteers at the TRYathlon held at Pt England Reserve last Sunday. They were swim marshalling the 3000 kids participating on the day. Several members of the public congratulated our team on the wonderful way they went about the job, encouraging all the kids who participated. Well done girls – Grace Kibblewhite, Bea Smit, Michaela Ivanier, Brianna Green, Kaitlyn Hunter, Caitlin Adams, Niamh Johnson, Gemma Scott, Sophie Atkinson, Laura Hiskens, Nicole Wardrop, Isabella Farnham and Macayla Lock. You did GDC proud!

Young Women in Public Affairs Award Program

Our Young Women in Public Affairs Award is open for applications, deadline Friday, March 2 2018.

The goal of the Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award Program is to encourage young women to participate in public affairs by recognizing a young woman's commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and dedication to the empowerment of women.

Applicants are asked to reflect on their voluntary commitment to their school and community as well as the problems limiting the empowerment of women in their own country and worldwide. The Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs Award Program looks to the young women of today to be the leaders of tomorrow.

Use this link to download the application form and more information:

<https://www.zonta.org/Media-News/News-Feed/News-Detail/materials-for-2018-young-women-in-public-affairs-award-now-available>

Applications can be emailed to zontanews@gmail.com or posted to S Dudek, 120A St Johns Road, Meadowbank, Auckland 1072.

Parenting Helpline

A graphic for the Parenting Helpline. It features the text 'Parenting Helpline' in large orange letters, 'get support, advice and practical strategies' in smaller grey text, and 'Call 0800 568 856' in bold blue text with '9am - 9pm Monday to Sunday' below it. A blue speech bubble contains the text 'we can help with any of your parenting concerns'. The website 'www.parenthelp.org.nz' is at the bottom left, and the 'Parent Help' logo is at the bottom right.

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