



GDC ALUMNI

Thursday, 12 October 2017

The Principal's Desk

Dear Alumni,

I am pleased to welcome Caroline MacKenzie to the Glendowie College Alumni team. Caroline has worked with the college for one term now, helping to develop and promote the Alumni Association, and is already making a positive impact on our community and event organisation.

Thank you to the 1970's and 1980's alumni who attended our annual Spring Gala concert in August. For the first time this special evening was held in the Holy Trinity Cathedral. It was a spectacular venue to showcase the amazing talent of our students. It was lovely to talk with alumni prior to the show and hear stories of your time at Glendowie.

You may have seen a special mention of an alumni, Liz Young, on Fair Go last week. If you missed it, go to TVNZ on demand to watch the first part of the Monday 25 September episode. It tells of Liz's curious situation of having to prove that she is a Kiwi. This involved looking at the college's archives and past photos to prove that she has indeed lived in New Zealand for over 50 years!

Finally, I look forward to meeting up with our 20 years' alumni, i.e. students in form 7 in 1997. The reunion is on Friday 27th October. See you there.

Richard Dykes
Principal

Lindsay Adams Memorial

The memorial will take place at Glendowie College on Tuesday 5 December at 4pm followed by afternoon tea.

Invitations will be sent out late October.





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Quad redevelopment



The Board has given approval for the school to engage JASMAX to redesign the Quad in the centre of the college. This space has been getting more run down, especially over winter. We are targeting to do this work over the summer break. It will be nice to have an improved space for students next year. The school community is already behind this redevelopment. The Parents Association has donated money raised from the Big Night Out along with the annual Fun Run supporting this project.

Lindsay Adams Academic Endowment Fund

Earlier this year our founding Principal, Lindsay Adams, passed away. At the mini reunion held prior to the Gala Concert evening, to recognise Lindsay's significant contribution to the college and in collaboration with his family, the College established the Lindsay Adams Academic Endowment Fund. This fund will support the recruitment, development and retention of high quality teachers to advance education at Glendowie College.



If you would like to make a contribution or would like to find out more about these two great causes, please follow this link. [FIND OUT MORE](#)

In the calendar...

- Friday 27 October 20 Year reunion (leavers in 1997)
- Saturday 7 April 2018 Alumni sports day
- Wednesday 4th July 2018 Recent leavers reunion
- August 2018 Decade reunion

Please note: Dates for next year's events are to be confirmed





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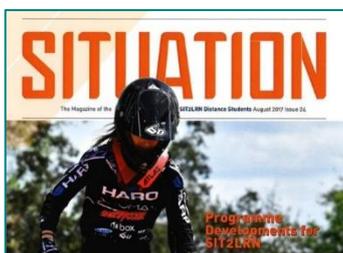
20 YEAR REUNION for the class of 1997

Friday 27 October 2017, 6.30 – 8.30pm

For more information email alumni@gdc.school.nz



Alumni stories



Zoe Flemming

Zoe has taken up a professional contract in USA. In her down time she is studying towards a Certificate in Sports Training and Development through SIT2LRN. For more details, please visit: Page 19 of the Situation magazine.

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The Gala Concert

Close to 100 students travelled to the Holy Trinity Cathedral to perform for the annual Gala Concert which was, for the first time, held in this beautiful venue in Parnell. Ex students and teachers from 1961 through to 1979 were invited to attend, meeting up for drinks prior to the show.

The opportunity for the students to perform at the Cathedral aroused a great deal of excitement amongst our musicians, and all the performances were presented impeccably, with a high degree of skill and moving musicianship. Certainly, the acoustics of the building enhanced the evening.





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Second Generation of Iro Sporting Success

Former Glendowie College students Tony and Harriet Iro are still present at many school sporting events but this time it is as parents supporting two of their three daughters who are current students at Glendowie. Tony attended Glendowie College from 1980 – 1984 and after leaving school played professional rugby league in England with the Wigan Warriors and made a test debut for the Kiwis in 1988 against Australia. Tony also played rugby league in Australia and his last international series as Kiwi was in 1998. Harriet Lake was a student here from 1980. Harriet was involved in basketball, rowing, swimming, hockey and running, attending the Secondary Schools Nationals Mt Cook Games for road running during her time at Glendowie College.

Current year 13 student, Alexandra (Alex) represents Glendowie College in the Senior A Netball team, girls 1st XI football, athletics at central and eastern zone, cross country and also rowed as a novice at Maadi Cup regatta this year along with being a sports prefect in 2017. Earlier this year Alex represented the Cook Islands in the U21 netball team that competed in the Youth World Championships in Botswana. Hot on her heels is younger sister Jamie (year 11) who has been in the Senior A Netball team since year 9 and is in her third season of rowing. She was successful at Maadi Cup in 2016 and 2017 where her crews medalled. Their older sister Leah who attended Glendowie College from 2011 - 2015, played hockey in the 1st XI for four years.



We look forward to following the Iro girls successes in the future.

Spread the Word

If you are in contact with other ex-students, please forward them this newsletter or the link to join our growing Alumni.

<https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/GlendowieCollege/alumnisignup.html>

**Thank you for being part of the Glendowie College Alumni
We look forward to staying connected!**



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