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# GDC ALUMNI

**April 2018**

## **The Principal's Desk**

Dear Alumni,

Congratulations to the alumni who turned up and played at our inaugural Alumni Sports Day. It was great to see so many past pupils turn up, compete with our current students for the new "Jeanette Bell" cup, and then stay on for drinks and food afterwards. Well done to the Alumni who were the inaugural winners of this cup.

At the college, 2018 has kicked off to a great start. Academically our students continue to excel. The best example of this is our 2017 year 13 (Form 7) students gaining 39 scholarships – 4 more than our previous best of 35, and significantly better than the New Zealand average of 11 for schools of our size.

Across the wider school the new Houses are off to a great start and have been very well supported by our students. Students have shown great pride in their Houses and we are seeing more student leadership occurring across the school. As part of this initiative, we also ran year 9 camps for the first time at the college. Students travelled as far as Rotorua in week 4 of the first term.

Over the holidays, work starts on upgrading our Quad. Some of the funding for this has come from Alumni and is greatly appreciated. We recognise that central government funding will always be less than we'd like, and the support of Alumni to give back to projects such as the Quad Redevelopment is much appreciated.

I look forward to catching up with you at the Alumni gatherings later this year.

Kind regards,

Richard Dykes

## **Coming up in 2018...**

Recent leavers reunion - Wednesday 4 July, 5-7pm

Annual musical gala concert - Wednesday 1 August, pre concert drinks

Decade Reunion, The 80's - Saturday 11 August, 7pm - midnight

## **Alumni Sports Day 2018**

On a sunny Saturday in April, alumni teams gathered to play current school teams in touch, netball, basketball and football. The alumni teams were victorious on the day, winning 3 of the 4 games played and taking home The Jeanette Bell cup. It was wonderful to have Jeanette Bell come up from Taranaki to present the cup. We were lucky to have The Tinman van there to serve up coffees on the day and Karen Sutton and Jenny Wills from Physio Rehab Group hovering on the sidelines to patch a few egos. Thanks to the Glendowie College Sports department for organising the students to play and help with running the games.

At next years event we will aim to run a small touch tournament and 7 aside football games along with netball and basketball.

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[Link to Facebook group](#)

## Alumni News

Elizabeth-Esther Collins (1966 - 1969 student at Glendowie College)

At the end of 2017, Elizabeth retired after 47 years in teaching, 31 of those years teaching at Churchill Park School in Glendowie. During her teaching career, Elizabeth mainly taught the intermediate age group of years 5 and 6.

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Kate Sutton (1994 - 1998 Student at Glendowie College)  
Outside No. 10 Downing Street



Kate attending a meeting to report on her work with NESTA

In 2013 Kate Sutton completed an MBA in the UK and then moved to Malawi to set up a business supporting entrepreneurship. She wanted to work in one of the least developed countries to use her skills and experience to help grow the Malawian economy and support culture change and enterprise development there. A co working space and entrepreneurship hub was set up, which is going well. The New Zealand aid helped fund solar panels there so the hubs always has power in an environment that has constant power cuts for up to 6 months of the year! When the time came to move back to the UK Kate joined a social innovation organisation called NESTA where she works with the Cabinet Office and Number 10 Downing Street to exponentially scale social innovation with the support of some of the UK's largest companies including some fantastic fintech applications. [kate@katesutton.co.nz](mailto:kate@katesutton.co.nz)

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Send your updates to [alumni@gdc.school.nz](mailto:alumni@gdc.school.nz)

## Then and Now...

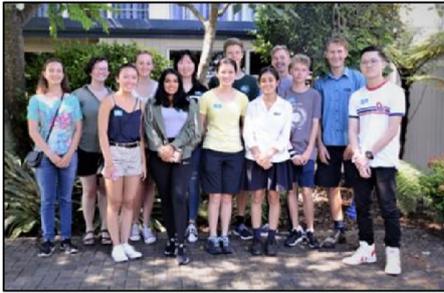
1982 Trudy King, Tara Pradhan, Francis McNab

2018 Jessica McIntosh & Jamie Iro (Silver medalists, Girls U17 Double, Maadi 2018)



## School News

### 2017 Scholarships



In 2017 Glendowie College students gained 39 scholarships, including four “Outstanding Scholarships” and one “Top Scholar” award. These results are the best ever and reflects highly on the work and calibre of our students, staff and the families who support them.

*Congratulations to all scholarship recipients for 2017*

## New House Names & Colours

The new house names have been introduced this year.

**Tne Mahuta - Green**

**Raumoko - Red**

**Tangaroa - Blue**

**Twhirimteā - Purple**



Photo credit: Caleb Turner

## Sport Facilities upgrade

Throughout Glendowie College’s 57 years our sports teams have excelled, never failing to do our school proud with their dedication, work ethic, sportsmanship and achievements. Our next major development, along with the new science block, is to upgrade and add to the existing sport amenities. This will provide facilities and fields to offer year-round training, independent of the weather.

- Artificial turf on the existing courts, for all weather trainings, P.E. program and an inhouse hockey training area.
- New netball/tennis courts
- New weights/training gym





## We need your help...

We are looking for a key person from each year (1961 - 2017) to be involved with promoting the alumni events. If you are interested, please contact Caroline at [alumni@gdc.school.nz](mailto:alumni@gdc.school.nz)

### 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



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