

Friday, 3rd August 2018

## Kia ora tātou

Welcome back to term 3.

### Gala Concert

I had the pleasure of attending the annual Gala Concert on Tuesday night which was held in the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Parnell. It was a superb showcase of our talented students from year 9 through to year 13.

I continue to be impressed by the quality of our students as they perform a wide range of musical and choral pieces. My thanks especially goes to the staff who made this evening possible and lead the groups such as Mrs Christine Myhre, Mrs Celia Finn and our itinerant staff, and the many other staff helping with the organisation of the evening.

I wish our music groups well in the KBB Festival next week.

### Student Wellbeing

The start of the term has been challenging for obvious reasons. Again, I would like to thank people – staff, parents and other members of our wider community – for their support through this time.

As we move forward, we will continue to monitor students' wellbeing. Whether it is in relation to recent events or more general concerns, or questions about your child, please feel welcome to contact your child's Dean or Assistant Dean. They can answer most questions and if not, will direct you to someone in the college who can.

### Community Consultation

As indicated in an earlier newsletter, the Board of Trustees is conducting a community consultation this term as part of its 4-yearly strategic planning. I have enclosed information about this process later in this newsletter. More information will be provided to parents when the process starts formally. The Board and I look forward to hearing your opinions on the college and how it is serving your child(ren).

### You Are Responsible

In assemblies this term, we will be talking about students managing their preparation for assessments, especially as we progress to school exams later this term and NCEA exams in term 4. We will talk about study techniques and also students managing their own wellbeing.

### Managing Phones

A common concern amongst parents is the amount of time spent online, especially on a phone, by our young adults. Research shows that this is still increasing and is an issue identified by Tim Cook, the CEO of Apple.



## Upcoming Events:

### August

- 4 Parent and Student Open Day (9am-12pm, Hall)
- 6-11 KBB Festival
- 11 Alumni – Decade Reunion The 80's (7pm-12am)
- 15 Board of Trustees Meeting (6pm-9pm, Boardroom)
- 16 Taurere Whānau Meeting (6:30pm-8:30pm, Staffroom)

### September

- 6 Parents Association Meeting (7pm-9pm, Staffroom)
- 11 Whanau BBQ (6:30pm-8:30pm, Staffroom)
- 19 Board of Trustees Meeting (6pm-9pm, Boardroom)
- 23 Fun Run/Walk (9:45am-1pm)
- 23-25 Duke of Edinburgh Gold Practice Journey (All Day)

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

I recently saw a webpage providing some apps that can help people (including adults) to manage their phone usage. The idea is to leverage their technology to help with this. I have attached a link to this page, which recommends six different apps. I have not used these and so cannot vouch for their effectiveness, but an initial read of them looks encouraging. Good luck.

<https://www.inc.com/jeremy-goldman/6-apps-to-stop-your-smartphone-addiction.html>

Ngā mihi nui,  
**Richard Dykes**  
Principal

## Term Dates 2019

Parents / Caregivers, below are the term dates for 2019. This information is also available on the college website.

Term 1	Wednesday, 30 January to Friday, 12 April
Term 2	Monday, 29 April to Friday, 5 July
Term 3	Monday, 22 July to Friday, 27 September
Term 4	Monday, 14 October to Thursday, 5 December

## 2019 Course Selection for Current Year 9 Students

Please note that all current Year 9 students should have selected their year 10 option subjects via the school portal by 9am – Monday, 13 August 2018. The portal will close for course selection thereafter.

**Mr Praveen Chand, Deputy Principal**

## Changes to the Bus Timetables

We are aware that the change of bus routes and times this term has had a number of problems including overcrowding, students not being picked up and buses not following the correct route. I have been in almost daily contact with Auckland Transport to relay these concerns and advocate for the service to be of an acceptable standard.

Auckland Transport planners met on Wednesday to resolve the issues they have been informed of. An initial response was that it was “a very good meeting” and they will provide feedback in due course. At the time of writing, no response had yet been received.

As soon as we receive any information, an email will be sent to parents. It is extremely unlikely that the buses will come at the later time on a Wednesday morning due to buses now servicing both Glendowie College and Sacred Heart College, which does not have a late start. The college library is open daily from 8:30am, so students can use that space prior to school starting on a Wednesday.

We apologise for the continued uncertainty with the buses. If there are any on-going issues, please either contact NZ Bus direct (Phone: 09 355 3553) or myself on [rob@gdc.school.nz](mailto:rob@gdc.school.nz), and your concerns will be conveyed to Auckland Transport.

**Mr Gordon Robertson, Deputy Principal**

## **On-line Payments now possible through the Parent and Student Portal**

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We are pleased to advise that you can now make on-line payments through this Portal. You can choose the specific charges to be paid and pay using a credit card or internet banking. Just login to the [Portal](#) and choose the Financial tab. Full instructions are available [here](#).

We will be resending by email the username and password information that you need to login to the Portal.

As well as the payments facility, the portal also gives you real time information from our Student Management System such as attendance, timetable, NCEA progress and reports. Please do take a look.

If you prefer, payment by cash, cheques, EFT-POS, and credit card can still be made at the Accounts Office or by direct credit into the school's bank account **12-3027-0364377-00**. To ensure the money is correctly allocated, please ensure that you provide the following:

Particulars: Student Name or Student ID  
Code: Student form class  
Reference: What is being paid for

If you have any account or payment queries, please contact Mrs Bernadette Hyde on 09 575 9128 ext 117 or [hyd@gdc.school.nz](mailto:hyd@gdc.school.nz)

*Ms Lisa Davis-Miller, Business Manager*

## **NZQA Fees – Payment Deadline**

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NZQA fees must be paid for students to have their results recorded on their Record of Achievement and to receive certificates.

Please ensure that these are paid before **Friday, 17 August 2018**.

Please refer to the above section about the portal for details of how you can make this payment.

*Mr Praveen Chand, Deputy Principal*

## **Study Pass**

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Study Pass revision guides are now available to be purchased through the school. The following titles are available:

- NCEA Level 1 Mathematics
- NCEA Level 2 Mathematics
- NCEA Level 3 Calculus
- NCEA Level 3 Statistics

The packs include a set of fold-out notes and previous examination questions with worked answers. They cost \$22 and payments can be made through Accounts.



KBB Festival

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## Honours Orchestra – KBB Festival

Congratulations to Mayna Tse (Year 12), Damon Herlihy-O'Brien (Year 10) and Callum Collier (Year 12) who have been selected to play in the Honours Orchestra of the KBB Festival on Friday, 10 August 2018 at 8.00 pm at Holy Trinity Cathedral. Admission is free

*Mrs Christine Myhre, Arts Faculty*

## Alumni – The 80's Decade Reunion



**WERE YOU AT GLENDOWIE COLLEGE IN THE 80's?**

**AN 80's DECADE REUNION SATURDAY, 11 AUGUST 2018 AT 7PM**

**TICKETS ON SALE - \$35**

For more information, please visit the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1023738371160454/> or email: [alumni@gdc.school.nz](mailto:alumni@gdc.school.nz).

*Mrs Caroline MacKenzie, Alumni Advancement Officer*

## Middle Years Programme (MYP) – International Baccalaureate

WHAT ARE THE APPROACHES TO LEARNING (ATL) FOR MYP?

ATL Skill Categories	MYP Skill Clusters
Communication	I. Communication
Social	II. Collaboration
Self-Management	III. Organization
	IV. Affective
	V. Reflection
Research	VI. Information Literacy
	VII. Media Literacy
Thinking	VIII. Critical Thinking
	IX. Creative Thinking
	X. Transfer

Through the Approaches to Learning (ATL) in MYP, students develop skills that are planned for, taught and integrated in the process of learning. The goal of ATL is to help our students “learn how to learn” across the curriculum. These skills provide a foundation to help students prepare for, and demonstrate learning through a common language. The ATL provides

an opportunity for students to develop the self-knowledge of their strengths and weaknesses and skills they need, to enjoy a lifetime of learning. The ATL skills reflect and connect with the New Zealand Curriculum Key Competencies and provide a more specific set of tools for learning for students.

Click on the link to view a short clip with more information on [Approaches to Learning](#).

*Mrs Sharon Hewetson, Deputy Principal*

## Community Consultation Process

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

Every four years, the Glendowie College Board of Trustees conducts a community consultation that feeds into its strategic planning cycle.

This year the Board has commissioned a research company – Buzz Channel – to undergo a research study in order to gain a better understanding of parents', students' and staff's experience of the school.

The aim of this initiative is to engage with our community – parents, students and staff members – to better understand how we are meeting your needs as well as what we can do to improve our services, systems, processes and communication.

We are excited about the engagement initiative and the insights it will deliver to help the school to better collaborate with the community and ensure students continue excelling and experiencing rich, varied and meaningful learning opportunities.

At the end of the strategic planning process, we will share with the insights we gain and the college's ongoing strategic development.

### Who will be managing this engagement process?

Glendowie College has commissioned Buzz Channel, an independent specialist NZ research company to undertake this engagement project. Buzz Channel is a community engagement specialist with extensive experience in the education sector and evaluating feedback from students, parents and school stakeholders.

Click [here](#) to see Buzz Channel's approach to research and engagement as well as their case studies.



### What is involved in this engagement initiative?

The engagement initiative will comprise four stages:

Stage 1:  
Conduct focus groups & workshops with parents, students and staff members

Stage 2:  
Conduct online surveys with parents, students and staff members

Stage 3:  
Analyse qualitative and quantitative findings

Stage 4:  
Present the findings back to the Board

- **Stage 1** – Buzz Channel to conduct qualitative focus groups and/or workshops with parents, students, and staff members in the week commencing Monday, 20 August 2018. The aim of this stage is to explore the community's views on Glendowie College, what are the key strengths of the school, what are the areas that the school could improve upon and any suggestions or recommendations for continuous improvement.
- **Stage 2** – Buzz Channel to run online surveys with all parents, students, and staff members in the week commencing Monday, 10 September 2018. The aim of this stage is to apply findings and insights from the previous qualitative stage using an online survey to gather feedback from the entire community and obtain a detailed [representative] understanding of the community's feedback, concerns and views.
- **Stage 3** – Buzz Channel to analyse all feedback to create a report around the key findings and recommendations from the community.
- **Stage 4** – Glendowie College Board of Trustees to consider the feedback of the community consultation and work with the college to develop its next four-year strategic plan. This will include sharing insights and strategic directions with parents and the wider community.

This engagement initiative will commence in August and will continue throughout August and September 2018.

As part of this engagement process, Buzz Channel will invite the Glendowie College community (parents, staff and students) to provide feedback by participating in the focus groups/workshops and also through the online survey. Accordingly, we would like to pass on your email contact details to Buzz Channel to ensure they can conduct their research objectively, accurately and independently.

As you are aware, Glendowie College takes privacy very seriously and Buzz Channel, a professional research business, takes participant privacy and security as seriously as we do.

If you would like a copy of Buzz Channel privacy and data security policy, please contact Ben Parsons, Buzz Channel Managing Director, on 09 379 8920.

If you would like to **opt out** of this engagement process, and not have your contact details passed on to Buzz Channel, or if you do not consent for your child(ren) to participate in the student focus groups and/or online survey, please advise us at [won@gdc.school.nz](mailto:won@gdc.school.nz) by **Friday, 10 August 2018**.

Buzz Channel is a member of the Research Association NZ and adheres to the code of practice regarding participant rights, privacy, confidentiality and other standards of behaviour. You can review the Research Association's code of ethics [here](#).

## What do I need to do?

Please be on the lookout for an invite to participate in a focus group and/or workshop.

Invitations for focus groups and workshops will go out between **Monday, 13 August and Thursday, 16 August 2018**. The focus groups and workshops will be held at Glendowie College between **Monday, 20 August and Thursday, 23 August 2018**.

If you have any questions on this entire process, please do not hesitate to contact us at [won@gdc.school.nz](mailto:won@gdc.school.nz)

Yours sincerely,

Richard Dykes  
Principal  
Glendowie College

Steve Collier  
Board Chairperson  
Glendowie College Board of Trustees



## Parents' Association Update

The Glendowie Parents Association Fundraising team have been rather busy. Let's check in to see what they have been up to.

### Mamma Mia Movie Night

The Mamma Mia Movie Night was a huge success with a few thrills and spills - our own Abba Troup, a wee faint and lots of laughter. *The students were out in force too.*



### Planting Day for School Quad

Our planting day is still scheduled for Late August - potentially 26 August. We need eager beavers with a trowel and gardening gloves, and a few burly blokes to shift some mulch/soil. **SIGN UP NOW.** Look at the progress our contractors have made already in the Student Quad Angels.



Please click here for [Planting Day Sign Up](#)

phone: +64 9 575 9128

email: [info@gdc.school.nz](mailto:info@gdc.school.nz)

website: [www.gdc.school.nz](http://www.gdc.school.nz)

## Fun Run / Walk

### HELP NEEDED

- Seeking volunteers on the day - to Marshall the race course, registration tent takers, serve at our Cafe.
- Days before - registration tent. baking for our cafe, handing out flyers and giving out posters to local schools and community groups.
- Sponsorship - if your business can sponsor a raffle item, or cash donation - please email us.

Either email us or volunteer at <https://www.trybooking.co.nz/227> and we will be in touch.



**See ya next time in the staffroom, next meeting is the Thursday 6 September!!!**

<https://www.facebook.com/GlendowieCollegeParentsAssociation/> or [Gdcparents@gmail.com](mailto:Gdcparents@gmail.com)

### Upcoming Events & Fundraisers

Timeless Photography Portrait Offer	Last Chance	<a href="https://www.trybooking.co.nz/CE">https://www.trybooking.co.nz/CE</a>
Planting Bee	Term 2 26 August (Sun)	<a href="https://www.trybooking.co.nz/DQ">https://www.trybooking.co.nz/DQ</a>
Fun Run	Term 3 23 September (Sun)	<a href="https://www.trybooking.co.nz/227">https://www.trybooking.co.nz/227</a>

## **LAST CHANCE - FINAL WEEK - HAVE YOU BOOKED YOURS?????**



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## Gala Concert 2018

The grand architecture, live acoustics and colourful lighting of Holy Trinity Cathedral was, once again, the venue for our Gala Concert which featured soloists, Callum Collier, Abhaya Puthigae, Bella Bavin, and Michael Song, along with the dazzling trio “MIZADA”, featuring Michael Song, Damon Herlihy-O’Brien and Zachary Vowles, along with the major music groups, String Orchestra, led by Azita Nafissi, conducted by Mrs Joanne Johnston, Big Band led by Gemma Scott, directed by Mr Callum Passells, Choir, led by Caitlin Herbert, directed by Mrs Celia Finn, and the Concert Band, led by Deanna Louis, conducted by Mrs Myhre. All gave outstanding performances, presented elegantly by our MC, Susannah Clements.



The experience spending hours, prior to the concert, in this beautiful building, not only rehearsing, but working out the logistics of people movement, stage set up, taking in some history from exhibits in the cathedral, and just spending some quiet time absorbing the stillness, added, for many, further dimensions to hours of preparation that day.

Transporting a concert to such a venue is a huge challenge, and I am most grateful to Mr West and Mr Hunter for their assistance with the heavy gear that arrived during the day. I would also like to thank Mrs Cooper, Mrs Bilkey, Mrs Walker and Ms Chapman for looking after the students so well.

Mr West was ably helped by a highly efficient stage crew, Jamie Martin, Harry Copeland, Ella Ballentyne and Sophie Painter, and the Front of House was graced by Mrs Bilkey, Mrs Cooper, and Teegan O’Connor.

We performed to a large audience whose obvious appreciation of the music was encouraging and exciting. I know that many of our performers were thrilled by the response to their music. It was particularly rewarding to have so many staff (past and present), and past students attending. It is truly events such as these which remind us of the strong whanau that we are at Glendowie College.

I would like to thank most sincerely, all parents, students and staff who helped us with this important event, and Mr Collier and Mr Dykes for their strong support and encouragement of Music in our college.



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## Theatre Sports

Last Friday, there was a Theatre Sports Players Night where our spectacular Glendowie College theatre sports team, Michael Hope (Year 12), Cristin Burrell (Year 10), Ella Court (Year 9) and Nathan Philipiah (Year 12) played against 3 other schools in a theatre sports competition. The four Glendowie College theatre sporters, led by Michael Hope and his co-leader Nathan Philipiah, hustled their way to a disappointing loss. However, it was close being only 4 points behind the other schools.

The games we played were 'replay' and 'slo-mo commentary'. 'Replay' is a game where you perform a scene that is a minute long, and then you repeat the exact same scene except with an overall mood/emotion or in a genre. Two emotions or two genres are used. The emotions which chosen were anger and love. The scene was a family picnic in the first scene, the sandwiches had pickles in them, the blanket was not the right length and everything was just wrong. In the second scene, the emotion of love was overly expressed. Everyone was in love with everything – it was a beautiful day, Michael had feelings for a stick – “Hey, Dad, guess what I've got, a stick!” “You keep that stick son”, and everyone was just in a lovely mood!



'Slo-mo Commentary' is a game where you have two actors and two commentators. Commentators lead the actors in what they are doing, but actors also have some control. However, the actors are not allowed to do anything sports related, it has to be like an activity that is not competitive. An example of this which we did was stacking shelves. The actors do everything in slow motion and cannot talk, and the commentators have to make the scene enjoyable. The scene we did was about 2 people (Cristin Burrell and Michael Hope) stacking shelves and yet finding true love with each other to show love is around every corner in this Players Night.



If you are keen to do some improv acting, the Glendowie College theatre sports team is always open for more players. Seniors are a preference but juniors are also welcome to come along – Wednesday during lunchtimes and Friday after school in the drama room. You do not have to be good at acting to join, theatre sports can help you gain confidence in yourself and can help build social skills, just come along to have fun!

**Michael Hope, Year 12 Student**

## Youth Worlds Sailing Championship 2018 – Scott McKenzie



*Scott McKenzie (right)*

Congratulations to Scott, our former student, and his team player for a fantastic result at the Youth Worlds Sailing Championship in Corpus Christi, Texas. They finished second and won a silver medal, narrowly missing out on gold.



This event is the Youth Olympics of sailing with each country selecting and sending their top sailors. This is an excellent result to end their 29er Campaign on.

Please click [here](#) for more information from Yachting NZ.



## International Taekwon-Do (iTkd) National Tournament

Damyang Ng (Year 10) recently attended the International Taekwon-Do (iTkd) National Tournament in Wellington. Congratulations and well done to Damyang who is now the iTkd New Zealand 1<sup>st</sup> Dan Black Belt Pre-Junior Champion in sparring (light heavy division) and specialty (flying kicks), winning Gold medals in both these events.



We wish Damyang further success at the iTkd World Cup in Sydney at the end of September.

*Ms F Smith, Tangaroa House Dean*

## Canteen Menus – Breakfast & Lunch

<h3>Breakfast Menu</h3>	<h3>GLENDOWIE CANTEEN MENU</h3>		
<p>Pancakes w bacon &amp; maple syrup \$5</p>	<h4>\$5 SPECIALS</h4>		
<p>Bacon roll w either BBQ or tomato sauce \$4</p>	<p>Monday Nachos (GF) Tuesday Pasta of the day Wednesday Pancakes Thursday BBQ Pork burger Friday Hot chicken wrap</p>		
<p>Ham &amp; cheese croissant \$3</p>	<h4>SMALL CHANGE</h4>		
<p>Homemade Muesli \$4</p>	<h4>MEALS</h4>		
<p>Hot Chocolate \$2</p>	<p>Butter chicken on rice (GF) Mac &amp; cheese (V) 3.5 Sweet &amp; sour chicken 4 (GF)</p>		
<h4>BURGERS</h4> <p>(MADE TO ORDER)</p> <p>Beef w cheese 5 BBQ beef bacon 5.5 Double cheeseburger 7 Chicken 5 Chicken BBQ bacon 5.5</p> <p>Vege/vegan on request- please pre order 5.5</p>	<h4>HOT FOOD</h4> <p>(NEW) Ham &amp; cheese croissant 3 Spring roll (V) 2.5 Pies 3.5 Sausage rolls 3.5 Hotdog 3 Noodles 3 (Beef, chicken or Hot &amp; spicy) Butter chicken wrap 4 BBQ pork bun 3 Potato bites 2</p>		<p>Chicken stick 1 Hash brown .50c Popcorn (GF) 2 Vege chips 2 Mini brownie 1.5 Mrs Higgins cookie 1 Garlic bread 1.5 Cheese garlic bread 2</p> <p>Check out our display cabinets for slices, muffins, sandwiches &amp; baked goodies.</p>
<h4>DRINKS</h4> <p>Pump 750 ml 3.5 Mini pump 2.5 Pump flavoured 4 PowerAde 4.5 Lipton Ice Tea 4.5 Keri juice 3 Coke no sugar 2.5 Sprite no sugar 2.5 L&amp;P no sugar 2.5 Barista Bros 4.5 Aqua cans 2 Up &amp; Go 2.5 Calci Yum 2.5 Primo 3.5</p>			

## The Parenting Show

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Pio is one of New Zealand's most loved entertainers. In this show, Pio combines story-telling, singing, and video to entertain audiences and deliver helpful messages on how to have a happy, healthy family life.



## The parenting show with Pio

Pio is one of New Zealand's most loved entertainers. In this show, Pio combines story-telling, singing, and video to entertain audiences and deliver helpful messages on how to have a happy, healthy family life.

Thursday, 9 August  
Parenting Place – 300 Great South Road, Greenlane  
7pm – Doors open with nibbles and hot drinks  
7.30–9pm  
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