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# GDC ALUMNI

**August 2018**

## **The Principal's Desk**

Dear Alumni,

It's amazing to think that we are halfway through another academic year, and we've already held two successful alumni events. In the first term we had our inaugural Alumni Sports Day, and two weeks ago we held a smaller function for students who graduated from the college in the last five years.

It is always interesting to meet with past pupils and teachers, and hear your stories about Glendowie College. The college continues to grow and evolve.

Our new Quad nears completion. The pavers were laid over the holidays and our generous Parents Association will plant the garden beds in 3-4 weeks' time. Design work on the new Science Block is also well advanced. We're waiting on the MOE for final approval to begin detailed designs. Enabling work for this project, including a new weights room, building new netball and tennis courts in front of the Moore Gym, and shifting some relocatable classrooms happen over the summer holidays.

We now have momentum with our various building projects, with builders and construction crews on the school site for the next two or more years.

Beyond the buildings, the new houses have been a positive development at the school. The class of 2018 have led this new development, bringing an exciting energy to the college. It is refreshing to see each year group step into leadership roles and reinvent the college for themselves.

It's also exciting to see the sports and arts grow at the college. This winter we have over 50 sports teams out around Auckland playing in various competitions. Our premier teams continue to do well, with hockey becoming more popular and successful, and our top netball team now playing in the premier grade at Morrin Rd on Saturdays. Come along and watch!

Finally, on Saturday 11th August we have the 80's Decade Reunion. I hope to see you there.

Kind regards,

Richard Dykes

## Coming up in 2018...

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

Glendowie College Fun Run - Sunday 23 September 9.30am-12pm

Glendowie College House Haka Competition -Friday 29 September 9.25am

## The 80's Decade Reunion



### Were you at Glendowie College in the 80's?

A decade to remember - join us for a reunion with friends from across the 80's.

Tickets \$35 + booking fee (includes first drink and nibbles).

Cash bar and food will be available.

Dresscode - smart casual. Partners welcome.

Saturday 11 August 2018 at 7:00pm at Glendowie College

[CLICK TO BUY TICKETS NOW](#)

## Stay in touch...

Find us on Facebook - Glendowie College Alumni

[Link to Facebook group](#)

## Recent Leavers Reunion July 2018

On Wednesday, July 4, we hosted our first 'Recent Leavers Reunion'. This was for GDC Leavers from years 2013 - 2018. The Recent Leavers Reunion was about giving the ex students the chance reconnect with school and friends from their year group. Approx 80 turned up on the night to enjoy a drink or 2 in the hall. A few teachers stayed late and enjoyed finding out what the ex students had been up to over the past few years. The largest contngency came from the leavers of 2015, it was fabulous that so many helped to spread the word and encouraged others to turn up. A fun few hours were had by all. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped to make the first of these reunions a success.

Photo credit to Sara Everitt.

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## Alumni News

Isaac Everitt (Zak) - student at Glendowie College 2011- 2015

Selected to represent New Zealand at the U23 World Rowing Championship held in Poland, July 2018

Sarah Crummey - student at Glendowie College 2011- 2015

Won gold for Ireland in the Home International Regatta (England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales) rowing in the Senior Womans Quad.



Zak Everitt on the right



Sarah Crummey 2<sup>nd</sup> from the left



Manon Blackmann - Student 2010 - 2014

Congratulations to Manon Blackman on her lead role in the Sunday Theatre doco-drama, *Mistress, Mercy*, which recently aired on TVNZ. Manon has also been a regular on the very successful series *800 words* and prior to that *Nothing Trivial*.

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

## Then and Now...

1988 Athletics day vs. 2018 Athletics day



## School News

### Quad Development

The new Quad rapidly taking shape. Pavers are now being laid. In August the Parents' Association are organising a planting day. If you would like to be involved, please email [alumni@gdc.school.nz](mailto:alumni@gdc.school.nz) for details.

### Kiwanis Speech Competition



Deanna Louis, Deputy Head Girl, was an outstanding representative of the College at the Annual Kiwanis Speech Competition.

Students from St Cuthbert's College, Saint Kentigern College, Sacred Heart College, Selwyn College and Glendowie College competed for the Kiwanis Shield on the evening of Wednesday, 4 July 2018.

Deanna's speech "We are what we don't eat" was applauded for its impact and delivery, and she was placed 2nd.

***Mrs Sue Wood, English Faculty***

Photo credit: Caleb Turner

### Sport Facilities upgrade - Fundraising campaign

Look out for the fundraising campaign launching soon...

Our sports facilities are being upgraded and we will be raising money to enhance these projects over and above the Ministry funding. Please support your old school, every little bit helps.

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 in-house hockey training area.
- New netball/tennis courts
- New weights/training gym





## Would you like to help us stay in touch...

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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