



Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018

## Kia ora tātou.

Welcome back to the final term of 2018.

Seniors now only have 3 school days left before they go on study leave for NCEA. Though teachers will continue to be available to support students in the lead-up to exams, the next 3 school days are an important opportunity for students to confirm that they have the correct resources (e.g. past papers) before they head away for independent study.



One of the most important things you can do is to confirm when your child(ren)'s exams are. This seems obvious, but every year one or two students will miss or arrive late to an exam. Let's make 2018 the year when this happens to no-one. We have included an NCEA exam timetable later in this newsletter for you to go through with your child(ren).

I wish our senior students the very best as they head into their NCEA exams.

Junior students will sit their exams later in November. Year 9 students sit four exams (English, Maths, Science and Social Studies) and Year 10 students sit seven exams.

### Prizegivings

We enjoyed a wonderful Sports Prizegiving last week, with former New Zealand basketballer, Dillon Boucher, speaking to students and parents. Thank you to Mr Adams, Miss Jorgensen and the many others involved in the planning, for organising this evening. It was great to honour our many high achieving students, as well as recognise the contribution of parents and other volunteers.

Next Wednesday, we hold our Senior Prizegiving at 7:00pm in the school hall. This is the academic highlight of our school calendar. I look forward to this evening and celebrating our students' outstanding academic success.

**R Dykes**  
**Principal**

### Upcoming Events:

#### October

31 Senior Prizegiving  
(7pm-10pm, Hall)

#### November

6 Dance Night  
(6:00pm-8:00pm, Hall)

23 Teacher Only Day

23-28 Junior Exams

28 Board of Trustees Meeting  
(6pm-9pm, Boardroom)

#### December

3-4 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Journey

3-5 2019 Prefects Camp

4 Board of Trustees Meeting  
(6pm-7pm, Boardroom)

4 Visual Arts End of Year Exhibition  
(6pm-8pm, Hall)

5 Year 13's Leavers' Dinner  
(7pm-11pm, Alexandra Park Racecourse)

6 Quad Opening (5pm-7pm)

6-10 Duke of Edinburgh Gold Journey

7-9 Duke of Edinburgh Silver Journey

11 Junior Prizegiving  
(10am-12pm, Hall)

11 End of Term 4

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



## Community Consultation

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You will be aware that the Board of Trustees recently engaged an independent research company, Buzz Channel, to consult with our community as part of our four yearly strategic planning cycle. The Board has received the report back from Buzz Channel and started its analysis of that.

As part of the process, the Board is keen to keep the community informed, and so we are sharing the high level findings of the report.

### Purpose

The main purpose of the consultation was to engage with our school community to understand, from their perspective, how the school is performing and gather critical insights to help develop and plan the school's strategic direction over the next four years.

The results will be used to help lead the school into the future by assisting the Board to make informed decisions with the community in mind, understand any areas of concern, and improve processes, systems and communication.

### Process

The consultation was done in two stages – qualitative and quantitative.

Stage 1 involved six randomly selected qualitative focus groups with the following key stakeholders ... years 9-10 students, years 11-13 students, parents of students in years 9-10, parents of students in years 11-13, staff, and staff from our main contributing schools (Churchill Park, Glendowie, St Heliers).

Stage 2 consisted of an online survey that was designed and distributed to three key stakeholder groups – students, parents, and staff. We received 375 responses from students (31% response rate), 431 parent responses (35% response rate) and 74 staff responses (64% response rate).

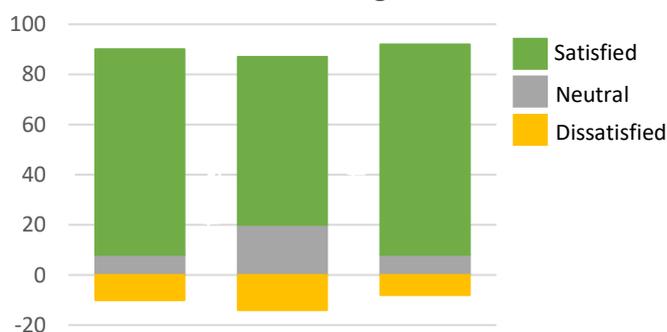
### Initial Findings

The majority of students (67%), parents (82%) and staff (84%) indicated they are slightly or very satisfied with Glendowie College as an education provider and employer.

For **parents**, the main reasons they are satisfied with the college as an education provider are the quality of teaching staff, their children being happy or succeeding, and the safe school environment. Parents thought the school could improve on attracting quality teachers, sports department organization, and communication about students' academic learning and progress.

For **students**, the main reasons they are satisfied with the college as an education provider are the quality of teaching staff, the overall education that they receive, and that they feel well supported. Students thought the school could improve on attracting quality teachers, the facilities or amenities in general, and communication.

Community Satisfaction with Glendowie College





For **staff**, the main reasons they are satisfied with the college as an education provider and employer are that they feel supported by the college, there is a friendly work environment, and the college is doing well in its modern approaches to teaching. Staff thought the school could improve on valuing and supporting teachers more, and accommodating teachers' workloads more.

Other feedback items included the variety of subjects and co-curricular opportunities for students, high academic expectations and innovative teaching. There was a good awareness of the Middle Years' Programme among parents of years 9-10 students, and among year 9-10 students themselves.

### **Next Steps**

The Board will read the full report from Buzz Channel in depth and use this to inform the development of the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan, which we hope to finalise early in term 1 next year.

On behalf of the Board, I wish to thank all parents, students and staff who took the time to participate in one of the qualitative focus groups, and/or complete the online survey. Your voice is important as we plan for the future of Glendowie College and our students' learning.

**Steve Collier, Chairperson, Glendowie College Board of Trustees**

## **Woolf Fisher Fellowship**

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I am pleased to announce that our Principal, Mr Dykes, has been awarded the prestigious Woolf Fisher Fellowship. The award was presented to Mr Dykes by Dr Nigel Evans from the Woolf Fisher Trust at a staff meeting on Wednesday, 17 October 2018.

According to Mr Evans, the award recognizes the sustained high academic results of the college in NCEA and NZ Scholarship, as well as the leadership of Mr Dykes. In 2018, the college gained 39 NZ scholarships and nearly two-thirds of year 13 students gained NCEA endorsed with merit or excellence.

This is the seventh Woolf Fisher Fellowship received by Glendowie College since the awards began in 1960. Other recipients at the college include former Principal – David Eddy, Deputy Principal – Gordon Robertson, and the Head of Social Sciences – Trudy Gibb.

Woolf Fisher Fellowships are awarded annually to principals and teachers in New Zealand. This fellowship funds Mr Dykes to travel for 8 weeks, visiting schools across North America, the United Kingdom and Europe, as well as attending a week-long leadership course at Harvard in Boston, USA. It is also supported by the Ministry of Education, which funds the cost of Mr Dykes' leave.

Established by the late Mr Woolf Fisher in 1960, the Trust provides travel grants for principals and teachers to further their knowledge in their own particular subjects and keep abreast with developments in a fast-changing world. The wider goal of the fellowships is to advance scientific and general education in New Zealand.

Mr Dykes plans to visit schools in Canada and North America and look at their different educational systems and assessment. This is highly pertinent to New Zealand as it reviews NCEA and Tomorrow's Schools.

**Steve Collier, Chairperson, Glendowie College Board of Trustees**

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*I think Glendowie College is good at fostering a school culture where high levels of achievement are celebrated and individuals are supported in pursuing success.*

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*Providing a positive environment for students to learn and staff to work.*

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*I think that in the future, Glendowie College could mainly improve on the facilities. The facilities are quite old and the environment based subjects like ... science and math ... may need further improvements to maximise ... quality work.*



## Teacher Only Day

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The Teacher Only Day, which was scheduled on Thursday, 22 November 2018, has now been changed to Friday, 23 November 2018. This change is necessary as the Post Primary Teachers' Association are holding regional paid union meetings from 1pm on Thursday, 22 November, which teachers who are union members are required to attend. This was communicated to us late last week.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may potentially cause.

**Mr Praveen Chand, Deputy Principal**

## Junior Exams Timetable

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The start of the junior exams has also been affected by the change of the Teacher Only Day. These exams will start on Friday, 23 November 2018 for year 9 students only. The year 9 students will finish their exams on Friday, 23 November 2018 at 2pm after which they will be allowed to go home. Please note that the year 10 students are to stay home on Friday, 23 November 2018.

Junior exams for both year 9 and 10 students continue from Monday, 26 November 2018 to Wednesday, 28 November 2018. Some students will be required to do catch up exams on Thursday, 29 November 2018 if necessary.

**Mr Praveen Chand, Deputy Principal**

## Lateness to School

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If your child is late to school due to an appointment, or has family circumstances that impact on them arriving at school on time, please communicate this to the school. You can either provide a note for your child for signing in with the school, or email [studentservices@gdc.school.nz](mailto:studentservices@gdc.school.nz). Thank you for your support.

**Mrs Sharon Hewetson, Deputy Principal**

## Changes to Bus Timetables

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After discussions with Auckland Transport, we have managed to have an extra 417 bus in the afternoon. This means there are now two 417 buses in the morning and after school.

Special thanks to Desley Simpson, City Councillor – Orakei Ward, for meeting with Sacred Heart College and ourselves and liaising with Auckland Transport to achieve this outcome.

**Mr Gordon Robertson, Deputy Principal**

## Dance Night – 7 November 2018 (Wednesday)

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The last Dance Night for 2018 is scheduled on Wednesday, 7 November 2018 from 6pm in the school hall.

Entry is by koha and work will be showcased from students at all year levels. We look forward to the support from the families of those performing. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Lydia Rasmussen on [ras@gdc.school.nz](mailto:ras@gdc.school.nz).



## 2018 Arts Awards Evening

On Thursday 27 August, the college hall was filled with stunning art work, students waiting to receive awards, musicians, debaters, dancers and theatre sports artists.

We were pleased to receive an inspiring address from Auckland artist, Kirsty Nixon, who shared significant aspects of her development as an artist. All students would have found her message extremely encouraging, and we are grateful for her contribution.

Mr. Dykes also spoke on the importance of The Arts in our lives, and in the life of Glendowie College. He acknowledged the talent and hard work of our students and teachers, and expressed his appreciation of the strength of The Arts in the college.

Awards were presented in Dance, Music, Theatre Sports, Visual Art and Debating.

SPECIAL AWARDS	
Senior Debating Trophy	Azita Nafissi (Year 13)
Theatre Sports Award donated by the Forbes Scott family	Michael Hope (Year 12)
Best Jazz Musician	Po-Chen Liu (Year 13)
Concert Band Award Best Musical Contribution	Gemma Scott (Year 13)
Best Junior Music Performer	Damon Herlihy-O'Brien (Year 10)
Excellence in Musicianship	Deanna Louis (Year 13)
Most Outstanding Music Performer	Michael Song (Year 13)
Dance Choreography Award	Ciara Walshe (Year 13) & Rose Stephens (Year 13)
Dance Performance Award	Nathan Sherman (Year 11)

For the first time in the history of the college, four Arts Leaders (Year 13) received an award for their role in promoting The Arts in their houses – Samuel Cogger (Tangaroa), Teagan O'Connor (Tāwhirimātea), Susannah Clements (Rūaumoko), Po-Chen Liu (Tāne Mahuta).

All recipients fully deserved their recognition. Congratulations to all!



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## 2018 Sports Awards Evening

Last Thursday, 18 October 2018, the college celebrated the 2018 sports year with its Annual Sports Awards Evening. It is a significant event where we acknowledge our top athletes across the many sports codes that are offered at the college. The special awards presented recognise our top performing students, parent coaches and volunteers, in addition to all-round sports individuals and 'Sports Person of the Year'.

Dillon Boucher (NZ Basketball / NZ Breakers) attended as our special guest speaker and assisted in the presentation of the certificates and trophies.

<b>BLUE'S AWARDS</b> – Students who have been selected for or represented New Zealand in sport over the last year.	
Jared Gates (Year 9)	New Zealand Age Group Baseball
Brodie Tokios (Year 13)	New Zealand Age Group Triathlon
Joanne Heley (Year 11)	NZ Roller Skating Artistic Oceania
Gryffen King (Year 12)	NZ Representative Cup Stacking
Tate King (Year 12)	NZ Representative Cup Stacking
William Heaps (Year 13)	NZ Underwater Hockey U18
Jackson Godfrey (Year 12)	NZ Underwater Hockey U18

<b>SPECIAL SPORTS AWARDS</b>	
Service to Sport	Marissa O'Meeghan (Year 13)
Sportsmanship Cup	Kaitlyn Hunter (Year 13)
Student Coach of the Year	Annika Beesley (Year 13)
Coach of the Year	Scott Knowles (Senior Open Boys Underwater Hockey)
Volunteer of the Year	David Tyrer (Parent Volunteer – 1St XI Girls Hockey Coach)
Best Junior Sportswoman	Carly Green (Year 10)
Best Junior Sportsman	Ralph Balazo (Year 9)
Best All Round Girl	Caitlin Adams (Year 12)
Best All Round Boy	Edward Blair (Year 12)
Director of Sport Cup - <i>Best performance at National Secondary School level</i>	Sophie Atkinson (Year 13) - NZSS Athletics Championship (Silver Medal in the Senior Girls 800m)
Sports Co-ordinator's Cup - <i>Best Team Performance</i>	Rowing Girls Under 17 Double – Jessica McIntosh (Year 12) & Jamie Iro (Year 12) - 2018 Maadi Cup (Silver medal)
Glendowie College 'Talent, Leadership and Character' Trophy - <i>Demonstrating the Glendowie College values through their participation and leadership in sport</i>	Emma Barrett-Garnier (Year 13)
Kia Kaha Cup - <i>Glendowie College Sports Person of the Year</i>	William Heaps (Year 13)



## World Triathlon Championships



Brodie Tokios (Year 13) represented New Zealand as an age grouper in the ITU standard distance World Triathlon Championships, held in the Gold Coast, Australia. She placed 9th in the world for her age group of 18-19 year olds. This was a pleasing result given that she had been injured and was on a reduced training programme for the last few months.





## **Evocity – An Opportunity to Design, Build and Compete**

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Evocity is a competition for secondary school students to design and build an electric vehicle that is powered by a 350W electric motor, controller and 12V gel cells. Students collaboratively plan, design, develop and build the structure, which should pass the compliance, so that it can cope with the demands of a tight street circuit.

On 30 September 2018, Glendowie College year 12 students, Aaron Taylor and Jonathan Tokios, competed in the Regional Evocity electric vehicle competition, where they raced an electric trike which they had built throughout the year as part of their Year 12 curriculum project. Aaron's and Jonathan's trike placed first in the 'Gymkhana' event and respectably in the other events on the day. The trike was made of mostly recycled goods. Well done, Aaron and Jonathan!



*Ms Jeelie Christopher, Technology Department*

## **Authentic Learning Experience**

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This year, my project was to create a vehicle that could autonomously survey buildings after disasters.

I was given the opportunity to design and make a product to improve our communities' emergency preparedness after a natural disaster by the Civil Defence Department, who funded the project. I chose to modify an RC plane, so that it could carry a camera and fly in bad weather conditions. I went through the technology process, making designs and testing concepts that fit my brief. I researched styrofoam cutting, and made my own cutter, so that I could fabricate parts for a lightweight plane. After testing various electronic components, I made scale models to see which of my two final designs would be more suitable for the purpose. After choosing my design, I spent the rest of the year making a full-scale plane and testing it under different weather conditions. I was able to prove that my design and theory work resulted in a prototype that met my client's specifications. I would like to thank Mayur Chauhan from the Civil Defence Department for his contribution and for according me the opportunity, thank you also to the staff of the Technology Department for their help in achieving my goal of producing a creative product for the community as part of my Technology curriculum.

*Oscar Webb, Year 12 Student*



## New Zealand Economics Competition 2018

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On Tuesday, 16 October 2018, William Evans (Year 12) and I received high distinction awards at the New Zealand Economics Competition, run by the University of Auckland. The competition has close to 3000 participants across 89 schools, with high distinction putting us both in the top 5%.

The awards night was thoroughly enjoyable with guest speaker, Tim Ng, Chief Economic Advisor for the Treasury, speaking on the real-world application of simple economic concepts. The passionate speakers made me realise there is so much more to economics, with such a wide array of opportunities available. It was a great evening and amazing to receive such a prestigious award.



Isaac Mercer (L) & William Evans (R)

Award winners in the New Zealand Economics Competition were:

**High Distinction Division 1 (Year 13)**

– Isaac Mercer

**Distinction Division 1 (Year 13)**

– Camilo Aristizabal Gomez, Michael Song and Joshua Taylor

**High Distinction Division 2 (Year 12)**

– William Evans

**Distinction Division 2 (Year 12)**

– Michael Berman, Cole Bullock, Jodie Dickins, Brandon Gin, Sam Lind and Daniel Tran

***Isaac Mercer, Year 13 Student***

## Student Success at the International Taekwon-Do World Cup

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Damyan Ng (Year 10) recently competed in the International Taekwon-Do World Cup held in Sydney and was very pleased to win a Gold medal in Sparring in the under 60kg Junior Black Belt Division. Damyan versed an Argentinian in the semi-finals, and a tall Uzbekistan boy in the final. He is now the International Taekwon-Do World Cup Champion for his division! Well done Damyan!

Damyan also competed in the Patterns and Specialty High Kicks events, and narrowly missed out on a Bronze medal in the Specialty High Kicks contest placing 4th overall.



***Miss Fiona Smith, Tangaroa House Dean***



## Auckland Goethe Society Speaking Competition



In August, a number of senior German students took part in an oral competition at the University of Auckland. This involved a visit to the Epsom campus and having a group conversation, facilitated by members of the Goethe Society. Students conversed on a range of topics and were assessed on interaction, range of language, accuracy, fluency, and completion of task. They were assessed according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (A1-B1). This was a great experience for our students as it allowed them to meet and interact with learners of German from other Auckland schools and experience what this assessment entails.

A number of our students achieved highly and were invited to an awards ceremony at the University of Auckland. Well done to the prize winners and all students who took part.

*Ms Anna Vincent, Faculty Leader Languages*

## Auckland City Mission

Rūaumoko House had the pleasure of collecting cans and other food and household items for the Auckland City Mission in Term 3. Many students, families and staff donated generously and we collected more than 1,300 cans and \$1,500 for the Auckland City Mission.

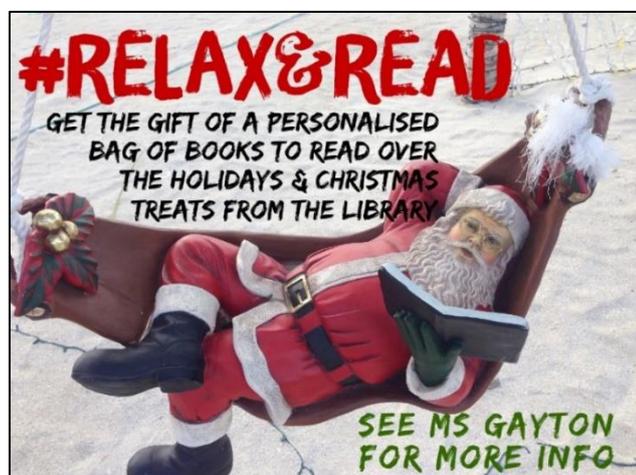
Mr Keshav and I would like to extend a special thanks and congratulations to the prefect team along with year 12 students, Eilish Wood, Julia Tan and Mercy Gorero, who assisted with collecting the cans and encouraging students to donate.

A big thank you also to our Year 9 form class 9THR and 9DHY who collected more than 300 cans between them. It is great to see such generosity!

Thank you all for your support, we look forward to supporting the Auckland City Mission again next year.

*Sheridan Hancock, Assistant Dean Rūaumoko House*

## Relax & Read



#RELAX&READ is back for the summer holidays. It is an opportunity for students to receive a personalised bag of summer reading from the library along with some Christmas treats. We are currently organising summer reading bags for **Year 11 and 12 students only** (junior students will have the opportunity to participate later in the term).

If you would like your child(ren) to participate, please ask them to complete this [reading genre quiz](#) and email their quiz result, along with the titles of two books they have enjoyed this year, to [gyn@gdc.school.nz](mailto:gyn@gdc.school.nz)

*Ms Jody Gayton, Library Manager*



## NZQA Examination Timetable



2018 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE					
DATE	TIME	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	SCHOLARSHIP
Wed 7 Nov	9.30 am	Social Studies	Dance	Art History	Earth & Space Science
	2.00 pm		French		Drama
Thurs 8 Nov	9.30 am	Media Studies	Earth & Space Science	Drama	Chemistry
	2.00 pm	Sāmoan / Spanish	Japanese	Te Reo Rangatira / Social Studies / Psychology	Sāmoan
Fri 9 Nov	9.30 am		Physics	Business Studies	Calculus
	2.00 pm	Geography	German	Dance	Agricultural & Horticultural Science
<b>WEEKEND</b>					
Mon 12 Nov	9.30 am	English			
	2.00 pm		Media Studies	Home Economics	Statistics
Tue 13 Nov	9.30 am	French	Business Studies	Calculus	English
	2.00 pm	Economics		Accounting	Media Studies
Wed 14 Nov	9.30 am		Mathematics & Statistics		Classical Studies
	2.00 pm	Music	Accounting	History	French
Thurs 15 Nov	9.30 am	Science		Making Music	History
	2.00 pm	Chemistry	Geography	Chemistry	Te Reo Rangatira
<b>CANTERBURY ANNIVERSARY DAY</b>					
<b>WEEKEND</b>					
Mon 19 Nov	9.30 am		English		
	2.00 pm	History	Te Reo Māori	Biology	Economics
Tue 20 Nov	9.30 am	Mathematics & Statistics			Biology
	2.00 pm		Drama	Physics	Art History
Wed 21 Nov	9.30 am	Japanese		English	
	2.00 pm	Home Economics	Economics		Geography
Thurs 22 Nov	9.30 am	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Art History	Statistics	
	2.00 pm	Chinese	Spanish / Health	Earth & Space Science	
Fri 23 Nov	9.30 am	German	Biology	Geography	Physics
	2.00 pm	Physics	Home Economics	Classical Studies	Japanese
<b>WEEKEND</b>					
Mon 26 Nov	9.30 am	Drama	Chemistry	Music Studies	Spanish
	2.00 pm	Health	Sāmoan / Education for Sustainability	Te Reo Māori / Latin	Chinese
Tue 27 Nov	9.30 am	Biology	Music	Media Studies	Accounting
	2.00 pm	Business Studies	Social Studies	Agricultural & Horticultural Science / German / Chinese	
Wed 28 Nov	9.30 am	Te Reo Rangatira / Latin	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Sāmoan	Te Reo Māori / Latin
	2.00 pm		History	Health	Music
Thurs 29 Nov	9.30 am	Accounting	Te Reo Rangatira / Latin	Japanese	German
	2.00 pm	Dance	Classical Studies	Spanish	
Fri 30 Nov	9.30 am	Te Reo Māori / Art History	Chinese	French	
	2.00 pm	Classical Studies		Economics	



## Credit Balances – Parent and Student Portal

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You can access the [Portal](#) for school information and payments.

Full instructions are available [here](#).

If the Portal shows a credit balance, please contact Mrs Bernadette Hyde on [hyd@gdc.school.nz](mailto:hyd@gdc.school.nz) to use this up.

*Ms Lisa Davis-Miller, Business Manager*

## NZ Warbirds Armistice Open Day

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A promotional poster for the NZ Warbirds Armistice Open Day 2018. The background is a photograph of a vintage biplane in flight against a blue sky. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top left is the NZ Warbirds Association logo, a circular emblem with a bird and the text 'NZ WARBIRDS ASSOCIATION INC'. To its right is the WWI 100 logo, a red circle with a black dot. The main text reads 'NZ WARBIRDS Commemorates 100 years' in black, followed by 'ARMISTICE DAY 1918' in large, bold, yellow letters. Below that, 'OPEN DAY' is written in red, 'Sunday 18 November 2018' in yellow, and '10am-4pm Ardmore Airport' in yellow. A note in smaller text says '(HAMLIN ROAD ENTRANCE ONLY)'. At the bottom, it lists 'ENTRY Adults \$25 Children - School Age \$5 Under 5 FREE', 'Tickets available on-line or at the gate', 'Entry includes a chance to win a flight in a Warbird and free parking', 'Food and Refreshments Adventure Flights', 'Static Displays and Practice Flying Displays 10.30am, 12.30 &amp; 2.30pm', 'Check the Website... www.nzwarbirds.org.nz', and 'Open Day environmental services provided by Superloo and Sulo' with logos for Superloo and SULO.