



Kia ora tātou.

The college has got considerably quieter over the last two weeks with senior students on exam leave, and our junior students are able to spread out more. Everyone is busy as our junior students sit their end-of-year exams and staff generally plan for 2019.

Science Exhibition

Congratulations to the Science faculty and students who ran our inaugural Junior Science Expo on Tuesday night. The students had a number of displays about what they were learning and shared this with parents and family who attended the evening. It was an informative and enjoyable evening.

Community Project (MYP)

Part of the MYP framework is for students to undertake a project that provides a service to our community, so it brings the idea of service education into our junior curriculum. This year we have trialed this project with two classes.

One group raised funds for art supplies for students at Glen Taylor School and then visited the school to take art lessons there. Some other projects include working for the SPCA, arranging children's toys and clothes for refugee mothers, and creating an information booklet about healthy lunches for primary school students.

Managing the Pressure

NCEA is a challenging time for students. Please be aware that our Deans, Assistant Deans and Guidance Counsellors are still at school and available for students (or parents/whānau) who want to talk or get any help.

Sporting Success

Well done to our various summer sports teams who have been playing for some weeks now. Our cricket teams are going well, with teams at all levels playing well and winning. So far this term our 1st XI boys' team are undefeated.

Paid Union Meeting

Teachers attended a PPTA paid union meeting yesterday as part of their employment contract negotiations. Their collective agreement expired at the end of September and negotiations have begun between the PPTA and the Ministry of Education. I would be very pleased if this could be resolved before Christmas. However, that is exceptionally unlikely and I anticipate disruption for New Zealand secondary schools in term 1 next year. Watch this space.

Junior Prizegiving

The end of year is approaching fast, which means celebrating the success of our students. I invite all parents to our junior prizegiving on Tuesday, 11th December 2018. Details about this event are included in this newsletter.

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Principal



Upcoming Events:

November

- 23-29 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, Art Department)
- 5 Year 13 Leavers' Dinner (7pm-11pm, Alexandra Park Racecourse)
- 6 Quad Opening (5pm-7pm)
- 6 10ALP Community Project Exhibition (2pm-5pm, Library)
- 6-10 Duke of Edinburgh Gold Journey
- 7-9 Duke of Edinburgh Silver Journey
- 11 Junior Prizegiving (10am-11:15am, Hall)
- 11 End of Term 4

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



Homestay Families Needed

A local homestay company, which places Glendowie College International students with families, requires help from families who can provide our International students with a caring and inclusive environment. If you are interested, please contact Sarah at Happy Homestay sarah@happyhomestay.co.nz for information and details.

Ms Lesley Walker, Director of International Students

Vacancy – Receptionist

We are seeking an experienced receptionist to join us in the 2019 academic year. This is a permanent, term-time role (40 weeks per year), Monday to Friday 8am – 4pm.

If you have the outstanding customer service and reception skills to be the first point of contact for our school, please email your application to Eliza Wong, Principal's PA, won@gdc.school.nz by Friday, 30 November 2018.

Ms Lisa Davis-Miller, Business Manager

Vacancy – Gateway Co-ordinator

We are looking for someone to manage student work placements with the local community. The successful applicant will have strong communication skills to enable them to confidently liaise with students, parents, employers and other relevant organisations to organise workplace learning opportunities.

Experience in careers counselling will be an advantage. This is a permanent, part-time position, 27 hours per week (4 days), commencing Term 1, 2019 (last week of January or first week of February).

For further information, please contact David James, Development Programmes Manager, at jam@gdc.school.nz

Applications close on Monday, 3 December 2018.

Mr David James, Development Programmes Manager

Junior Academic Prizegiving – 11 December 2018 (Tuesday) 10.00am

The annual Junior Prizegiving ceremony will be held at the College on Tuesday, 11 December at 10:00am. Parents are warmly invited to attend the ceremony. It would be appreciated if parents were actually seated in the Hall by 9.50am.

Recognition is accorded to students in the Junior School who have excelled academically during 2018. Year 9 and 10 students are required to attend and be in full school uniform. The ceremony will conclude at approximately 11:15am.

Students will return to their Form classes following the prizegiving to collect their belongings and promptly leave the school for the start of the summer holidays. Auckland Transport are unable to provide buses until 3.20pm. The school will run minibuses on the 417 and 418 routes after Prizegiving. Students requiring a ride must record their name at Student Services before Tuesday, 11 December 2018. Otherwise students can use the public buses.

Students' end-of-year reports will be available on the Parent/Student Portal on Wednesday, 12 December 2018.

Mr Gordon Robertson, Deputy Principal



Visual Arts Exhibition – 4 December 2018 (Tuesday)

Glendowie College

Visual Arts Exhibition

2018

*A display of senior Photography, Painting
& Junior Art*

Tuesday 4 December

6pm-8pm

In the Art department



Hangi – 7 December 2018 (Friday)

GLENDOWIE COLLEGE PRESENTS:



1:40PM 7TH DECEMBER 2018

COME DOWN TO **GLENDOWIE COLLEGE**
TO FINISH THE YEAR OFF WITH A **HANGI**,
INCLUDING BOTH **DRINKS** AND **DESSERT!**

**HELP US CELEBRATE BY BRINGING THE
WHOLE WHANAU!**

TO PURCHASE TICKETS

Deposit \$10 per person into the school account:
12-3027-0364377-00. Please put your **family name** and **Hangi**
as your reference OR pay at the accounts window.

Please indicate your dietary preferences [here](#)



Ms Michelle Simpson – Winner of Scholarship to attend the Yad Vashem Seminar in Israel 2019

I am very honoured to have received a scholarship to attend the Yad Vashem seminar in Israel next year. This prestigious scholarship is offered by The Holocaust Centre of New Zealand to teachers so that we can incorporate teaching of the Holocaust into our classrooms. This year there were 160 applicants, hence being selected is truly an honour.

We will spend three weeks in Jerusalem in January 2019 meeting with the Holocaust survivors and learning about teaching the Holocaust. These lessons will not only support my teaching of Social Studies and History, but are also relevant in a world where we need to encourage our children to be 'Upstanders' and not 'Bystanders'.

I look forward to sharing this amazing experience with students, colleagues and the Glendowie school community. My thanks to The Holocaust Centre of New Zealand for this once in a lifetime opportunity and to the college for their support of this very special professional development opportunity.



Michelle Simpson with Chris Harris (National Director of Education) at The Holocaust Centre of New Zealand in Wellington.

Ms Michelle Simpson (Social Science Faculty)

Asian and Oceanian Optimist Sailing Championships

Sean Sun (Year 9, Rūaumoko House) attended the Asian and Oceanian Optimist Sailing Championships from 4th - 18th November 2018 in Myanmar, South Asia. Sean competed along with nine other sailors from New Zealand.

During the opening ceremony, Sean and his teammates performed a haka in front of all the other countries' competitors.

Sean achieved some excellent results, placing 16th after nine races, which made him the Oceanian Optimist Class Champion of 2018. Sean was very pleased with his performance and enjoyed bringing home a trophy and a medal to New Zealand. Congratulations Sean!



Mrs Sharon Hewetson, Deputy Principal



Celebrating Life in the Spanish Classroom

In November, the junior Spanish classes buzzed and got ready for the *El Día de los Muertos* (the Day of the Dead), which is a traditional Mexican celebration mainly based on indigenous beliefs.

The Year 9 classes researched the Mexican tradition comparing it with Halloween. They learned the core vocabularies, such as *ofrendas* (offerings), *calveras* (skulls), *velas* (candles), *cempaxúchitl* (marigold flower). We also discussed the meaning of this 'celebration of life' in depth, it reminds us that death is also part of it and the importance to look at the past and future while being present.

The cultural activities included watching '*The Book of Life*', an animate created by the famous producer, Guillermo del Toro, making masks, *papel picado* (paper cutting) and marigold flowers. Learning about the culture is as important as learning the language itself, and building intercultural capabilities for the future of our students is an essential skill required to enter the 21st century competitive job market.

Ms Giordana Santosuosso, Language Faculty (Spanish)



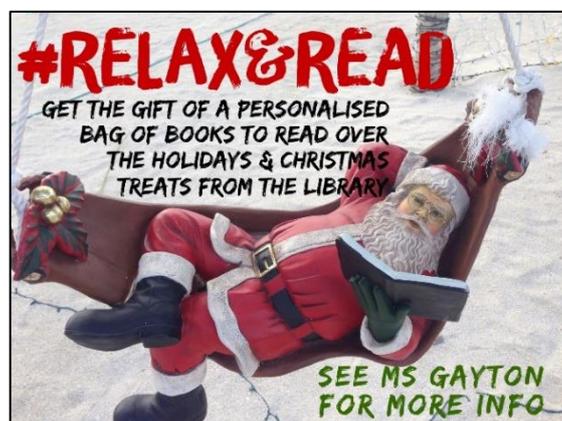
Non-English Book Donations

The College Library is looking to grow its collection of non-English language fiction books, so we are looking for book donations. If you have books at home in Chinese, Korean, Māori, Samoan or Japanese that you no longer need, and the books are suitable for teenagers and in good condition, the College library would be very grateful to receive them.

Donations can be dropped off at the school's reception. Please note the school closes for the summer holidays from 12 December 2018 to 22 January 2019, and will re-open on 23 January 2019. Thank you for your support.

Ms Jody Gayton, Library Manager

#RELAX&READ – Summer Reading Book Bags and Treats



Reading for pleasure over the summer holidays is a great way to keep students' reading levels up over the break. To support students over the holidays, the library offers #RELAX&READ.

#RELAX&READ is a personalised bag of reading based on the student's interests and includes some Christmas treats. If your child(ren) is/are interested in participating, please ask them to complete this [reading quiz](#) and email their quiz result, along with the titles of two books or TV shows they have enjoyed this year, to gyn@gdc.school.nz.

Ms Jody Gayton, Library Manager



Uniform Shop



Welcome to all new students starting in 2019

We are temporarily shifting to the Common Room (S12) again (located behind the tennis courts at Gate 3) until the start of the first term 2019 to accommodate the large numbers of students enrolled for 2019. Please check on the following link for information about the extended uniform shop hours: [Uniform Shop Extended Hours](#). The information is also available on the college website.

The new senior shirts and blouses for all Year 13 students have arrived in store and can be purchased from next week, including trousers and skirts. Ties and blazers are for formal occasions and Prefects.

For any enquiries, please email uniformshop@gdc.school.nz

Ms Sandra Micallef, Uniform Shop Manager

Parents' Association



Are you looking for a way to give a little back? By giving just a few hours each term, you can be a PA star!

It's easy – a couple of meetings each term, help out at a few events, eat cakes and chit chat with Senior Staff and BOT members about life at Glendowie College. Many hands make light work!

No applications are required, simply email: gdcparents@gmail.com. The first meeting is in February 2019.



Sara Haddon, Parents' Association Chairperson

<https://www.facebook.com/GlendowieCollegeParentsAssociation/> or Gdcparents@gmail.com



Europe 2020 History Trip

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Opportunity of a life time!

Visit 3 countries — France, Belgium & Germany. Soak up the history and culture of these amazing places. Experience all of this with your friends!

For more information please email Ms Simpson

sim@gdc.school.nz or pop in to E5U.



Credit Balances – Parent and Student Portal

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 to use this up.

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