



Kia Ora Tātou

It is good to have all students back at school now. We started the year with just over 1,260 students – our biggest student roll ever. This has created pressure on classroom spaces and our timetable that will continue through to next year when we hope to open the new Science block later in 2020.



I am pleased to announce another great set of academic results for the college in NCEA and NZ Scholarship in 2019. The percentage of students achieving NCEA endorsed with merit or excellence rose in all three levels and are our best on record.

This recognises the calibre and hard work of our students, whānau and staff. Congratulations to everyone involved in achieving these outstanding results. Our other NCEA achievement results are still being finalised.

We also found out yesterday that our students gained 35 NZ Scholarships. This is a superb result and again is something for everyone involved to be very proud of. I have listed the successful students later in this newsletter, and we will invite them and their families in next week to congratulate them on their success.

Term 1 is always a very busy term with a number of school events, trips etc. We are often asked by parents, who want to encourage their child(ren) into school activities, about how to find out what is going on inside the school. Parents can view the school's daily notices, which are available on the Parent Portal. These are published daily and meetings, trials etc are also listed for students to be aware of.

One of the great features of Glendowie is the level of involvement by our students in sports, arts and leadership. We are keen to see this continue and welcome your support.

With the new year, I encourage you to talk with your child(ren) about his or her goals for 2019, and also about the routines and support that she or he will need, to achieve them. In this discussion, I recommend you talk about how he or she will manage their digital devices at school and at home. We are a BYOD school and also allow students to bring their phones to school. However, we would like students to learn to control their device and to not let it control them.

We have implemented a new guideline of 'Enter and leave unplugged', i.e. students are expected to start and finish each lesson (assembly, meeting, etc) with their headphones off (and away), so that they are attentive to what is going on around them.

Upcoming Events:

February

- 11 Swimming Sports
(11:10am-3:15pm, Sacred Heart College)
- 13 Year 9 Parents' Information Evening
(5pm-6:30pm, Hall)
- 18 Parent/Form Teacher/Student Conferencing (2:45pm-5pm)
- 19 Parent/Form Teacher/Student Conferencing (8:45pm-4pm)
- 20 Year 9 Music Information Evening (5pm-7pm)
- 20 Board of Trustees Meeting (6pm-9pm, Boardroom)
- 22 Athletics Day (All Day)
- 25-27 Year 9 Camp
- 27 Europe History Trip Information Evening (6pm-8pm, Hall)
- 27 Parents' Association Movie Night Fundraiser (7:45pm-10:30pm, Hoyts Mission Bay)

March

- 1 Athletics Day (Back Up Day)
- 4-8 Summerfest
- 5 Taurere Whānau Meeting (6:30pm-8:30pm, Staffroom)
- 12 Year 9 & 10 Social Evening (7pm-10pm, Hall)
- 14 Parents' Association Meeting (AGM) (7pm-9pm, Staffroom)

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



An excellent website to assist parents with how they can help their teenager manage technology is www.theparentingplace.com/technology. It provides a range of articles with common sense approaches to helping with your teenager with technology and social media. The start of a new academic year is an excellent time to have these conversations and support your child into positive routines.

I look forward to meeting you through the year, and especially the parents of new year 9 students next Wednesday evening.

Richard Dykes
Principal

Parent / Student / Form Teacher Conferencing

Parent/Student/Form Teacher Conferencing will be held at the school on Monday, 18 February 2019 from 2:45pm to 5:00pm and Tuesday, 19 February 2019 from 8:45am to 4:00pm.

***Students are required to accompany their parents/caregivers to the interview.
They must be in full school uniform.***

As the interviews are about their academic progress, it is important that they are part of the discussion and have a clear understanding of their progress to date and future priorities. ***Please note that the interviews will take place with EACH student regardless of whether or not a parent/caregiver is present. Form teachers will let these students know of their interview times.***

The interviews will be conducted in your child's form room and will be of 15 minutes duration. Your child can help direct you to the relevant room and there will also be staff and prefects to assist you.

- **Subject Teachers are not available for these interviews.** There will be the opportunity to discuss subject specific progress at the mid-year Parent/Teacher Interviews or by arrangements organised through the Form Teacher.
- School will finish at 1:40pm on Monday, 18 February 2019. It will be arranged for buses to be on time for the early finish.
- Classes will not run on Tuesday, 19 February 2019.

To book Parent/Student/Form Teacher conferencing appointments:

1. The booking site will be open from **10:00am Monday, 11 February 2019**.
2. Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
3. Input the school's unique code **rmv4w** on the Home Page, then follow the instructions.

Please note:

- There will be a few computers made available at school to students who might not have internet access at home. They can use them to make appointments.
- You can print your appointment sheets.
- You can go back and edit appointments later.
- When making appointments with other people listed as well as the Form Teacher, it is advisable to have a gap between appointments to facilitate the movement between rooms.
- **The booking website will be closed at 9:00am on Monday, 18 February 2019 for the interviews. This is necessary for the teachers to prepare for interviews and to schedule time slots with students who do not have an interview time.**



Year 9 Parents' Evening



YOU ARE INVITED TO AN EVENING FOR THE PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF YEAR 9 STUDENTS

Wednesday, 13 February 2019 at 5:00pm
In the College Hall

5:00pm – 5:35pm	Principal, Parents Association and Board of Trustees
5:35pm – 6:00pm	Meet your child's House Dean, Assistant Dean and Form Teacher
6:00pm	Light Refreshments in the Hall

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 as soon as possible.

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

Applications close on Friday, 1 March 2019.

Mr David James, Development Programmes Manager

After School Science Tutoring



After School Science Help

The Science department offers after school help for all year levels every week in H4L. Please refer to the table on the right for dates for term 1. We endeavour to have a specialist from each subject every week. Please encourage your children to make the

most of this awesome opportunity!

Mrs Adrienne King, Faculty Leader Science

Date	Day
12 Feb	Tuesday
21 Feb	Thursday
28 Feb	Thursday
5 Mar	Tuesday
13 Mar	Wednesday
21 Mar	Thursday
27 Mar	Wednesday
3 Apr	Wednesday
9 Apr	Tuesday



Scholarships – Successful Students

Alvaro Nola Dodd (<i>Biology, Physics, Statistics</i>)	Marco de Kretser (<i>Photography</i>)
Anthony White (<i>Calculus</i>)	Michael (Yuezhang) Song (<i>Music, Economics</i>)
Ashley Khoo (<i>Visual Arts</i>)	Minh Pham (<i>Geography</i>)
Beatrice Smit (<i>Statistics, English</i>)	Olivia Davies (<i>Geography, Health and Physical Education</i>)
Daniel Tran (<i>Biology</i>)	Olivia Sorensen-Tyrer (<i>Biology, History</i>)
Deanna Louis (<i>Biology [Outstanding], Statistics</i>)	Ricki Huang (<i>Geography</i>)
Emma Barrett-Garnier (<i>Geography</i>)	Rose Stephens (<i>Dance, Geography</i>)
Isaac Mercer (<i>Geography</i>)	Sophie Painter (<i>English</i>)
Isabella Spinosa (<i>Photography</i>)	Tarun Muralidhar (<i>Statistics</i>)
Jamie Martin (<i>English</i>)	Tyler Sullivan (<i>Visual Arts</i>)
Joshua Taylor (<i>Technology, Economics</i>)	Willem Scott (<i>Calculus</i>)
Lauren Connolly (<i>English</i>)	Xavier Vowles (<i>English</i>)
Liam Brydon (<i>Technology</i>)	Yujia Chen (<i>Calculus</i>)

Parent and Student Portal

Last week we sent out emails to all students, parents and caregivers giving login details for accessing the Parent and Student Portal. The Portal provides real-time information from our student management system on attendances, academics and finances. If you did not receive this email, please contact our school receptionist, Mrs Tara King, on reception@gdc.school.nz for a copy.

Thanks to parents and caregivers using the Portal to pay their school account. We hope you find it useful to view details of all charges and payments, and you can also print a receipt at any time. Further charges will be added as courses are finalised and co-curricular activities are organised, so please check again if some were missing when you initially paid.

If you have a credit balance, please contact Mrs Bernadette Hyde on hyd@gdc.school.nz to use this up.

Our Accounts Office is still open for payments if you prefer to do it in person, or alternatively by internet banking.

Ms Lisa Davis-Miller, Business Manager

Attention for Local Family Facing Possible Deportation

You may be aware that a family which is part of the school community is currently facing the possibility of deportation. The Shchetkova / Derecha family have two children, Alyona and Konstantyn, at the college. They run the La Vista Restaurant in St Heliers. This case has been receiving considerable media attention.

Currently there is a petition which people can sign if they wish to support the family's residency application. This petition closes on Monday, 11 February 2019. If you wish to sign the petition, please visit the link below:

https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/petitions/document/PET_83798/petition-of-don-campbell-allow-the-shchetkovas-owners



Student Orientation and Peer Support



On Friday, 25 January 2019, over 60 Year 12 and 13 students gave up their holiday time to come back to school for a Peer Support Training Day.

Peer Support is a program run for the new Year 9's in order to help them orientate themselves with their new school and meet their new classmates in a fun way. It also helps minimise any anxiety they might have about their first year of secondary school, so their transition from being primary/intermediate school students to high school students can be a smooth one. At the training day, the peer supporters planned activities to do on the Year 9's first day, as well as games which would help them get to know each other and familiarise themselves with the school.

On Wednesday, 30 January 2019, all the training paid off as the Year 9 students undertook an Orientation Day. They played games and were shown around the school, learning everybody's names and the rules and regulations of the college. Overall, it appeared that they had a great first day, and having the help of the peer supporters made it easier to them to get to know the school and to feel welcome and safe in the Glendowie College family.

Mr G Robertson, Deputy Principal

Pōwhiri – Welcome for New Students & Staff

To welcome new students and staff, a pōwhiri took place on Wednesday, 30 January 2019. The pōwhiri is important to the college as it acknowledges that the new staff, students and their families are now an integral part of our school community.

It was really pleasing to see the increasing involvement of Glendowie College students, who all spoke Te Reo, in the pōwhiri. The new arrivals (Manuhiri) were called into the school hall by Ava Franklin, Elish Wood (Deputy Head Girl) and Jessica Nielsen (Head Girl). Nathan Philipiah spoke on behalf of the Manuhiri while Edward Blair (Head Boy) was one of the speakers for the Mana Whenua (hosts).

An increasing number of parents have attended the pōwhiri over the years. Special thanks must go to Ruapotaka marae, Mrs Richardson, Ms Thomas and Ms Wells for helping to prepare the students to lead the pōwhiri.

Mr G Robertson, Deputy Principal



2019 Head & Deputy Head Prefects
(L to R) Jessica Nielsen, Edward Blair,
William Evans, Eilish Wood



Glendowie Kahui Ako Community of Learning Update

The Glendowie Kahui Ako Community of Learning between Glendowie College and our 3 main contributing primary schools (St Heliers, Glendowie and Churchill Park Schools) was set up in 2018 and we are now entering into our second year as a community.

The primary schools have set the achievement objectives to raise the levels of writing in their schools and at the college, we are focusing on:

Secondary Achievement Objective 1:

The implementation of the Middle Years IB Programme for Year 9 and 10 throughout the college.

Secondary Achievement Objective 2:

To raise the percentage of students at Glendowie College who gain level endorsements and scholarships. The percentages of endorsements for merit and excellence will be **80%** for Level One, **65%** for Level Two and **65%** for Level Three. Also **50** scholarships for 2019.

This year the Kahui Ako, both secondary and primary, will be working with Evaluation Associates:

- The primary sector will be focusing on **writing** through the lense of the following: **Student Agency & Writing Across the Curriculum, (includes new digital technology curriculum)**
- The secondary sector will be focusing on assessment, particularly the use of feedback and differentiation to improve student outcomes.

In the college, a team of teachers are supporting and leading teaching and learning initiatives to achieve these achievement challenges. In support of this, the teachers will be working with Richard Watkinson, the second facilitator from Evaluation Associates to build on our success and to keep improving student achievement.

Ms Trudy Gibb, Community of Learning Across School Leader

Welcome to 2019 Sports

The Sports department is currently busy finalising summer (Term 1) sports teams and entries. All students need to pay particular attention to daily notices for sports notices regarding player registrations and trainings.

Students, particularly Year 9 students, who are interested in playing sport this year are encouraged to go and see **Mr Jeremy Adams** and **Ms Kylie Jorgensen** (Sports Co-ordinators) in the Sports office (attached to the old gymnasium).

Winter sports trials will begin next month for our top division junior and senior teams. It is important that students, who are unable to attend trials/trainings due to their summer sports commitments e.g. Cricket, Rowing, forward their names to the Sports department as soon as possible.

The college is excited to announce that **Brian Turner** and **Earle Thomas**, former New Zealand Football All Whites, along with our 2018 coach **Jayden Bush**, will be leading the college's football development programme this year. Both Brian and Earle have exceptional football knowledge and coaching experience, and along with Jayden, they will be managing and coaching our top boys and girls football squads.

Next week on Tuesday 12 February at 3:30pm on the school field there will be a muster for all boys trialling for the Boys First XI, Second XI and Junior A's. Trialists need to bring their training gear.

Trials for the Girls First XI and Junior A's are planned to start the week beginning Monday, 18 February 2019, details to be advised.

Throughout the year, **draws and results** for all sports teams can be accessed via our schools website - <http://www.gdc.school.nz/co-curricular/sports/>

Mr David James, Director of Sport



Europe History Tour 2020

EUROPE
HISTORY TOUR
APRIL 2020



INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday, 27th February

6pm

School Hall

See tinyurl.com/GlendowieEurope2020
Or Ms Simpson to register for the evening
sim@gdc.school.nz

Defining Moments

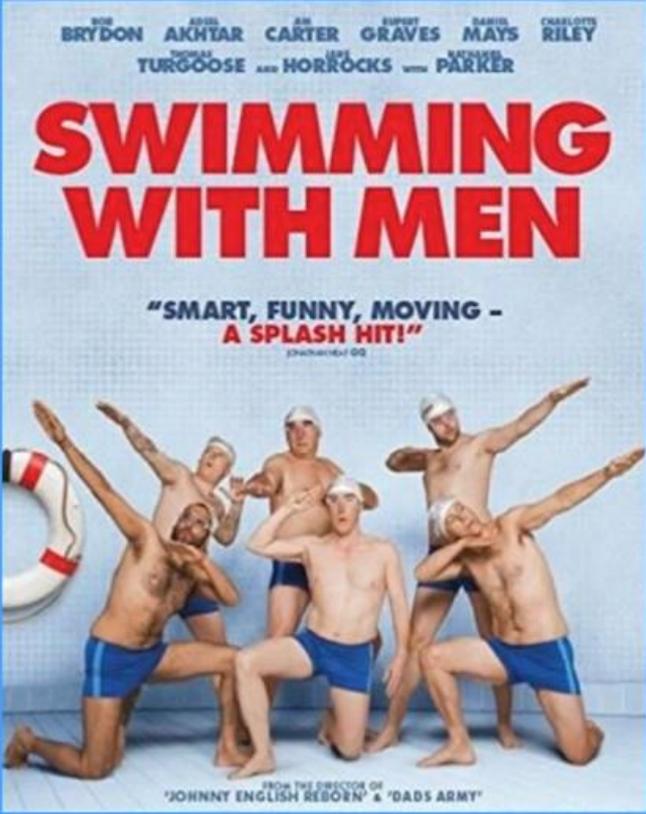


Parents' Association

Glendowie College Parents Association

Movie Night

Wed 27th Feb - 7.45 pm



Raising Funds for Glendowie College

Tickets \$20 via www.trybooking.co.nz/662
gdcparents@gmail.com Cash Raffle on sale

Food & drink deals Movie starts at 8pm Hoyts Mission Bay

For booking: www.trybooking.co.nz/662



Are you looking for a way to give a little back? By giving just a few hours each term, you can be a Parents Association 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 next meeting is 14 March 2019.



Upcoming Events

Year 9 Parents Evening	Wednesday, 13 February 2019	
Movie Night Fundraiser	Wednesday, 27 February 2019	www.trybooking.co.nz/662
Parents' Association Meeting	Thursday, 14 March 2019	
Student/Parent/Teachers Conference Dinner	Monday, 20 May 2019	

Sara Haddon, Parents' Association Chairperson

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

Students Drop Off / Pick Up

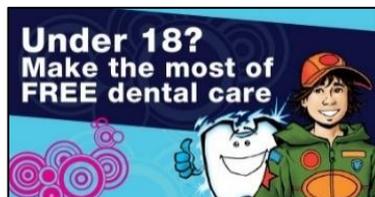
May we take this opportunity to remind all parents that students should be dropped off before school and picked up after school at either the Mount Taylor Drive or Riddell Road entrances. Please do not drive in through Gate 1 or stop at the bus bay.

Parents are requested not to drive into the school grounds to drop off or pick up their children unless for medical reasons or appointments.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Dental Care for Students



Dental care is free for adolescents from year 9 up to the age of 18 years. To receive free treatment your child is required to enrol with a dentist who holds a contract with the DHB in your area.

The Medical room at the college has a list of all dentists in the Auckland area or parents/caregivers can visit the Auckland Regional Dental Service (ARDS) website [click here](#) and go to the adolescent contracting dentist section where a full list may be viewed.

Staff Canteen

MENU

BURGER MENU

- Beef w cheese 5
- BBQ beef bacon 5.5
- Beef onion Aioli 6 (new)
- Double cheeseburger 7
- Chicken cheese mayo 5
- BBQ chicken bacon 5.5
- Chicken onion aioli 6 (new)
- (all burgers made to order)

SPECIALS

- Monday - Beef nachos 5
- Tuesday - Chili cheese hotdog 4
- Wednesday- Curly fries 3
- Thursday - Loaded wedges 5
- Friday - Hot chicken wrap 5
- See our specials board

DRINKS MENU

- Pump 750ml 3.5
- Mini pump 2.5
- Pump flavoured 4
- Lipton ice tea 4.5
- Homegrown range 3.5
- Coke no sugar 2.5
- Sprite no sugar 2.5
- L&P no sugar 2.5
- Barista bros 4.5
- Aqua cans 2
- Up & Go 2.5

SMALL CHANGE MENU

- Hash browns .50
- Chicken sticks 1
- Garlic bread 1.5
- Cheese garlic bread 2
- Popcorn (GF) 2
- Vege chips (GF) 2
- Mini brownie 1.5
- Mrs Higgins cookie 1

HOT FOOD

- Spicy wedges 3
- Spring roll (V) 2.5
- American hotdog 3
- Noodles 3
- Butter chicken wraps 4
- Butter chicken rice meal 4
- Pies 3.5
- Sausage rolls 2.5
- *Pizza slice 3
- (available morning tea only)

VEGAN/VEGE MENU

- Hash browns .50
- Garlic bread 1.5
- Spring roll 2.5
- Hot & Spicy noodles 3
- * Burger 5.5
- *Dumplings 5
- *Falafel wrap 5
- *PLEASE PRE ORDER



Rotary Youth Exchange 2020 – Information Evening

Rotary Youth Exchange



www.youthexchange.org.nz



For students aged between 15 and 18 years in the January of departure on exchange and who want the adventure & excitement of 12 months in another

March Information Evening
Remuera Golf Club, 120 Abbotts Way, Remuera
Te Tuhi Arts Centre, 13 Reeves Rd, Pakuranga
Papakura RSA, 40 Elliot Street

Check website for dates



Students & Parents

Come along to this relaxed evening, meet exchange students & find out more



See another country. Experience the culture first hand with several host families. Meet new friends, learn a new language, grow and develop - all with the support of Rotary



Why Rotary Youth Exchange ?

- Student training and preparation
- Rotary student support structure
- Stay with several host families for variety and a true cultural experience
- Personal growth & development, independence, & self confidence
- Worldwide friendships
- Learn a language
- Fun & new experiences
- Gain a fresh understanding of yourself & others



Applications close in April for departure the following January
Get more information, contact details, & applications from our website

www.youthexchange.org.nz

