



Friday, 22nd February 2019

Kia Ora Tātou

It was great to see so many parents and whānau attend the Parent/Student conferences on Monday and Tuesday. I hope that you found the conversations positive and helpful.

These meetings are one of our college's push to put students in the driver's seat of their learning, with parents and teachers alongside to coach and assist. Feedback from staff was very positive, and appreciative of parents' support and commitment to their children.

Summer Sports

Congratulations to our students competing in summer sports this term. Our rowers picked up a number of medals at the recent Head of the Harbour regatta in some very choppy conditions, and our 1st XI Boys cricket team had a convincing win over Orewa College last weekend. Well done to all students involved, and thank you to the coaches and other parent supporters.

Athletics Day

Unfortunately, Athletics Day was postponed due to the rain today. It is now rescheduled to next Friday, 1 March 2019.

Vaping

When I arrived at Glendowie College five years ago, I was very pleased to discover that smoking was not an issue. An anonymous survey by ASH showed that 0% of our year 10 students smoked, and that trend has continued.

Unfortunately, with the proliferation of vaping shops around Auckland, we are starting to see vaping devices at school. For those who may not know, a vapor is an electronic device that heats up a liquid and emits (typically sweet) flavoured steam which the user inhales. Vapers come in many shapes and sizes. Some are very small, e.g. almost the size of a credit card or a small portable battery pack.

The Board has included vapers in its smoke-free policy, i.e. vaping is not allowed at the college. The reasons for this is that it is illegal to sell vapers and related products to under 18's; we are unable to ensure that the products being vaped are free of nicotine or other products; and the American Medical Association's research shows that adolescents who use a vapor are ten times more likely to progress to tobacco smoking than the general population.

We have increased our policing of this and will continue to do so. If you or your child has any concerns, please contact one of our Deputy Principals.



Upcoming Events:

February

- 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
- 4-8 Summerfest
- 5 Taurere Whānau Meeting (6:30pm-8:30pm, Staffroom)
- 7-10 NISS Rowing Championships (Lake Karapiro)
- 12 Year 9 & 10 Social Evening (7pm-10pm, Hall)
- 13 Scholarship Parents Evening (6pm-8pm, Staffroom)
- 14 Parents' Association Meeting (AGM) (7pm-9pm, Staffroom)
- 20 Board of Trustees Meeting (6pm-9pm, Boardroom)
- 22-31 Maadi Cup Rowing Regatta (Lake Karapiro)
- 25-29 Summer Tournament Week
- 31-1Apr Duke of Edinburgh Silver Tramp

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



Parents Bringing Student Lunches to School

At the Year 9 parents' evening, I asked parents not to bring lunches to their child at school, e.g. if he or she forgets it. The reason for this is that we want our young people to grow up as confident, articulate and resilient young adults. That means taking increasing responsibility for themselves and, occasionally, learning from their mistakes. We have a tuck shop at the college if students are unable or forget to bring their lunch to school.

We would please prefer you not to bring lunch for your child to school if she or he forgets it. There will be exceptions to this, e.g. a child who is diabetic, and we will most certainly assist in these situations.

Thank you for your support.

Richard Dykes
Principal

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

Parent and Student Portal

Recently we have had a few queries about using the Portal, so we hope the following information is helpful to you:

1. You are able to CHANGE the amount you want to pay using the up and down arrows.
2. If you think there is something missing or wrong showing on your account, please inform the Accounts Office, so that we can update the account before you pay.
3. Further charges will be added when courses are finalised, co-curricular activities organised and other trips/activities arise over the year, so please check again regularly.
4. If you have a credit balance showing, you may contact Mrs Bernadette Hyde on hyd@gdc.school.nz to use this up.
5. Our Accounts Office is open from 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday if you prefer to pay in person, alternatively you can pay via internet banking.

If you have not had a chance to look at the 'Parent and Student Portal' yet, please visit the College website and you will find a link to it. Through the Portal, you can view real-time information about your child from our Student Management System, such as contact details, timetable, attendance record, school reports and NCEA progress.

Please contact Mrs Tara King, our school receptionist, on reception@gdc.school.nz if you need a copy of your login details.

Ms Lisa Davis-Miller, Business Manager



Summerfest 2019



University Scholarships for Year 13 Students

MoneyHub, a consumer finance website, has published a guide to hundreds of scholarships available for students planning to start university in 2020. The comprehensive list includes scholarships offered by every university, as well as those specifically available to local students, in addition to a list of privately-funded, Maori, Pacific and International university scholarships.

Applications close at different times throughout the year, with tens of millions of dollars available. MoneyHub has also published a list of tips for scholarship success.

For more details, or to find suitable scholarships, please visit the [MoneyHub Scholarship page](#) or GC Net – Careers on the College website.

Mr David James, Development Programmes Manager



Swimming Sports



The annual Inter House Swimming Sports event was held at the Sacred Heart College pool on Monday, 11 February 2019. Despite the humid conditions, lots of fun was had and there were some great performances.

Congratulations to Tāwhirimātea who finished first in a very closely run competition.

Well done to our individual champions!

Senior Boys	Sean Gibbs (Year 12)
Senior Girls	Alanna Chen (Year 12)
Intermediate Boys	Joshua Hughes (Year 10)
Intermediate Girls	Jenna Watt-Wyness (Year 10)
Junior Boys	Finlay Walker (Year 9)
Junior Girls	Lou Lou Penman (Year 9)

Thanks to all those who helped make this a successful event.

Cricket

Well done to our First XI Boys, who had a great win over Orewa College. After scoring 297/8, they dismissed Orewa for 206.

Our Senior Boys T20 team defeated Auckland Grammar. A tense one wicket win chasing down Grammar's 106/7, scoring 110/9.

The Junior A team also beat their Auckland Grammar counterparts in their T20 match. Grammar scored 95/9 and our boys managed to reach their target and secure a great win.

Our Girls First XI were unable to secure a sweep for our cricket teams, going down to a very strong Epsom Girls team in their most recent match.

We would like to acknowledge the parents and staff who helped make the running of cricket at the school a possibility, and in particular Garry Ivill, Andrew Crocker, Brendan Mengel, Shaun Lincoln, John Wilson, David Blake, Benjamin Lewis and Celia Finn.

Mr Jeremy Adams, Sports Coordinator

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Toitoe: A Journal for Young Writers and Artists



Hugh Nevell and Nathan Timms (9HUM)

Toitoe: A Journal for Young Writers and Artists. Toitoe is a national journal by and for young New Zealanders which is published at the beginning of each school term.

Congratulations to Hugh Nevell for his story 'A Bright Future' and to Nathan Timms for his wonderful story 'A Narrow Escape', which were both published in issue 14.

Check out their wonderful stories in the beautifully illustrated Toitoe Journal the next time you are in the library.

Mrs Monique Carrigan, English Faculty

Young Enterprise Scheme (Y.E.S.) – 'Kickstarter Day'

On Friday 15 February, the Business Faculty took two groups of senior students to the regional Young Enterprise Scheme 'Kickstarter Day'. It is a scheme for students in years 12 and 13 at secondary schools across New Zealand to set up and run their own business.

The Young Enterprise Scheme has regional and national championships. Throughout the year, groups participate in a wide array of challenges to receive points. This varies from pitching their business to a panel of judges (similar to Dragon's Den on television) to showing different methods of promotion. Points per challenge differ, but a total of 100 points is up for grabs for teams. The team with the most points at the beginning of term 4 in the regional competition is crowned the winner for that region, and is then invited to give a final pitch at the national championships and participate in 'The Lion Foundation Young Enterprise Scheme Company of the Year Award'. The award provides over \$5,000 in prize money for the winning team, \$2,000 in prize money for the winning team's school and \$5,000 scholarships for each team member.

At the Kickstarter event, our teams took their first steps towards becoming a future business of New Zealand. Resources were provided for the teams to plan and model their business and product ideas throughout the day, and they were also given tips and recommendations. Our teams already had ideas for their products, so this information was used as feedback for them. After all the regional groups had finished, the coordinators brought 'Speed Coaches' into the room. The coaches are people with business backgrounds in New Zealand. Our teams were given five minutes with a 'Speed Coach' to pitch their idea and gain feedback. This was the first opportunity for our teams to really network with New Zealand businessmen and women, and to gain expertise from different sectors of business.

Our teams are now working hard towards challenge one product validation, which is worth up to 30 points, and will be assessed within two months. Good luck to both our teams! Watch this space!

Sean Gibbs and Adam Jonkers, Year 12 Students





Rotary National Science and Technology Forum

Earlier this year in January, I attended the Rotary National Science and Technology forum. I was one of the 168 students from all over New Zealand selected to take on this amazing experience.

The forum involved two weeks of science modules, activities, bus karaoke and involved a whole lot of amazing people. We attended a wide range of modules and lectures which gave us insight into what it would be like to do a degree in that discipline. We had the opportunity to dissect a sheep's heart, hold a human brain and build mini robots. All the lecturers were willing to provide us with as much information as we wanted.

Before we attended this forum, we did not know each other at all. However, within two weeks of being surrounded by like-minded people, we had all become lifelong friend. Everyone I have spoken to agreed that attending the forum was one of the most life changing experiences.

I would like to thank Rotary St Johns who sponsored me to go to the forum and everyone else who encouraged me to apply. The forum, which was very well organised, was an amazing experience and the advisors were incredible. There is nowhere else that I would have rather spent my 2 weeks' summer holiday at, and I would strongly encourage other students to apply for this incredible program.



Jodie Dickins, Year 13 Student



Scholarship to Yad Vashem Israel

In January this year, I had the privilege of attending Yad Vashem in Jerusalem to study teaching the Holocaust. This amazing opportunity was made possible by The Holocaust Centre of New Zealand. This was a truly life changing experience which will impact not only my teaching, but also my everyday life.

The most memorable aspect of the trip for me was meeting the survivors of the Holocaust. I had the pleasure of meeting two survivors from Schindler's List – Nachum Manor (96) and his lovely wife Genya (92). Their love story is a remarkable example of love overcoming the most horrendous circumstances. I also had the opportunity of hearing Yehudit Kleinman's story of the choices which no seven year old girl should ever have to make.

Engaging with some of the world's most acclaimed Holocaust Historians was thought provoking and meeting with Dr Efraim Zuroff, a Nazi Hunter, was fascinating. The 115 hours of lectures dealing with Antisemitism and the Holocaust will help inspire me with writing our year 13 History course for 2020. The focus of this course will be the cultural and spiritual resistance of the Jews which was truly astounding.

The responsibility that goes with keeping the memory of the Holocaust alive is humbling. For this to never happen again, we must encourage our children to be 'Upstanders' – ensuring that they do what is right and stand up for themselves and others. In the words of Professor Yehuda Bauer "thou shall not be a perpetrator; thou shall not be a victim; and thou shall never, but never, be a bystander."



Yehudit Kleinman Holocaust survivor.



Placing a stone on Oskar Schindler's grave at the Mt of Olives, Jerusalem.

Children's Holocaust Memorial

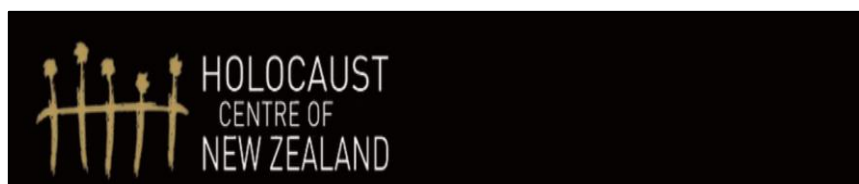


Coming to Auckland in 2019

The Children's Holocaust Memorial provides an enduring lesson for New Zealanders: the importance of standing up to discrimination and prejudice and the violation of human rights. Being prepared to be an 'Upstander' not a bystander. The Memorial honours the 1.5 million children killed during the Holocaust.



2019 Yad Vashem educators with Nachum and Genya Manor – Holocaust Survivors.



Ms Michelle Simpson, Social Sciences Faculty



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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

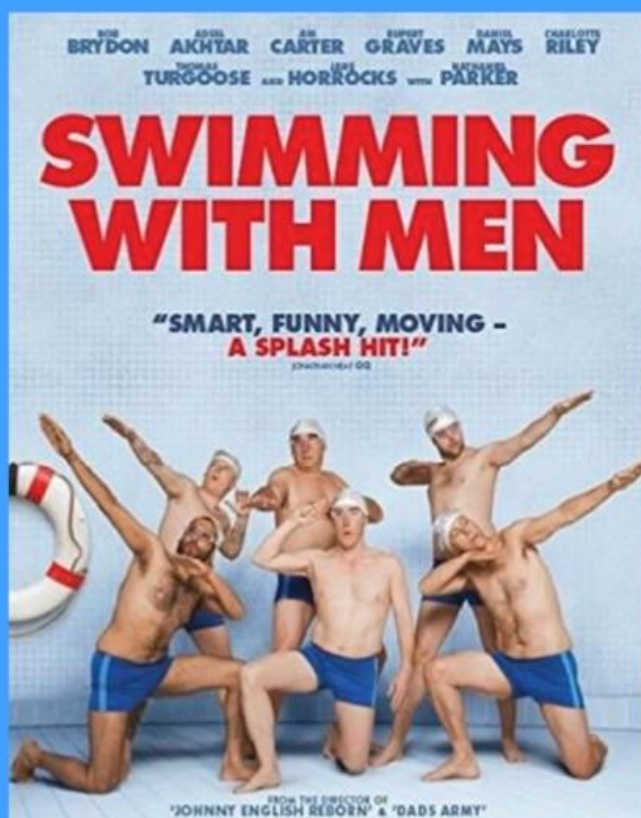


Parents' Association

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



First Event for the Parents' Association – Year 9 Parents Information Evening

What a great night! There was a great turnout of keen Year 9 parents seeking insight from Richard Dykes (Principal), Steve Collier (Board of Trustees Chairperson), Sara Haddon (Parents' Association Chairperson) and the Year 9 Deans for the year ahead.

The homemade nibbles and an array of drinks were greatly appreciated as was the complimentary bottle of water from Parents' Association which was handed out on arrival.

Huge thanks to our amazing Parents' Association members who baked and met with the parents.



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

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



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

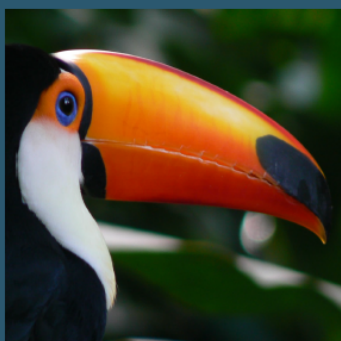
Check website for dates



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

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





Outward Bound NZ

OUTWARD BOUND

COURSE PROGRAMMES – APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Outward Bound is one of New Zealand's leading organisations for showing people their full potential through outdoor challenge and adventure.

All courses are delivered from our school in Anakiwa based in the beautiful Queen Charlotte Sound.



SCHOOL LEADERS

16-18 year olds

8-28 April - 21 days

For students transitioning to or in a leadership role in year 12 or 13.

Understand what it means to become a leader and work as part of a team. Learn how to inspire others and be a great role model, form life-long friendships and networks with other young leaders from schools across New Zealand.

Key Outcomes:

- Explore and build on your leadership strengths
- Learn how to be part of a high performing team
- Communication skills including inspiring, coaching and understanding others perspectives
- Develop new networks and relationships with other young leaders across NZ
- Gain an understanding of how your personal values influence you as a leader

LEAPS & BOUNDS

13-15 year olds & parent/caregiver

11-18 April - 8 days

Leaps & Bounds is the ultimate parent/teen bonding experience.

Leave devices at home and reconnect with your teen over 8 days of outdoor challenge and adventure. Together you will problem solve, overcome challenges and celebrate each other's strengths.

Key Outcomes:

- Gain trust, respect and a more meaningful connection with each other
- Experience working in a partnership and as part of a wider team
- Push your own self-imposed boundaries and support your teen as they push theirs
- Develop an understanding of each other's strengths and capabilities
- Gain a better understanding and appreciation for the outdoors

To find out more go to outwardbound.co.nz or talk with our friendly team on 0800 688 927