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Friday, 8th March 2019

Kia Ora Tātou

It was great to see our students participating and enjoying the college Athletics Day last Friday. There was a very positive atmosphere and great turn-out for the many events. Thank you to the staff who organised the day, especially our Physical Education staff and Sports staff, and the Prefects who led their houses and fellow students.

Athletics Day marks a shift in the school calendar. The big whole-school events are now over for Term 1 and the focus starts to shift to field trips (for senior classes) and class work.

By now, most senior students should have one or more internal assessments (i.e. assignment) to work on. All students should have a course calendar or 'weekly planner' that lists when their assessments occur through the year. I encourage you to discuss these with your child(ren) and how they will manage the workload, alongside other co-curricular or out-of-school commitments they have.

Athletics Success

Following on from the school Athletics Day, a number of our students participated at the Central Eastern Zone Athletics Championships. Congratulations to the students involved, especially Charles Devlin, Alice Webster-McNamee, Aimee Court, Hope Makiri-Hennings, Lila Baroumandi, Angus Monro, Sophie Court and Holly Harding who placed in their events. Our sports department have provided a fuller report on our students' success later in the newsletter.

Summerfest

This week was Summerfest, a week-long celebration of the Arts at interval and lunchtime. It has been lovely to see live music performances, theatre sports, the college choir singing in the college Quad and other activities around the school. Well done and thanks to the staff and student leaders who organised this.

Student Strike for Climate

You may have read or seen in the media about a proposed 'Student Strike for Climate' on Friday, 15 March 2019. The proposed gathering in Auckland is from 12pm – 3pm at Aotea Square. The college will operate as per normal on that day with the expectation that students attend class. Any students not at school will need their parents' permission as with any other absence and will be under the parents' responsibility.

Richard Dykes
Principal



Upcoming Events:

March

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| 7-10 | NISS Rowing Championships
(Lake Karapiro) |
| 12 | Year 9 & 10 Social Evening
(7pm-10pm, Hall) |
| 13 | Scholarship Parents Information 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 |

April

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| 2 | China Trip Final Briefing (7pm-8pm, Staffroom) |
| 3 | Taurere Whānau BBQ (6pm-8pm, Staffroom) |
| 4 | Parents' Association Meeting (7pm-9pm, Staffroom) |
| 6 | Alumni Sports Day (10am-2pm) |
| 6-7 | Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Tramp |
| 11-25 | China Trip (selected senior students) |
| 12 | End of Term 1 |

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



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A Parent's Guide to Instagram

As a parent, you do not need to be an expert in technology, but being familiar with the technology that young people are using and the challenges that they may experience is a great start.

Please click this link <https://bit.ly/2tQFdEx> to view Netsafe's 'Instagram Guide for Parents'.

Mrs Vicki Mercer, ICT Manager

Alumni Sports Day – 6 April 2019 (Saturday)



Calling all GDC Alumni! The annual Alumni Sports Day will be held on Saturday, 6 April 2019.

Who will win – students or Alumni? If you would like to help the Alumni retain the Jeanette Bell Trophy when they take on the students in netball, basketball, soccer or touch, please come down to the school on the day and register for your sport at 10am.

A sausage sizzle and hot/cold drinks will be available, and Physio Rehab will be on site. After match refreshments will be in the staffroom for the Alumni teams. Spectators most welcome.

For more information, please email alumni@gdc.school.nz or check out our Facebook page.

Mrs Nicole Parish, Alumni Advancement Coordinator

Relocation of the Uniform Shop

The GDC Uniform Shop has finally reopened this week, and is now permanently relocated in the old school house on Crossfield Road. Entry is through the driveway inside Gate 3 (to the right).

Due to the shop's closure in the past few weeks, the uniform shop will open this Saturday, 9 March 2019 from 9am-11am, with normal hours then resuming from next week.

Normal opening hours are the following:

Tuesday 8am - 9am and 12:30pm – 2:30pm
Thursday 12:30pm – 2:30pm

For any queries, please email: uniformshop@gdc.school.nz

Ms Sandra Micallef, Uniform Shop Manager



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Europe History Tour 2020

Europe 2020 History Trip



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!

Register online at: <https://tinyurl.com/GlendowieRegister>

Deposit and Registration due by Friday 15 March 2019.

Email Michelle Simpson for information: sim@gdc.school.nz



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Year 9 Camps

Rūaumoko – Tui Ridge Adventure Camp

Rūaumoko's year 9 camp kicked off with an early 6:45am start with everyone gathering in front of the Riddell Road gate, and quickly getting on the bus. Then the concert began with fifty kids jamming the whole way to Tui Ridge Adventure Camp, Rotorua!

Nestled in 170 acres of land, the facilities at Tui Ridge are beautiful and well organised. After a quick briefing from the Tui Ridge staff, we made our way to the three spacious dorms.



We even had air conditioning! The camp was packed full of amazing activities, such as the flying fox, high ropes, abseiling down a 15 metre rock wall and the giant swing which hauled you up 15 metres high and dropped you, letting you swing. All of these activities challenged the students and allowed them to discover new things about themselves and each other, whilst having fun at the same time. The camp provided a great opportunity for year 9's to bond with each other in their house as well as being able to meet and get to know their 2019 leaders. At night, we had prefect and peer support run activities, including a dress-up and a matex-style quiz, where students learnt more about Rūaumoko house and our culture.

All of this would not have been possible if it were not for our fabulous deans, Mr Keshav and Ms Harduar, and all the other teachers and year 13 leaders who came along to make this camp the best it could be.



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Tāne Mahuta – Marsden Bay Christina Camp

Year 9 Tāne Mahuta students went to Marsden Bay Christian camp, where they took part in kayaking, frisbee golf, bumper balls, paddle boarding, flying fox, archery, air rifles, and a trust course. Students also participated in cooperative games, such as capture the cone, the burma trail, and a daring group challenge competition on the last day. Evening activities, which included creating role plays about the house myth, legend and values, and coming up with house chants, were run by the year 13 prefects and peer support leaders.



"My favourite part of camp was the group challenge as our group had to work together, and even though we didn't win, we did such a great job. I miss camp so much and hope to go back in 5 years!" - **Mary Ong (9COM)**

"I don't know if I could possibly choose a favourite activity! I had an amazing time and enjoyed every minute of it, and would do it all again if I could!" **Grace Lynch (9COM)**

"My favourite part was definitely making new friends and getting to know each other, including the deans and the year 13s. They are all so friendly and you're always able to have a great chat with them! The top highlights for me were probably volleyball, archery, paddle boarding, flipping people off their kayaks and definitely jamming out with the year 13s on the bus." **Addison Young (9COM)**

"I learnt about Tāne Mahuta's four main values: Strength, Growth, Nurturing and Adaptability. I also learnt how to play volleyball properly, how to do archery and to play frisbee golf. I think all the new people I met will become friends in the coming years." **Tessa McLaren (9COM)**

Many thanks to all the teachers and helpers who came to our camp and made it all possible.



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Tāwhirimātea – Camp Whakamaru



Last week we started off with a 7am bus ride to Camp Whakamaru, in the beautiful Waikato. The days were spent on endless matches of volleyball, afternoon swims to the pontoon, playing soccer, cricket, touch on the field, trampolining and playing outdoor chess.

One highlights of Year 9 camp was the kayaking, where we were able to go through the reeds and see all the lily pads and dragonflies. Swimming out to the pontoon after a hot, sweaty day of activities and trying to balance 30 people at a time was definitely a challenge too.

Some of the activities we did during the three days included BMX riding, zip-lining, archery, air rifles, raft building and a lot more. The last day was lots of fun with 5 rotations of different games. In one of the games, we had a bucket full of holes that we fled to fill with water. Two people would run to the lake with jugs to get water for the bucket while the rest of the team had to block the bucket holes with their fingers until we could fill it up! We got a bit wet! This could not have been done without the massive help from the Year 13s.

We had such an awesome time, met new people and made many new friends. It was a great way to start the year, and we know this could not have happened without the teachers' planning and time in putting such a great event together.

On behalf of all Year 9s, we would like to say a big thank you to all the teachers involved in making this happen, and to all year 13s for taking the time out of their week to help and encourage us in everything we did. We really appreciate it!

Daisy Green (9GLT) and Samuel Wright (9CHS)



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Tangaroa – Moirs Point Centre (Mangawhai)



Tangaroa headed north for our three-day camp at Moirs Point Centre in Mangawhai. We kayaked, rafted, tyrolean traversed, completed the confidence course, problem solved, participated in a scavenger hunt, an inventor lab, frisbee golf and had a great time trying to beat each other's times on the water slide.

Well done to Sam Aim (9WAL) with the fastest boy's time of 6.66 seconds and to Jayda Good and Akasha Shroff (both from 9KAR) both with the fastest girl's time of 6.87 seconds. A special mention has to go to Edward Blair, Head Prefect, who achieved the overall fastest time of 6.50 seconds.

On day 3, we travelled to Ocean Beach at Mangawhai where everyone participated in beach volleyball, sand sculpting, swimming and boogie boarding. The Year 9's had the opportunity to participate in team challenges, sharing ideas, co-operating and supporting one another and utilising their skills whilst making new friends and strengthening these bonds through the activities. In the evenings, Tangaroa House Prefects and Peer Support students ran house culture activities with a focus on the Tangaroa House values of Resilience, Inclusion, Confidence and Energy and instilling a passion for the 'blue house'. It was great to have the opportunity to get to know the Year 9 students better and welcome them into the Tangaroa family.

Special thanks to the management and Chef at Moirs Point Centre along with a big thank you to the teachers and staff who organized the camp and helped make it a fun filled, entertaining 3 days.



Liam Ng and Nathan Philipiah, Tangaroa House Prefects



Athletics Day 2019

Athletics Day was held on Friday, 1 March 2019, the weather was perfect for the day. Participation rates at all levels was high, with excellent involvement and performances from both junior and senior students. House colours were proudly displayed right from the start in the House March In and this created the foundation for a positive and competitive atmosphere throughout the day. The House relays at the end of the day were a highlight for everyone.



Mr David Storrie, Faculty Leader Health and Physical Education



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Central Eastern Zone Athletics Championships

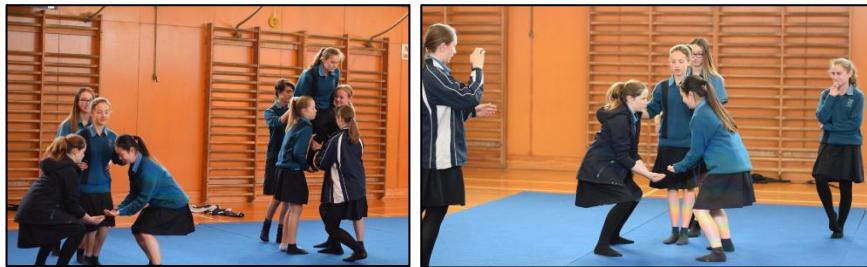
On Tuesday 5 March 2019, a group of athletes represented Glendowie College at the Central Eastern Zone Athletics Championships. In a very competitive zone, our athletes achieved some outstanding results.

Highlights were Charles Devlin (Year 13) winning both the Senior Boys High Jump and the Triple Jump. Alice Webster-McNamee (Year 12) winning both the Senior Girls Discus and Shot Put, and placing 3rd in the Javelin. Aimee Court (Year 12) finished 2nd in Senior Girls High Jump, Hope Makiri-Hennings (Year 11) was 2nd in Intermediate Girls Javelin and Lila Baroumandi (Year 10) was 3rd in Intermediate Girls Long Jump. Angus Monro (Year 10) also captured 3rd position in the Intermediate Boys 3000m, an excellent result for a younger athlete. Both Sophie Court (Year 9), Junior Girls High Jump and Holly Harding (Year 11), Intermediate Girls 3000m, were very competitive finishing in fourth place in their events.

Mr Jeremy Adams, Sports Coordinator

GDC Cheersport

Looking for a fun way to spend your Friday lunchtime without the pressure of commitment? Want to learn to stunt, tumble, and work together as a team? GDC Cheersport is for you! Come along to the old gym on Friday lunchtime starting on 15 March 2019 for a fun-filled recreational programme where you can learn amazing skills in a safe team-building environment. It is a great opportunity to expand your horizons. Open to everyone regardless of age, gender and skill level. The more numbers we have, the more impressive stunts that can be done! Bring your friends, active wear and a big smile on your face! For more information, please contact Talia Head (13NFS) or Mayna Tse (13IFR).



Parent and Student Portal – Hints

1. You are able to CHANGE the amount you would like to pay using the up and down arrows.
2. If you think there is something missing or incorrect showing on your account, please inform Mrs Bernadette Hyde on hyd@gdc.school.nz, so the account can be updated before you pay.
3. Do check regularly as further charges will be added for co-curricular activities and other trips/activities as these are organised throughout the year.
4. If you have a credit balance, please contact Mrs Bernadette Hyde to use this up.
5. Our Accounts Office is open from 10am to 4pm, Monday to Friday if you prefer to pay in person or you can also pay via internet banking.

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

Ms Lisa Davis-Miller, Business Manager



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Parents' Association



Save the date – **Thursday, 6 June 2019 (7pm)** – something or someone big is coming. Can you guess?

Movie Night



Our first event of the year was a huge success with a theatre full of laughing participants. The 'Swimming with Men' movie lived up to its reputation and had us rolling in the aisles.

Congratulations to Michelle, who won the amazing raffle from St Heliers Life Pharmacy. Thanks to Kristen Edgeworth Travel, who provided mini travel packs for each ticket holder.

Our next meeting is next Thursday, 14 March and we look forward to welcoming new parents along.



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

Parents' Association Meeting	Thursday, 14 March 2019
Student/Parent/Teachers Conference Dinner	Monday, 20 May 2019
Save the Date	Thursday, 6 June 2019

Sara Haddon, Parents' Association Chairperson

<https://www.facebook.com/GlendowieCollegeParentsAssociation/> or [Gdcparents@gmail.com](mailto:gdcparents@gmail.com)



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Holden Street Smart Driver Programme

Holden Street Smart is a world-class, cognitive based driver programme which aims to positively influence the lives of young kiwis across the country, and help them to become a safer and more aware drivers on our roads.

The Programme has been developed with the involvement of world-renowned road safety expert, Peter Sheppard. In addition, passionate road safety advocate, Greg Murphy, is their Programme Ambassador.

Holden Street Smart is a one-day event providing young drivers and their parents/caregivers with the opportunity to undertake supervised driving practice. There is a focus on developing good decision-making strategies for safe driving, including assessing themselves, reading the road environment, resisting peer pressure, managing or eliminating distractions and planning ahead.

The Programme takes place in safe, controlled and off-the-road environments, under the watchful eye of qualified coaches and parents/caregivers. This also provides parents with the opportunity to assess themselves to enable them to be better coaches and mentors for their teens.

Please visit this link for an introduction video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oO49nI-gCGU>

For registrations, please visit their website: www.holdenstreetsmart.co.nz