



GDC ALUMNI

October 2018

The Principal's Desk

Kia ora tātou,

Welcome to our spring newsletter. It's hard to believe that another year has almost passed and most of us are now starting to plan for our summer holidays and 2019.

That is very much the case at the college as we embark on further campus development. Last term we finished renovating the Quad with new pavers, seating for students, and refreshed gardens. This term we install new multi-turf on the netball courts behind the Moore Gym to support our growing hockey programme, and over summer we start construction of new netball/tennis courts and a new weights room in front of the gym. Following that, construction on our long-awaited science and Somerville block starts mid-2019. Our ability to do so much hinges on the generosity of our community, local businesses and alumni. I thank you for your ongoing support.

A highlight of 2018 has been to see our alumni programme get established under the leadership of Caroline MacKenzie. We ran the inaugural Alumni vs College sports competition with the Jeanette Bell Cup won by the overall champions, the Alumni teams. This was followed up by a recent leavers gathering and an eighties decade reunion. It was great to see these events start to happen on a regular basis, and to see them so well attended.

Sadly Caroline leaves the Alumni this year due to other work commitments. On behalf of alumni and the college, I thank her for getting the alumni so well established. In her place, we welcome Nicole Parish. Nicole has a long history of supporting the college. She has been a parent at the school from 2012 and led the Parents' Association for many years. I look forward to working with Nicole.

I hope that you and your whānau enjoy spring and the build-up to summer. We are looking forward to planning future alumni events.

Stay connected.

Richard Dykes
Principal

Coming up in 2018...

Leavers' Morning Tea - Thursday 1 November 2018
Official Quad Opening - Thursday 6 December

Coming up in 2019...

Alumni Sports Day - April TBC

Recent Leavers' Reunion - Wednesday 3 July, 5-7pm

1960's Decade Reunion - TBC

The Fun Run 2018



Hosted by GDC Parents Association

Sunday 23 October, a beautiful spring day, perfect weather for a stroll or run. More than 375 runners and walkers attended the Glendowie College Fun Run, organised by the Parents Association. Past, current and future students lined up along side staff, parents and community members to run the streets of Glendowie and help raise money for new developments at school. This annual event is well worth attending if only for the baking and wonderful spot prizes, donated by New Balance among others. We hope to see you there next year.

Stay in touch...

Find us on Facebook - Glendowie College Alumni

[Link to Facebook group](#)

The 80's Decade Reunion

On Saturday, 11 August, we hosted the "80's Decade Reunion". Anyone who had attended the college during the 1980s was invited along to reconnect with old school friends. More than 90 turned

up on the night to enjoy a few drinks and food in the staffroom. There were a few glitches with the music until it was expertly taken over by the guest DJ (you know who you are!) with favourites played on request, so the night ended on a high note. I am sure if there was a guitar lying around, the music and singing would have continued into the wee hours. Thanks to everyone who came along and had a good time. A special mention to Lisa, Karen, Sara, Marcus, Rob, Gregor, Pip, Richard and Sharon for helping out on the night.

Photo credit to Sara Everitt.

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Alumni News



Jacob Rutene – student 2008 - 2012

Congratulations to Jacob Rutene for graduating 1st place in aircraft technicians senior course from RNZAF.

Send your updates to alumni@gdc.school.nz

Then and Now...

1973 vs. 2018 School music band performances



School News

Haka Competition



At the end of term 3 students competed in the annual Haka Competition. This is a very special tradition at Glendowie College and a fantastic celebration of Tikanga Māori. Students in each house perform a waiata and haka to win house points. The standard continues to improve and the judges were impressed by the creativity. Congratulations to Tāwhirimātea and Tangaroa who were joint winners.

Photo credit: Caleb Turner

Sport Facilities Upgrade

Work is due to start in the summer break on upgrading the school's new sports facilities, which is the next stage in the campus vision. This will provide facilities and fields to offer year-round training, independent of the weather.

Thank you to alumni Karen Sutton and Physio Rehab Group for their very generous donation to the weights room project.

- Artificial turf on the existing netball courts, for all-weather trainings, P.E. program and an in-house hockey training area - work to start at the end of Term 1 2019
- New netball/tennis courts - work to start during the summer break 2018/19
- New weights/training gym - work to start during the summer break 2018/19



location of new tennis & netball courts (netball courts not shown)



exterior view of proposed weights room



interior view of proposed weights room

Would you like to help us stay in touch?

We are looking for a key person from each year (1961 - 2017) to be involved with promoting the alumni events. If you are interested, please contact Nicole at alumni@gdc.school.nz

Spread the Word

If you are in contact with other ex-students

please forward them this newsletter or the link to join our growing Alumni



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We look forward to staying connected
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