



Friday, 12th April 2019

Kia Ora Tātou

This is my last newsletter before I head away on my Woolf Fisher Fellowship trip in week 2 of next term.

From week 2 through to the end of the July holidays, Mr Robertson will be Acting Principal and Mrs Fraser will be Acting Deputy Principal. Thanks in advance to them and the other staff for next term.



Term 1

Term 1 has been very busy and successful. We have had the regular school events such as Athletics Day, Swimming Sports, Year 9 Camps, Peer Support, Summerfest, Junior Social Evening and much more, and we also have our school trips. Seniors are now well into their formal internal assessments.

Thanks to our Prefects and Year 13 students who have done an excellent job in their various leadership roles across the school. Thanks to them and staff, the school has run very smoothly this term. I am very pleased with how Glendowie College is going.

Summer Tournament

A special congratulations to our MAADI Cup squad who returned home from the MAADI Cup regatta with a gold medal. Our Girls' Under-18 Coxed Quadruple Sculls crew of Jessica McIntosh, Jamie Iro, Olivia Hay, Sascha Moltschaniwskyj and Oliver Heafield (cox) rowed a stellar race in lane 8 to place first in New Zealand. Congratulations to the girls, their coaches Danielle Schofield and Josh Everitt, and everyone involved in the rowing programme. Special mention goes to Olivia Hay who has subsequently been selected to trial to row for New Zealand. That is an outstanding achievement.

Thank you also to the staff and volunteers who travelled with our cricket and lawn bowls teams to compete in their summer tournaments.

Board of Trustees Elections

Next term the college will hold elections for the 2019-2022 Board of Trustees. All state schools in New Zealand hold their election at the same time. Canterbury Education Services is running the election on the college's behalf, and liaising with Ms Davis-Miller, our Business Manager. There is more information about these elections further in this newsletter.

End of Term / Holidays

If you have a child in years 11, 12 or 13 ... you will be aware of NCEA internal assessments and the increase in the academic workload for students. Some assessments are already completed and marked. You can access your child's results on the Parent Portal.

Upcoming Events:

April

- 12 End of Term 1
- 29 Term 2 starts

May

- 1 APO Concert Trip (10:15am-2:20pm)
- 2 Parents' Association Meeting (7pm-9pm, Staffroom)
- 15 Board of Trustees Meeting (6pm-9pm, Boardroom)
- 20 Parent/Student/Teacher Conferencing (3pm-8pm)
- 21 Book Night (4pm-6pm, Library)
- 22 Bali Surf Trip Fundraiser (6pm-9pm, Hall)
- 23 Careers Expo (3:30pm-7pm, Hall)
- 25 Senior School Ball (7pm-11:55pm, Eden Park)
- 25-26 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Tramp
- 28 Parent/Student/Teacher Conferencing (3pm-8pm)

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



The holidays are a good opportunity for you to talk with your child(ren) about how they are going towards their NCEA goals for this year. I am confident that the majority of our students will be well on track. I encourage you to listen to how your child feels that they are doing and what they see as their next steps for Term 2, as well as balancing their other co-curricular commitments and goals.

Please also ensure that they have some down time to relax and unwind. It is much deserved and needed.

Finally, thank you for your ongoing support of your child(ren) and the college. Glendowie College is an amazing, supportive community. We continue to see our students shine and grow into confident, articulate and resilient men and women.

Have an enjoyable and restful holiday period.

Richard Dykes
Principal

2019 Board of Trustees Elections

In May, nominations will be called from the community for candidates to become members of our Board of Trustees. Key dates are as follows:

By Friday 10 May	Nomination forms will be posted to all persons on the school's caregiver roll.
Friday 24 May	NOMINATIONS CLOSE – Friday, 24 May 2019 at noon. An election will then be held if the number of nominations exceed vacancies. For Glendowie College, the number of vacancies is 5.
Wednesday 29 May	Voting papers will be sent by post to all on the school caregiver roll.
Friday 7 June	Voting closes at 12 noon.
Thursday 13 June	Votes are counted, and our school is advised of the results.
Friday 14 June	New Board takes office.

We look forward to all our parents/caregivers being involved in the process.

The parent/caregiver roll will close on Wednesday, 22 May 2019. You may still provide updates to your contact details before that date through the Portal (please click this link [how to change details on portal](#) for instructions) or by emailing reception@gdc.school.nz. The roll will be available for inspection at reception from Wednesday, 8 May 2019.

Students Drop Off / Pick Up

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents/caregivers 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 other than for medical reasons or appointments.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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School Reports

All Students

This week the Key Competencies reports have been made available to parents and whānau of all students on the Parent Portal. Please contact your child's Dean if you are unable to access this.

In week 10 of next term, all students in years 10 to 13 will receive a full school report for each subject. These reports will provide grades for their school assessments and a comment from the teacher.

Changes to Year 9 Reports

With our full implementation of the Middle Years Programme (MYP) in year 9, students at this year level will receive their first full school report at a different time.

A main thrust of the MYP is conceptual learning. These are 'big ideas' that integrate learning, deepen understanding, encourage students to engage with complex ideas, and get them to apply their learning to new contexts. Feedback from teachers is that overall, we are seeing better engagement among our year 9 students and improved quality of learning.

A consequence of this new approach is that we report on students' progress differently. Historically we have reported on individual assessments or tests, using the NCEA criteria of Not Achieved (N), Achieved (A), Achieved with Merit (M) or Achieved with Excellence (E).

From 2019, we are assessing and reporting year 9 students' learning on four assessment criteria. Each criteria is assessed on a 0 – 8 scale, twice per year. Information about each criteria will be communicated to parents over three reports.

The first report for year 9 students and parents/whānau will be an 'Interim Year 9 MYP Report' which will go out in week 3 of term 2. This will report your child's grades in the criteria that students have been assessed against year-to-date, typically two of the four criteria. It will not have a teacher comment.

The second report for year 9 students and parents/whānau will be a 'Full Year 9 MYP Report' in week 3 of term 3. This will cover all four criteria and will include a teacher comment.

The third report will be a second 'Full Year 9 MYP Report' at the end of term 4. This will provide an updated grade (for full-year courses only) for each criteria that allows you to see your child's progress.

We believe these new reports will provide better information to students, parents and the school about students' learning and their progress through the year. These reports will extend into year 10 in 2020.

Mr Praveen Chand, Deputy Principal

Vacancy – Teacher Aide

The College are seeking a reliable, resourceful and energetic person, who has excellent skills in English, to join our Learning Assistance department as a Teacher Aide for 2019. Experience working as a Teacher Aide is beneficial but not essential. We are looking for someone who works well in a team, is calm, resilient, can adapt their approach to different students and situations, and has the ability to engage with students in a positive manner to support their learning.

This is a part time position of approximately 15 to 20 hours a week, starting in Term 2 and finishing in the first week of December. It is fixed term for 2019.

For further information, please contact Celia Finn, SENCO, on fin@gdc.school.nz. If you are interested in applying for the position, please email your CV to fin@gdc.school.nz. Applications close on Friday, 3 May 2019.



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Does your car need a wash?

If you have said **YES**, then.....

Bring your car to **Placemakers on Lunn Avenue, Mount Wellington tomorrow Saturday, 13 April 2019 between 9:30am to 4:00pm** where students from the Glendowie College World Challenge Group will be there washing cars to fundraise for their trip to Nepal.

The cost of the car wash is very reasonable - \$10 per car (\$15 for large cars). 🚗 🚙

Thanks for your support in advance, we look forward to seeing you on the weekend.

Ms Fiona Smith, Tangaroa House Dean

Bali Surf Trip Fundraising

**BALI SURF TRIP
MOVIE NIGHT**

Wednesday 22nd May 6:30pm

TICKETS ONLY \$5

Come and join us for a movie in the Glendowie College school hall to help us raise funds for our surfing trip to Bali. Bring your friends and come and have a good time!

Tickets will be available to purchase outside the Nurse's Office at lunchtimes starting from Week 1 of Term 2.

Hot pizza, drinks, lollies and more will be available to purchase on the night so please bring some cash!



International Baccalaureate (IB) Conference in Hong Kong



Philippa Jones, Assistant Faculty Leader of Social Sciences, and Monique Carrigan, Acting Faculty Leader of English, were selected by the International Baccalaureate (IB) Organisation to present at the IB Global Conference in Hong Kong in March 2019. Over 1800 people attended this event.

Philippa is the MYP (Middle Years Programme) leader for 'Individuals and Societies' and Monique is the MYP leader for 'Language and Literature'. Together they presented on '**Developing International Mindedness within a New Zealand Context**'.



Their presentation showcased the value of developing international mindedness in an increasingly multicultural society. They shared our experience as the first public high school in New Zealand to offer the MYP within an existing national curriculum and diverse ethnic and cultural context. This included examples of how Glendowie College students have actively engaged with local people and utilised their community as a learning resource and an audience.

This was an amazing opportunity to show the ways in which our **Language & Literature - Turangawaewae - the place where we stand** and **Individuals & Societies - Our People** projects have strengthened the connections between the College and the community.

Monique and Philippa also attended a wide range of excellent professional learning seminars and visited both the Chinese International School and Discovery College. This experience has been invaluable in building a deeper understanding of the IB programme as well as fostering relationships with internationally renowned schools delivering the MYP. Their learning will be shared with the school and fellow MYP Leadership team members across term 4.

Nigel Latta Seminar – 6 June 2019 (Thursday)

You must take this opportunity to listen to him!

Earlier this week, Andrea Curtis (Guidance Counsellor) and I had the opportunity to attend a Positive Education Conference which Nigel Latta presented at.

Nigel is a qualified Educational Psychologist, his ideas come from an informed academic base. I have been fortunate to have attended three of his presentations and have never been disappointed.

Nigel was highly entertaining, extremely relevant and provided simple practical advice on 'relating in a positive manner with teenagers'.

Do not miss the opportunity to come along to an evening with Nigel Latta on Thursday 6 June 2019, which is being held at the college. Details are included on the next page.

You will have a fun and informative evening!

Mr Gordon Robertson, Deputy Principal



Parents' Association

GLENDOWIE PARENTS ASSOCIATION
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NIGEL LATTA

Adventures in Parentland: The teenage years
NAVIGATING YOUR TEENS (Y7-13) THROUGH ISSUES SUCH AS
TECHNOLOGY, STRESS AND ANXIETY, CLIMATE CHANGE

6 JUNE 2019

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PREVIEW THE VALUE



Entertainment Books 2019/2020 will be sent home with all Year 9 and 10 students in Week 3 of Term 2. Any unwanted copies can be returned to the college Reception.

Upcoming Events

Parents' Association Meeting	Thursday, 2 May 2019
Parent/Student/Subject Teachers Conferencing Dinner	Tuesday, 28 May 2019
Nigel Latta Seminar	Thursday, 6 June 2019

Sara Haddon, Parents' Association Chairperson
<https://www.facebook.com/GlendowieCollegeParentsAssociation/> or Gdcparents@gmail.com



Glendowie College Alumni Sports Day

The second-ever Alumni Sports Day was held last Saturday despite heavy rain at times.

The new artificial turf was used for the first time for the touch game competition, which was won by the Alumni team with help from some extra school boys. Futsal was played in the old gym with the Alumni team winning. Netball and basketball games were held in the Moore Gym. Despite a strong turnout from old-girl netball players, the school team gradually pulled away and built up an impressive lead, taking out the win. For basketball, the school boys battled valiantly against a skilled Alumni team, which had a height advantage and won the game.

The Alumni team won the Jeanette Bell trophy for the second time! The cup was presented to Loia Tuafafo, one of our most recent Alumni, and refreshments were enjoyed in the staffroom.

Thank you to all the school players, Alumni players and team organisers. Special thanks to the Physio Rehab Group, The Coffee Guy, and Year 13 students – Amanda Chan, Liam Ng and Anthony White, who ran the sausage sizzle.



Ms Nicole Parish, Alumni Advancement Co-ordinator



Summer Tournament Week

Maadi Cup

The 2019 Maadi Cup was held at Lake Karapiro during Summer Tournament Week (25 – 30 March 2019). Glendowie College was well represented in what is the premier school rowing event of the season.

After a physically demanding series of races during the week, three Glendowie College crews progressed to A Finals, representing the Top 8 in the country in each discipline. Olivia Hay (U18 Girls Single Sculls) and the Boys U17 Boys Coxed Quad (Cairo Stark, Tomas Broderick, Jack Jessiman, Theo Mallinson and cox Oliver Heafield) both finished with 7th place.



The highlight of the regatta for Glendowie College was the performance of the Girls U18 Coxed Quad – Olivia Hay, Sascha Moltschaniwskyj, Jamie Iro, Jessica McIntosh and cox Oliver Heafield, who produced a phenomenal performance in the final, winning the gold medal and claiming the title of National Champions. A huge congratulations to the crew and coaches!

The school would like to acknowledge the coaches, Josh Everitt, Danielle Schofield, Hayden Shaw, Loveday Yeoman, Rob McKenzie, James McIntosh (Manager) and the numerous parents who contribute to GDC Rowing.



Cricket

Our Girls First XI competed in the Premier T20 tournament held at Waikaraka Park. Despite suffering losses to powerhouses Takapuna Grammar School, Epsom Girls Grammar School and Baradene College, the young team showed plenty of resilience and resolve, which is promising for the future, by defeating St Kentigern College and Diocesan School during the week. The win against St Kentigern College was particularly pleasing, as this reversed a last ball loss to them during regular season play. Well done to the girls, Mrs Finn and Dr Winnington-Sharp.

Our Boys First XI journeyed west to Avondale Racecourse for the 1A T20 tournament.

The boys had a tough few days with their sole win coming against Northcote College. It was a frustrating end to an otherwise successful season for the boys. The team finished top of the 1B league, however they were unable to secure promotion to 1A.

Thank you to Ben Lewis (Coach), Garry Ivill (Manager) and parents Andrew Crocker, John Wilson, David Blake, Brendan Mengel, Tim Herbert and Shaun Lincoln for their invaluable contribution to cricket this year.

Mr Jeremy Adams, Sports Co-ordinator



Cricket – ‘The White Cross Roll of Honour’

The ‘White Cross Roll of Honour’ recognises outstanding performances at any level of Auckland Cricket. All our teams have demonstrated strong skills and sportsmanship, but our two ‘White Cross Roll of Honour’ students, Hayden Crocker (12THS) and Jordan Herbert (12MCB), were particularly outstanding.

Congratulations to Hayden and Jordan for their fantastic performance! Well done!



Hayden Crocker

Jordan Herbert

Name	Score	Team
Hayden Crocker (Batting)	114	1st XI
Jordan Herbert (Bowling)	5-19	1st XI

Year 13 PILOT Day

On 26 March 2019, five of our students Marliana Meteka, Caragh Clarken, Ashlee Pearce, Siniva Sanato, and Nikita Horselenberg attended the Year 13 PILOT day at Manukau Institute of Technology (MIT).

The PILOT philosophy is: ‘To be able to navigate the ocean of opportunity before you when you embark on the journey as a young Pasifika adult, you will need a VAKA (canoe). The purpose of the PILOT 13 Polokalame (programme) is to help our year 13 students look ahead towards the horizons while reflecting on where they have come from and using this knowledge to help guide their way. The sea of opportunities is just ahead of them. The ancestors of our students were pilots of the ocean, of their VAKA’. At the end of the day, our students came away with the following message:

V	Vision	A leader has vision and can see the path that has been mapped out for them. Learn how to navigate through trials and tribulations with your eye on the prize.
A	Aspire	Aspiring and small, achievable step by step goals will help navigate this ocean of opportunity and be successful in bringing the vision to fruition.
K	Knowledge	Understanding who and where you can go to get information and knowledge to help guide your way.
A	Achieve	The journey has already started by graduating from PILOT.

The day started with a pōwhiri on the marae at MIT as it was the final graduation for our students from PILOT – it was a very special day for all our students who had been with PILOT since year 10. After the marae, there was a speech from Alo’Alii Tapu, keynote speaker. The key message from Alo’Alii was that ‘the journey matters’. Be your biggest fan. Knowledge is power and knowing where you are in the world is the biggest power that you could ever have. To travel through with vision, as without vision people will perish. Overcome cultural barriers and be passionate about your goals.

Other workshops included financial literacy, accountability and transferable skills.

The day finished with a graduation session where the students were given their PILOT badges.

Ms Ginny Thomas, Health and Physical Education Faculty



Year 13PHE Camp – Otago Rail Trail



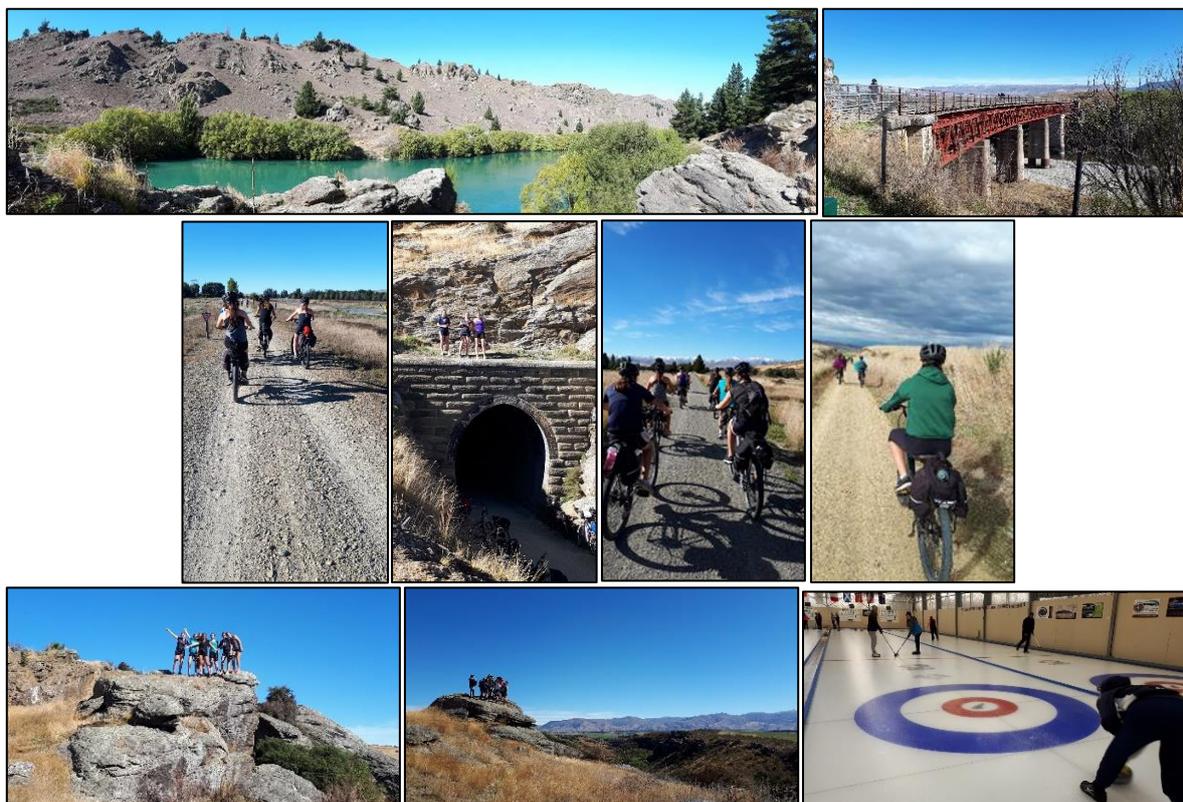
For PHE students, camps are the highlight of the year. The Year 13PHE class were fortunate to experience travelling down to the South Island to cycle the Otago Rail Trail at the start of April.

Our class chose the physical activity of completing the Otago Rail Trail over 4 days for our camp, with the aim of having a peak experience. 24 of us set off with Ms Smith and Ms Barrack from Auckland Airport and flew to Queenstown.

We got to luge and dine at the Skyline in Queenstown which made for a luxurious and easy way to settle into camp. The next morning we braved the South Island winter and our journey began. Clyde is a small town where the Otago Rail Trail starts. The company, SheBikesHeBikes, had prepared our bikes and we were well equipped and prepared.

We biked over 180km exploring the beautiful Otago region and its small, unique areas including Omakau, Naseby, and Middlemarch where we stayed overnight. For the whole class completing this trail was a huge accomplishment and an obvious highlight of the trip. Being surrounded by farmland and untouched mountains was another. The valuable skills and new experiences we gained as a class created more memorable highlights throughout the trip. Challenging ourselves with biking and also experiencing new things such as curling enabled us to have better connections with one another.

The camp was most definitely an unforgettable trip and would not have been the success it was without the help of Sam from Naseby Transfers and SheBikesHeBikes. We greatly appreciate Ms Barrack coming along as well as Ms Smith our teacher, who somehow managed to keep us on track and we are hugely thankful for all the behind the scenes effort Ms Smith has put into our class and this trip.



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EPro8 Challenge 2019



The EPro8 Challenge is an engineering and problem solving competition. Over 10,000 students from 900 schools throughout New Zealand take part every year. The teams compete to construct basic electronic circuits, build large sized structures, solve practical problems, engineer using pulleys, motors, gears, wheels and axles, invent machines that can complete simple tasks, undertake unusual and fun experiments, and solve interesting problems.



There were five teams from Glendowie College participating this year, four teams at the senior level and one junior team. Two of our senior level teams have qualified for the regional grand final, which will be held on Tuesday, 30 April 2019. These two teams are:



'Glendowie College 4' – Mathias Svensson (12CHP), Evan French (11PVN), William Beauchamp (12KAU) and Cameron Todd (12KAU).

'Dropouts' – Benjamin Hunt (11PVN), Sujaanan Jeyaseelan (11SOE), Christopher Tims (11PVN) and Joshua Lay (11KIM).



Ms Jeelie Christopher, Technology Faculty

Rotary Youth Driving Awareness (RYDA) Trip

On Tuesday 2 April 2019, all Year 12 students had the amazing opportunity of attending a RYDA day sponsored by the St Johns Rotary club. RYDA stands for 'Rotary Youth Driving Awareness' and it was a day of learning about being safe young drivers and how to minimise the risk to ourselves and those around us. The day involved safety based activities using a variety of effective mediums, for example, students had to predict where a car would stop when brakes were applied at a certain point at speed, and then seeing this in action and reflecting on our original prediction.



For me, the most influential part was meeting Kelly, a car crash survivor, who fell asleep at the wheel one night while driving down the southern motorway and collided with a tree. It was an eye-opening and sobering moment hearing her recount about that life-changing night, and it really made me think about driving safely.

Overall, it was a fantastic and worthwhile day that would not have happened without help from Mr James, the Year 12 form teachers and the dedicated Rotarians.

Nina Harding, Year 12 Student



Year 12GEO Tongariro Trip



On Sunday morning, 43 Year 12 geography students and 4 teachers made the long trip to the Tongariro Volcanic Centre (TVC) for two nights to experience the environment which we have been studying in class for the past 4 weeks.

During the trip, we all had the opportunity to understand in more depth the TVC and its flora, geological history and geographical importance. We walked up the Mangatepopo Valley to see the lateral moraine ridges formed as a result of glaciation, as well as the lava flow and deposition mounds from the eruption of Mt. Ngauruhoe. We also drove to the Top of the Bruce to view the impact which human use has had on the natural environment and how the landscape has been changed to accommodate the number of people using this area each year. We all thoroughly enjoyed learning about the heritage of the TVC from one of the Department of Conservation (DoC) rangers and completing a scavenger hunt around the visitor centre to extend our knowledge.



Overall, the trip was an awesome experience. Thank you to our amazing Year 12 Geography teachers, Ms Gibb and Ms Tomlinson, as well as Dr Hawcroft and Mrs McKay who gave up their time to support us on the trip.

Nina Harding, Year 12 Student

Relay for Life



On Saturday 6 April 2019, a group of 10 wonderful Year 13 students took part in Relay for Life. This annual event is organised by the Cancer Society to bring the community together to **celebrate** cancer survivors and carers, **remember** loved ones lost to cancer, and **fight back** by raising awareness and funds to support the work of the Cancer Society.

The event involves teams of people walking or running around a track for an 18-hour period. The catch is, there has to be at least one person from each team on the track at all times. Our Glendowie College team walked the equivalent of Auckland to New Plymouth and raised over \$2,500 for the Cancer Society – a sterling effort! If you would like to support the cause, donations can still be made at <https://rflauckland2019.everydayhero.com/nz/no-ordinary-heroes>.

The event was a huge success. The atmosphere was full of love and support, and the activities and entertainment taking place throughout the night kept us motivated and in good spirits. A huge congratulations and thank you to our team of 'No Ordinary Heroes'.



Mindful Parenting Course

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MINDFUL PARENTING COURSE

With Counsellor Shirley Pastiroff



MINDFUL PARENTING COURSE

In this practical 6 session Mindful parenting course, Shirley Pastiroff (counsellor and mother of 5) teaches effective Mindful parenting solutions that reduce parenting stress, improve relationships and create deep and lasting connections with your children.

CHOOSE YOUR LOCATION

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The Parenting Place
Wed, 8 May 2019
7.30 – 9pm for 6 weeks

St Heliers

St Philips Church
Thu, 9 May 2019
7.30 – 9pm for 6 weeks

COST: \$150, Special couples rate: \$250 per couple



Course facilitator:

Shirley Pastiroff

Counsellor and mum of 5

TESTIMONIALS

"Absolutely fantastic, hugely stimulating and already made a positive impact in our house" – Mum of 2: ages 3 and 2

"Fabulous. Informative. Empowering. Thought-provoking. Inspiring" – Mum of 3: ages 16, 13 and 10

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"All parents should be put on this course" – Dad of 3: ages 10, 7 and 4.

○ Renew Your Mind



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