



Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019

## Kia Ora,

Nau mai, haere mai ki Te Wiki o te Reo Māori ki te Kura tuarua o Glendowie. Welcome to Māori Language Week at Glendowie College. This week we have celebrated the Māori language at the college, including the Haka competition yesterday – one of the highlights of our calendar. Thanks to the student leaders who led their houses and made this wonderful event happen.

### Head Prefects

I am pleased to announce our Head and Deputy Head Prefects for 2020. Congratulations to:

- Meghana Bandlamudi (Head Prefect)
- Avinaash Krishnan (Head Prefect)
- Maggie Gibson (Deputy Head Prefect)
- Sean Gibbs (Deputy Head Prefect)

I and the other staff involved in selecting these positions were impressed with the calibre of all applicants. I look forward to working with Meghana, Avinaash, Maggie, Sean and the other prefects in 2020.

### Goodbye Term 3

As always, it is hard to believe that the term is finished. A lot has happened, thanks to the work of staff, students and volunteers. Each year, we have annual goals that we prioritise with the Board. Below is some brief feedback on our 2019 goals:

#### • Implementing the Middle Years Programme (MYP)

This year, teachers taught MYP across the whole year 9 curriculum with newly designed reports to parents. We also expanded the community project to more year 10 students. The MYP continues to focus our professional learning and development for staff.

#### • Endorsements and Scholarships

We have identified and supported students on the cusp of gaining NCEA Endorsed with Merit or Excellence, and continued to support students aiming to gain a NZ Scholarship. In the last two weeks, we have run scholarship workshops, including a special Scholarship Writing workshop.

#### • Wellbeing

Gordon Robertson and Andrea Curtis have led the development of a wellbeing framework at the college, with Wednesday professional learning dedicated to staff wellbeing. Beyond being a good employer, our logic is that staff are better equipped to support students when they are well. We had Jake Bailey, former Head Student at Christchurch Boys High School and now public speaker, speak to staff and students about his personal experiences and thoughts on wellbeing.



## Upcoming Events:

### September

28-20ct Spring Rowing Camp

### October

- 9-11 Duke of Edinburgh Silver Tramp
- 12 Bennett Shield Rowing Regatta
- 14 Start of Term 4
- 17 Service Awards  
(9:35am-11:05pm, Hall)
- 17 Parents' Association Meeting  
(7pm-9pm, Staffroom)
- 22 Taurere Whānau Meeting  
(6:30pm-8:30pm, Staffroom)
- 22 Leavers' Concert  
(7pm-10pm, Hall)
- 23 Board of Trustees Meeting  
(6pm-9pm, Boardroom)
- 24 Sports Awards  
(7pm-10pm, Hall)
- 30 Senior Prizegiving  
(7pm-10pm, Hall)

### November

- 8-3Dec NCEA Exams
- 14-19 Junior Exams
- 20 Board of Trustees Meeting  
(6pm-9pm, Boardroom)
- 21 Teacher Only Day

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



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## Building Projects

We also began two major building projects, the new Science Block and the new Weights Room / Garages. We are now planning for the next stage of our Campus Vision, which we hope to roll straight into following the construction of the Science Block.



## Arts Awards

Last night, we celebrated the arts at Glendowie College. It has been a fantastic year in Arts, with new staff joining our team and continuing to provide a wide range of high quality opportunities for our students. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Arts in some way in 2019, especially our leaders – Clare Jennings (Faculty Leader), Andrew Lile (Head of Music) and Adele Whittaker (Head of Visual Arts).

## Holidays

At assembly last week, I spoke briefly to senior students to ensure that they carve out some time during the holidays to rest and unwind, and to start preparing for NCEA. Both are important.

Next term, there is only 2½ weeks of school for seniors, and only 3½ weeks before NCEA exams start. Through their internal and external (school exam) results, students will have a clear idea of how they are placed to achieve in NCEA this year and what they need to do to succeed.

If your child does not have a plan now, take some time to talk with him or her about what they need to focus on and when they are going to do this. They should be clear about what standards they will sit in the NCEA exams, and what content they need to study to be ready for these.

I hope that you and your whānau enjoy a restful holiday period.

**Ngā mihi nui,  
Richard Dykes  
Principal**

## Parking

Construction work is now underway on the new Weights Room / Garages project and the new Science Block.

Please do not drive into or park within Gate 3 as it is now an MOE restricted construction site.

A reminder too that Gates 1 and 2 should not be used for school drop off or pick ups. Please use car parks on the roadside.

Your co-operation is very much appreciated.

**Ms Lisa Davis-Miller, Business Manager**



## School Accounts

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It has come to our attention that you may have school statements dropping into your 'Junk'/'Spam' mailbox. Please check your 'Junk'/'Spam' mail for the latest batch of statements sent on 11 September 2019.

You can also check your account balance on the Portal [here](#).

Please contact me on [hyd@gdc.school.nz](mailto:hyd@gdc.school.nz) or in person at the Accounts Office from 10am to 4pm if you have any queries.

*Mrs Bernadette Hyde, Accounts Receivable*

## Leavers' Concert – Tuesday, 22 October 2019

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## Senior Prizegiving – Wednesday, 30 October 2019

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This is the academic highlight of the year when we honour our students' academic achievement. It is also the last opportunity for school leavers to celebrate the achievement of their peers.

All year 13 students are expected to attend, whether or not they will be receiving a prize at the ceremony.

Details for the evening are:

- Venue:** Glendowie College Hall  
**Date:** Wednesday 30 October 2019, 7:00pm – 9:00pm  
**Start:** Please be seated in the Hall by 6:50pm  
**Cost:** Entry is free  
**Parking:** Please park outside school grounds, as the school car park will be full



## **Graduation (Leavers') Dinner – Wednesday, 4 December 2019**

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This evening celebrates all year 13 students and what they have achieved in their time at Glendowie College. It is our last formal farewell.

Details for the evening are:

**Venue:** Guinness Ballroom, 3<sup>rd</sup> Level Ellerslie Stand, Ellerslie Event Centre  
**Date:** Wednesday, 4 December 2018, 7:30pm – 11:00pm  
**Start:** Doors open at 7:00pm ready to serve dinner at 7:30pm  
**Cost:** \$73 per person

Please note that as a school function, this event is alcohol-free. Same as the College Ball, it is expected that attendees do not drink alcohol before coming to the event. We appreciate your support of this school policy.

Tickets for this evening must be purchased and paid for by Friday, 1 November 2019. As ticket numbers are limited, please purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

If you wish to pay by internet banking, the details are:

**ASB Account:** 12-3027-0364377-00  
**Reference:** Graduation – “student name”

## **Free Adolescent Dental Care and Year 13 Students' Immunisation**

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We would like to stress that teenagers are eligible for an annual **FREE** dental exam until they turn 18. A limited number of dental practitioners offer this free service. In the Glendowie area, we have been informed that it is offered by:

EastMed Dental – 188 St Heliers Bay Road  
Glendowie Dental Centre – 106 West Tamaki Road  
Kohimarama Dental Centre – 303C Kapa Road  
St Heliers Dental Centre – 413A Tamaki Drive

To our knowledge, other dental practices in the area are not part of the Ministry of Health Dental Benefits Scheme, so students attending these practices would be charged for any dental treatment.

To enrol in the Ministry of Health Dental Scheme, the following process must be undertaken. Parents need to contact a dental practice participating in the scheme, make a first appointment and enrol your child with that dental practice. Once enrolled, the dental practitioner will see your child annually until they turn 18 and undertake any necessary dental work.

If you require any further information, please contact the relevant dental practice or look on their website.

**It is also important that Year 13 students take advantage of their final free treatment before they turn 18 or leave school. The Dental Benefits Scheme does provide for one final extra check-up before the student turns 18.**

**As well, a reminder to all Year 13 students, please have your immunisation up to date before you go to universities.**



## Parents' Association

SAVE THE DATE

2020 FUN RUN – SUNDAY 22 MARCH – DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN TERM 4

The poster features a blue background with a white silhouette of a runner on the right. Below the runner are silhouettes of other participants. The text '5k or 10k' is written in a smaller font above the large 'FUN' text. The words 'walk-run' are in a cursive font below 'FUN'. At the bottom, there are three circular callouts: a blue one for 'Raffles Spot Prizes', a green one for 'BBQ Café - crepes/cakes/ coffee', and a red one for '\$10 per person or \$30 per family'. The date 'Sunday 22 March' and location '9.45 am • Glendowie College • Crossfield Rd' are listed below. A registration details box is at the very bottom.

GLENDOWIE COLLEGE FUNDRAISER

MANY THANKS TO OUR MAJOR SPONSORS:

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CREATING IDENTITY

new balance

5k or 10k  
**FUN**  
walk-run

Raffles  
Spot Prizes

BBQ  
Café -  
crepes/cakes/  
coffee

\$10 per  
person or  
\$30 per  
family

**Sunday 22 March**  
9.45 am • Glendowie College • Crossfield Rd

Registration Details to come term 4



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## \$18K

Huge thanks to our community. This year the PA has raised \$18K via our events – Movie Night, Guest Speaker, Entertainment Book, Fotoman and the Big Wine Out.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 17 October 2019 in the staffroom. We hope to see you there!

*Sara Haddon, Parents' Association Chairperson*

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

## Year 13 Fun Day

Today, 27 September 2019, is the Year 13 Fun Day. It is a day planned by the students for the students. There is a range of activities from Bubble Ball Soccer, Bouncing Castle and Multi-Sports, and some students are making enrichment toys for the animals at SPCA. The highlight of the day is the Year 13 vs Staff Football match. A bit of fun before their external exams!



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## New Zealand Secondary Schools Swimming Championships



The Glendowie College Swim Team is shaping up to be one of the college's most successful teams this year.

On Friday 13 September 2019, while most of the other sports teams were returning from their successful tournament week, Finlay Walker (9HUM), LouLou Penman (9WAL) and I headed down to Hamilton to compete in the 2019 New Zealand Secondary Schools Swimming Championships.

The New Zealand Secondary Schools Swimming Championships is an annual competition where New Zealand's best high-school-age swimmers come together to compete for national titles.

The weekend started off with a high in Event Ten; the 'Female 200m Breaststroke'. LouLou smashed her seed time by seven seconds. This was an incredible time which gained her a well deserved Bronze medal.

Event Twenty-one was the 'Male 100m Breaststroke'. Finlay gave his all in a tough race. His efforts resulted in him improving upon his seed time, giving him a new personal best time. The next event was the 'Female 100m Breaststroke', where LouLou gained another medal for the college. The four-second improvement over her seed time rewarded her with another Bronze medal.

One of the final events of the weekend was the '100m Butterfly', which is one of my preferred races. I improved my seed time and gained a Silver medal.

It was an extremely successful competition, where we achieved one Silver medal, two Bronze medals and ten personal best times. Some of our team members will be competing in the New Zealand Short Course Championships during the first week of the holidays. Good luck everyone!

**Sean Gibbs (12PTW)**



## Building and Construction Apprenticeships' (BCITO) Inaugural Building, Construction, and Allied Trades Skills (BCATS) Photo Competition

Congratulations to the Glendowie College team of Paige Sturgess (13SOH), Tom Sullivan (13JAN) and Matthew Brewer (13JAN), who won the BCATS 'Project in a Workshop/Indoor School Environment Category' with their weatherboard letter boxes. Although there were many incredible entries which showcased New Zealand's school talent and skill, their entry was the one that stood out to beat all the other BCITO entries in NZ.

Well done Paige, Tom and Matthew!

**Miss Robyn Lewis, Faculty Leader Technology**



In Year 13 BCATS, we have been making weatherboard letter boxes for our Level 3 BCATS project, with limited supervision from our teacher, Mr Pavarno. A broad range of tools, equipment, machinery and materials were used, similar to what would be used on a building site.

All the letterboxes have building wrap to protect them from moisture, and a cavity system in place. There are also rodent strips along the bottom of the framing.

The best part about the project was that we could use our own design, so no two boxes look alike. Some boxes have corners, so we had to mark out and hand cut scribes to fit, others have soakers on the corners. We made our decisions on the design, such as the height of the shelf, the letter slot and the roof of the letter box.

We knew exactly how much material to order as all the boxes had the same dimensions, so this made it very cost effective, leaving as little waste as possible.

Three of us entered the BCITO photo competition as a group. To enter, we had to include 5 photos, one of which had to show us with our letter boxes together with a brief description of what we had been doing during the year. There was an opportunity for us to win 1 out of 6 Level 3 categories across the whole of New Zealand.

**Paige Sturgess (13SOH)**

## The Lions Young Ambassador Awards Evening



(L to R) Mr JP Keshav, Mrs B Rothbart, Eilish Wood and Ms Lorna Shennan (Eilish's mother)

The Lions Club of Bucklands Beach hosted the Lions Young Ambassador Awards Evening at the Bucklands Beach Yacht Club, Half Moon Bay on Wednesday, 4 September 2019.

Eilish Wood, our Deputy Head Prefect, was one of the top five candidates. She gave an amazing speech which was well received.

Congratulations and well done Eilish!

**Mr JP Keshav, Ruaumoko House Dean**



## North Island Snowboarding Championships

An inaugural team of four snowboarders, Ethan Bakkerus (11KIM), Daniel Bohinc (13KNG), Jackson Cardy (10THR) and Sam Luff (10SAN), represented Glendowie College at the North Island Snowboarding Championship (23-25 September 2019). We arrived at Turoa on Friday night and warmed up with stunning bluebird skies and awesome snow coverage on the slopes.

The competition started on Monday with the 'Banked Slalom' and 'Slope Style' events. 'Banked Slalom' was a half-pipe with 12 dual flags and 'Slope Style' was held over 3 jumps and 1 rail, allowing for lots of action. Daniel Bohinc (13KNG), our Team Coach, was a top performer at the event and came 6<sup>th</sup> in 'Banked Slalom' and 4<sup>th</sup> in the qualifying round of the 'Slope Style'. The senior final was the last event of the day, and with almost no visibility, Daniel still executed a spectacular run and was awarded tie 6<sup>th</sup> place overall.

Unfortunately, 'Boarder Cross' was cancelled on Tuesday due to weather, however the prize giving and games night, hosted by Mt Ruapehu College, was great and reflected the social and collegiate atmosphere at the event. It was good to see the boarding community come together and support each other in such a positive way, and we are already looking forward to 2020 to do it all again!

A special thanks to parents Darko Bohinc and Kerry Bakkerus who provided invaluable support.

*Mrs Sarrah Shapley, Teacher in Charge*



## Youth Voting



As part of our current unit of inquiry in Social Studies, Global Citizens, all Year 10 students participated in the Auckland Council Youth Voting programme. This programme has gained recent media attention and is one of the strategies that local council is using to increase students' interest and involvement in local government. Students learned about rights, roles and responsibilities in different political systems, and why it is important to exercise the fundamental democratic right of voting in our political system. Results of the Youth Voting programme will be published following the local council elections.

*Ms Philippa Jones, Faculty Leader Social Sciences*





## Globalistas in Action (GIA)

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As a result of my involvement in the Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) visit to Argentina earlier this year, I was invited to 'Globalistas in Action', which was held over the weekend of 30 August 2019 in Wellington.

Like Matthew Bilby's (12TBS) opportunity at the 'Entrepreneurs in Action' weekend in July, it was an extremely intense weekend.

Over 30 YES and ex-YES students were asked to compete in this challenge. We were divided into eight teams and were given our challenge. Our business was 'Vaka Interactiv', which is a 'storytelling tech company who bring stories to life'. We had to create a market entrance strategy for a pre-selected New Zealand business into Latin America.

Three workshops took place – one with Latin American ambassadors, one for market entrance into international locations, and one with small-to-medium business marketing strategies. After the workshops, we were free to work on our 5-minute presentation for Sunday.

We were ready to present after two 16-hour long days. Given a lecture theatre at the Victoria Business School, my team was set to pitch at 10 am.

There were some tough questions from the judging panel. I am incredibly proud of our team, who although unable to secure first place in the competition, were runner-ups.

I would like to thank 'Young Enterprise New Zealand', as well as Mrs Harduar for affording me this opportunity for personal growth and leadership development.

**Sean Gibbs (12PTW)**

## Equal Justice Presentation - "Hate Speech"

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In Social Studies, we study about being a 'Global Citizen'. This week, 10 Indigo and 10 Blue had the privilege of attending a presentation about 'Hate Speech'. The talk given by Bex and Afshan, two Auckland University law students, aimed to educate us on the important issue of 'hate speech'.

We were immediately intrigued as the presenters encouraged us to share some of our own stories and talk about this debatable topic. The spectrum of hate speech can start from something as small as laughing along at a joke, which may not mean much, but turn out to be the start of hateful or discriminatory thoughts, which could result in corresponding action – hate crime. This is something New Zealand seen in recent months following the Christchurch mosque attacks. With an event like this, we realised the importance of taking action against hate speech before it gets worse.

Almost everyone has discriminatory thoughts at times, and it is tempting to categorise people because of their certain traits or beliefs. However, how you address these thoughts will make a difference. Bex and Afshan encouraged us to get into the habit of being aware of our thoughts, and to say "No, that's not okay!" As such, we will become 'upstanding' and not 'bystanding' Global Citizens. Thank you to Ms Simpson for organising this insightful presentation.



The Equal Justice Project is a non-partisan pro bono charity that applies law students' legal training and knowledge to promote social equality, inclusivity, and access to justice in our local and wider community.

**Lila Baroumandi (10KHN)**



## Year 13 Biology Auckland Zoo trip

There is no better place in Auckland than the zoo for Biology students!

With this trip, we were able to observe the animal responses, which we had learned about earlier in the year, in real life. The trip has helped broaden our understanding of the external biology topics, such as seeing the monogamous relationship of the Gibbons and the adaptive advantage of tails of the spider monkeys.

At a workshop run by one of the staff from the Zoo, we engaged with more aspects of human evolution. The new lecture halls were epic and well equipped. We got to interact with their to-scale, full-sized skeleton replicas of an ape, *H. sapiens*, as well as the skulls and tools of early hominins such as *Homo neanderthalensis*. The workshop was beneficial as it helped engage visual, audio and kinetic learners.

The trip was a good revision for us as we reaffirmed our knowledge on the different traits of hominin skulls, and how they relate to the different stages of evolution.

We enjoyed the trip because we were able to explore and interact with different parts of the biology externals on our own. Given the opportunity to explore the zoo in groups by ourselves has greatly helped our understanding of biology topics and increase our interest in them.



**Arbel Tenenbaum (13WHI)**



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217 Riddell Rd

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COST: \$150

Special couples rate: \$250 per couple



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