



Friday, 22nd November 2019

Kia ora tātou.

We are now well into NCEA exams with the larger exams such as English and Maths, having been sat by our students. The general feedback from students and staff is positive.

Our junior students have also completed their school exams, and staff are busy with marking and writing reports before school finishes on Thursday 5 December 2019.

Yesterday, our teaching staff participated in a Teacher Only Day. The focus of this day was to finish planning for the full MYP programme in year 10 next year. After a session together discussing some of the 'Approaches to Learning', staff went to their faculties to collaborate on their year 10 units.

I am very excited about the MYP programme. We have had a range of feedback from students, parents and teachers. Students have expressed how they enjoy having a wider choice in their subjects, working in groups and being challenged to work at a high level.

Next year, the IB organisation will send staff to the school on a 'pre-authorisation' visit that ensures we meet the international expectations for IB schools. This is one of the key reasons we chose the IB MYP framework, i.e. it has rigour and accountability.

We are heading into the final two weeks of the year. I look forward to the Leavers' Dinner on Wednesday 4 December and the Junior Prizegiving on Thursday 5 December.

Kia ū ki te pai || Focus on the good

Richard Dykes
Principal



Upcoming Events:

November

- 26-27 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Tramp
- 26-30 Duke of Edinburgh Gold Final Journey
- 27 MYP Parents Information Evening
(7pm-8pm, Library)
- 27 Junior Concert
(7pm-8:30pm, S4 Music Department)
- 29-1Dec Karapiro Club Rowing Regatta

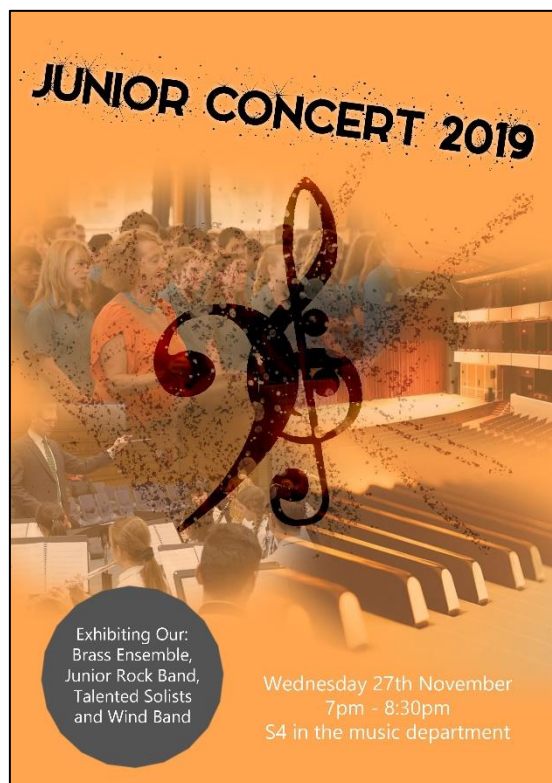
December

- 3 Board of Trustees Meeting
(6pm-7pm, Boardroom)
- 3 2020 Prefects Day
- 4 Year 13 Leavers' Dinner
(7pm-11pm, Ellerslie Event Centre)
- 5 Junior Prizegiving
(10am-12pm, Hall)
- 5-19 Bali Surf Trip (*selected students*)
- 5 End of Term 4

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



Junior Concert 2019 – 27 November 2019 (Wednesday) 7:00pm



MYP Parent Information Evening – 27 November 2019 (Wednesday) 7:00pm

Due to a clash with an event at one of our contributing schools, the date for this event has been changed from Thursday 28 November 2019 to Wednesday 27 November 2019. Please accept our sincere apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Middle Years Programme

Glendowie College

IB Middle Years Programme (MYP)
Parent Information evening.

Who: Parents of Year 8 students attending Glendowie College in 2020
What: Information about the MYP teaching and learning programme for Year 9 and 10
When: Wednesday 27th November, 7 - 8 pm
Where: Glendowie College Library

What is the Middle Years Programme?

What is a concept based inquiry learning?

What will this look like in the classroom?



Junior Academic Prizegiving – 5 December 2019 (Thursday) 10.00am

The annual Junior Prizegiving ceremony will be held at the College on Thursday, 5 December at 10:00am. Parents are warmly invited to attend the ceremony. It would be appreciated if parents were actually seated in the Hall by 9.50am.

Recognition is accorded to students in the Junior School who have excelled academically during 2019. Year 9 and 10 students are required to attend and be in full school uniform. The ceremony will conclude at approximately 11:15am.

Students will return to their Form classes following the prizegiving to collect their belongings and promptly leave the school for the start of the summer holidays. Auckland Transport are unable to provide buses until 3.20pm. The school will run minibuses on the 417 and 418 routes after Prizegiving. Students requiring a ride must record their name at Student Services before Tuesday, 3 December 2019. Otherwise, students can use the public buses.

Students' end-of-year reports will be available on the Parent/Student Portal on Friday, 6 December 2019.

Mr Gordon Robertson, Deputy Principal

School Payments

1. As we approach year-end, we would ask that you please check the Portal for any outstanding balances on your school account. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Bernadette Hyde on hyd@gdc.school.nz or come to the Accounts Office between 10am and 4pm.
2. Statements will be sent out again in the last week of November. Please remember to check your junk/spam mailbox in case they end up there.

Ms Lisa Davis-Miller, Business Manager

Kickboxing Success



Photo: Damyan in red gear executing a turning kick to the upper body of his opponent.

Damyan Ng (11HAW) recently competed in the NZ Kung Fu Wushu National Sanda (Chinese Kickboxing) Championships and won Gold in his age and weight division. As a result, Damyan is currently the NZ National sparring champion of two martial arts – NZ Wushu Kungfu and ITF Taekwon-Do. Well done Damyan!

Miss Fiona Smith, Tangaroa House Dean.



Ethics and Other Animals Workshop - enQuiring Minds Workshop

On Wednesday 20 November 2019, five Year 10 Social Studies students and Mrs McKay went to St Cuthberts College for a workshop led by enQuiring Minds, a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to promoting the skills and knowledge of school students in New Zealand. The workshop was about how climate and environmental change could alter our relationship with animals. We found it interesting, insightful, and we learnt about the role pets play in climate change and whether possible solutions such as genetic modification are ethical or not. Overall, we found that the workshop challenged our thinking, and we enjoyed the learning opportunity it provided us.



*Back Row (left to right): Maia Hall (10NAI), Sarah Kayes (10KHN), Lisa Schubert (10WNS)
Front Row (left to right): Ella Court (10NAI) and Erica Butcher (10SAN)*

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Snowsports in 2020 is Ready to Take Off!



GLENDOWIE COLLEGE SNOWSPORTS PROGRAM
8 WEEK PROGRAM: 11TH FEB — 31ST MARCH
TUESDAY'S 5.15-6.15PM

GROUP LESSON
SUITABLE FOR FIRST TIMERS TO ADVANCED SKIERS OR SNOWBOARDERS
SKI/SNOWBOARD, BOOTS & HELMET RENTAL, INSTRUCTION AND SNOW PASS
\$272

RACE TRAINING
SUITABLE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RACED BEFORE AND ARE LOOKING TO
IMPROVE THEIR SKILLS
\$312

FOR MORE INFO AND TO BOOK FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW:

<https://glendowiecolleget12020.eventdesq.com>

CONTACT Sarrah Shapley sha@gdc.school.nz Aidan Wallace - wal@gdc.school.nz

*Please note to run these programs minimum numbers of students apply

- Can't ski but want to learn?
- Ever considered boarding?
- Wanting to be race ready for boarding or skiing?

Glendowie College in partnership with Snowplanet will offer students lessons from beginner through to advanced level.

For those who are interested in racing or learning to race, this programme is tailored for you. Please visit this link to sign up: <https://glendowiecolleget12020.eventdesq.com>



Parents' Association



Are you looking for a way to give a little back? By giving just a few hours each term, you can be a PA star! It's easy – a couple of meetings each term, help out at a few events, eat cakes and chit chat with other parents, Senior Staff and Board of Trustees members about life at Glendowie College. Many hands make light work!

No applications are required, simply email: gdcparents@gmail.com to join us. The first meeting next year is scheduled for Thursday, 13 February 2020.

Sara Haddon, Parents' Association Chairperson

<https://www.facebook.com/GlendowieCollegeParentsAssociation/> or Gdcparents@gmail.com

Drowning Prevention Auckland

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SPLASH

Break-Away Holiday Programme

11-17yrs

January 2020

FREE School holiday programme - Have fun, make new friends, strengthen your swimming skills and learn how to keep yourself and your mates safer around water. Previous water experience not essential.

1. **West Wave Pool & Leisure (20 Alderman Drive, Henderson)**
2. **Parakai Springs & Hot Pools (150 Parkhurst Road, Parakai)**
3. **Birkenhead Swimsation Pool (140 Birkdale Rd, Birkenhead)**
4. **Point Erin Pool (94 Shelly Beach Rd, Herne Bay)**

Monday 13th, Tue 14th, Wed 15th, Thur 16th January
(Must attend all four days)

9.00am - 2.30pm daily.
Includes FREE lunch

To Register email: Splash@dpanz.org.nz

Spaces are limited and will be filled on a first-in basis. Registration essential.
Drowning Prevention Auckland is the trading name of WaterSafe Auckland.

FREE PROGRAMME

- water safety
- aquatic games
- beach safety
- snorkeling

For more information:
Ph 09 368 5611 or
Email: Splash@dpanz.org.nz

Enrolment forms available from
www.dpanz.org.nz

ORANGA TAMARIKI
Ministry for Children



Parenting Helpline



FREE PARENTING HELPLINE www.parenthelp.org.nz
ALL ISSUES ALL AGES **0800 568 856**

St Heliers/Glendowie Scout Fundraiser

St Heliers/Glendowie Scout Jamboree Fundraiser



Sunday 22 December 10 am

To book tickets go to:

<https://www.trybooking.co.nz/DCT>

Help send our young St Heliers/Glendowie Scouts boys and girls to the Scout Jamboree over the Xmas break.

A Jamboree is a large Scout Camp held every three years at different sites in New Zealand and attended by around 4000 or more Scouts. It runs for 10 nights and is a once in a lifetime experience for these children.

Bring your kids, their friends and come to watch a fantastic movie.

Or take the chance for some last minute Xmas Shopping without the kids, while we supervise them!

Tickets:

\$20 Child, \$25 Adults. General Admission Only.

Tickets includes Drink, Popcorn and a Lolly Bag