



Ngā mihi o te Kirihimete me te Tau Hou Season's Greetings for Christmas and the New Year

This week we have reflected on 2019, and started to look to 2020. We had a wonderful Leavers' Dinner on Wednesday night and the Junior Prizegiving on Thursday morning. Congratulations to all of our prize winners.

We also had next year's Prefects in for a training day, led by Mrs Hewetson, Ms Rothbart and other staff. It was great to see the next generation of leaders and their excitement to take up leadership in 2020.

Looking back, it has been another busy and successful year at Glendowie College. Our students have achieved incredibly well, thanks to the contributions of our student leaders, staff, parents, whānau, and other friends of the school. Together we provide our young people or rangatahi, with an amazing range of opportunities.

On the property front, we opened our new tennis/netball courts and multi turf hockey field, our new Fitness Centre (right) and garages open today for use, and the Science Block is steadily rising. The foundations are almost finished, and work on the walls is planned to start over the holidays.



Over the holidays, we will install a sculpture (left) which was donated to the college by our year 13 students – the class of 2019. This is a beautiful piece of art for our campus and future students.

The school has also been working on our plans for 2020. Next year, our goals are:

- **Junior Curriculum – implement the IB MYP**

Next year we will deliver the full MYP curriculum across years 9 and 10. This has been a long and exciting journey, and we are seeing good results with regard to student achievement, learner agency and greater awareness of global perspectives.



Upcoming Events:

January

- 23 Powhiri Training
(9:30am-3pm Ruapotaka Marae)
- 23 Subject Confirmation
(Year 13, 9:30am-12:30pm, S8)
(Year 12, 1pm-3:30pm, S8)
- 24 Peer Support Leaders Training Day
(Selected Year 12 & Year 13 students, M1)
- 27 Auckland Anniversary Day
(school closed)
- 29 First Day – Year 9 Students' and All New Students in 2019
(8:30am International Students congregate at Reception, 8:45am Year 9 and all new students assemble in Hall)
- 30 All Year Levels commence
(school commences at 8:40am with house meetings, and school finishes at 3:20pm)
- 31 Normal School Day (Day 2)

February

- 6 Waitangi Day
- 12 Year 9 Parents' Information Evening (5pm-6:30pm, Hall)
- 15 Head of Harbour, Auckland Secondary Schools Rowing Championships (Lake Pupuke)
- 17 Swimming Sports

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



- **Wellbeing Framework**

We started work on this in 2019 and will continue this important initiative. The task group has developed a framework that develops students' skills such as emotional awareness and regulation, mindfulness, managing performance and performance stress and relationship skills. It also helps students learn how to take responsibility, be confident in and proud of their identity, accept challenge, and know that no matter what, life can and will get better.

- **Level 1 NCEA**

For reasons articulated in an earlier newsletter, staff are working on a school-based assessment framework to replace Level 1 NCEA in 2021 and which will better prepare students for Levels 2 and 3 NCEA, and NZ Scholarship.

Next year, the school will also embark on the next stage of our Campus Vision.

The Board has agreed to progress the school's plans for a new Learning Centre, Student Wellbeing Centre and Whare Wananga. Our hope is to start construction in 2021 after the new Science Block opens. I will share more information about these important projects in the new year.

You may have heard in the media that the Government promised us and other schools a bonus \$400,000 towards property development. This has come completely out of the blue and is a welcome contribution to the college. We hope to put this toward the Student Wellbeing Centre, which will bring the various student services (guidance, deans, careers, nurse etc) into a single, holistic space for students and whānau to access.

Next year will be another busy and exciting year.

Until then, have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday with whānau and friends. Whether you are holidaying locally or abroad, travel safely and I look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Keep well // *Noho oro mai*

Richard Dykes
Principal

School Administration Office



The school administration office (Reception) is now closed and will re-open at 9:00am on Wednesday, 22 January 2020.



Junior Prizegiving 2019

The 2019 school year concluded with the Junior Prizegiving. This was a very successful occasion where top academic students in each class were recognised as well as overall year level top scholars. A number of special awards were also presented. Congratulations to all prize winners!

Special guest speaker was Cameron Tuckey, former Head Prefect and Dux in 2015. Cameron is currently doing a medical degree at the University of Auckland. Cameron used the summer analogy of 'Slop, slop, slap, wrap' to show how to get the most out of the time at school. To him, 'wrap' was the most important. Cameron emphasised the need to wrap yourself around your friends. With the concerns, today, about mental wellbeing, it is vital that you support and are supported by others. Have others you trust and can share your burdens with to help you get through difficult times.



Jorja Kane
Top Scholar Year 9



Annabel Hankin
Winner of The Trenwith Cup, Top Scholar Year 10 Cup and Junior Mathematics Cup



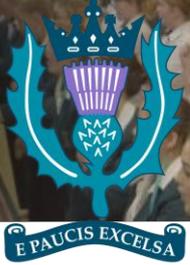
William Massam & Harper Johns-Kerr
Winners of The New Zealand Pride Cup



Abhaya Puthigae
Winner of The Music Shield and The Groves Cup

The Cup and Special Award recipients were:

The Groves Cup – <i>The most outstanding all-rounder in Year 10 for academic, activities and service.</i>	Abhaya Puthigae
The New Zealand Pride Cup – <i>For a high level of pride in school community and country.</i>	William Massam & Harper Johns-Kerr
The Rothbart Cup – <i>For displaying significant entrepreneurial ability.</i>	Lila Baroumandi
Top Scholar Year 9 Cup	Jorja Kane
Top Scholar Year 10 Cup	Annabel Hankin
Junior Leadership Cup – <i>For showing the greatest leadership in the junior school.</i>	Ella Court
The Trenwith Cup – <i>1st in Year 10 English.</i>	Annabel Hankin
Junior Mathematics Cup	Annabel Hankin
The Year 10 Social Studies Prize – <i>For all round excellence in Social Studies and a high level of engagement with current social issues.</i>	Danielle McComish
The Hauora Cup – <i>Best Boy in Physical Education.</i>	Ralph Balazo
Miss Griff Trophy – <i>Best Girl in Physical Education.</i>	Sophie Strang
Junior Art Cup – <i>Most Promising Junior Art Award.</i>	Zakkary Haddon
Music Shield	Abhaya Puthigae
Graphics Cup – <i>Overall effort in Year 10 Graphics.</i>	Samuel Luff



The Cup and Special Award recipients (continued):

Junior Languages Cup	Charlie Peng
The Gibb Cup – Year 9 Social Studies Inquiry Work Winner.	Zoe Paterson
Speech Cup – Year 9	Samuel Somerville
Speech Cup – Year 10	Rylee Underwood
Diligence Award – Year 9	Ruohan Wang
Diligence Award – Year 10	Sophia Ong
Lino Nelisi Junior Reading Award	Asta McMahon
ESL Reading Award	Bach Chinh Kha

A full list of the Junior Subject Prize-winners may be downloaded [here](#).

Mr Gordon Robertson, Deputy Principal

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Sharon Hewetson and Ms Fiona Smith who have completed the Masters in Educational Leadership (with Distinction) from Auckland University of Technology (AUT). Both staff have worked on this part-time while they continued to work full time, and we are very proud of their achievement. It is great to see our staff expand their educational knowledge and apply it at Glendowie College.



Mr Richard Dykes, Principal

GDC's Proud Moment



Congratulations to Sean Gibbs (12PTW) who received the Kiwibank Hero Medal at Emirates Team New Zealand on 27 November 2019. It was an amazing evening with a room filled with "heroes".

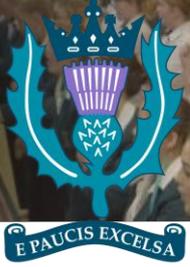
Well done Sean. You have made us proud!

Peter McKenzie Scholarship 2019

Hollie Thomlinson was awarded the 'Peter McKenzie Accounting Scholarship' for 2019. It is a joint scholarship from Deloitte and St Johns Rotary Club presented in memory of Peter McKenzie, who was a partner in Deloitte and a member of the St Johns Rotary Club. Hollie will attend University in Christchurch in 2020 and she intends to major in Accounting and Management.



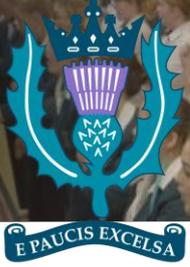
Ms Noeline Doherty, Mathematics Faculty



Leavers' Dinner 2019

Over 300 students, parents and staff members attended the Leavers' Dinner at Alexandra Park on Wednesday, 4 December 2019. It was a truly memorable evening, filled with heartfelt speeches, great food and graduation certificates! A big thank you to all the staff who helped make this evening successful and enjoyable. Special thanks to Mrs Bridget Rothbart for her superb organisation and dedication. All the best year 13, it has been a pleasure!





2020 Prefects Training Day



On Tuesday 3 December, all prefects for 2020 spent the day together getting to know one another, learning about themselves as leaders and spending time planning for next year. Special thanks to Mr Thompson, the Deans, Ms Chase and Mrs Richardson for their contributions to the day.

Rūaumoko

The Rūaumoko house prefects for 2020 aim to promote in-house and school-wide participation in sports-based house competitions, academic and arts. We, as prefects for 2020, would like to build on our house culture and pride created in the last couple of years, as well as encourage students to get to know one another, honour and feel proud to belong to the Rūaumoko house family. We would like to create positive personal relationships across all year levels and have a better understanding of the history behind the name of our house.

Tangaroa

2020 is looking to be an exciting year for Tangaroa house! Tangaroa took out a close second place throughout the morning's team building activities on the day, where the different leadership styles within our small family became obvious. With guidance from facilitators, Mrs Hewetson and Ms Rothbart, we learned how these differences could actually become our strengths. Our leadership styles, although different and unique to each prefect, balance and compliment one another. As a group, we formed a cohesive vision for our house, which we believe will allow for growth and will support all Tangaroians in 2020. Our new house values include but are not limited to resilience, inclusion, pride and optimism. We hope to take these values and guide our house to victory next year, keep an eye out for Tangaroa!

Tāwhirimātea

Prefect Day was an awesome introduction to the role of Tāwhirimātea Prefects. We kickstarted the day with team building, ranging from making tea to putting up a tent blindfolded! The friendly competition motivated us to work together, but more importantly we learned how we mesh as a group. Discussing different styles of leadership enabled us to recognise the different strengths and weaknesses we have. Learning about the history of Tāwhirimātea was a highlight, and this helped us get in touch with our school and country's culture. Overall, Prefect Day was not only heaps of fun, but it also helped prepare us for next year (and to win the House Cup!). Other houses...watch out!

Tāne Mahuta

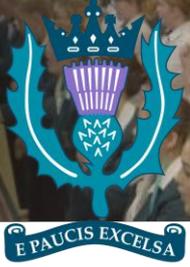
We learnt many new things in Tāne Mahuta house on the Prefects training day. The highlight of the day was the team-building challenges in a race against the other houses. The tasks included navigating through a 'minefield,' solving a tricky puzzle, and building a tent blindfolded. We realised the importance of clear communication and working with everyone's strengths in the group. After winning the race, we learnt about the legends of the Gods, which our school houses are named after. Tāne Mahuta was the strongest of all Papatuanuku and Ranginui's children as he pushed them apart to bring light into our world. We also learnt about the different leadership styles and discovered the variety we have within our leadership team. Overall, the day was a great success and everyone came out of it with new knowledge and high spirits for next year, the perfect start for Tāne Mahuta.

Mrs Sharon Hewetson, Deputy Principal

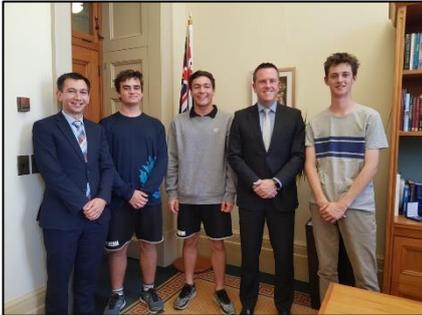
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CloudMass



CloudMass finished the year with their final pitch at the Nationals in Wellington. Finishing in the top 10, the team has great aspirations for next year. The trip to Wellington concluded with a visit to the NZ Parliament and a warm welcome from Mr Simon O'Connor's office as well as the opportunity of meeting with other MPs including Mr Simeon Brown, which added to the excitement for the CloudMass Directors.



Thank you YES for a wonderful year and our heartfelt thanks to all the supporters and especially to the parents of our CloudMass Directors!

Watch this space for more on CloudMass next year!



Mrs Pritika Harduar, YES Teacher-in-Charge

BEAMS Level up Year 10

BEAMS is the acronym for Business, Engineering, Architecture, Medicine and Science. On 25 November 2019, six of our Year 10 students, Elsie Richardson, Amy Friery, Eden Wood, Rylee Underwood, Elisana Waaka and Lucy Witehira, accompanied by Mrs Thomas attended this event at Auckland University.

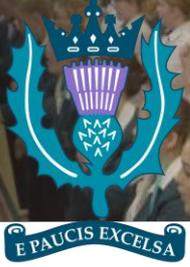
The purpose of the day was to engage Māori and Pasifika students in programmes within the University where Māori and Pasifika are under-represented.

The day began with a mihi whakatau from Dr Hirini Kaa followed by a welcome address from Professor Damon Salesa, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Pacific). The day consisted of interactive workshops exploring these different programmes. The favourite workshop was Engineering, which involved constructing a tower from spaghetti and marshmallows! The Medicine workshop had four workstations and involved putting bodies back together, the use of a stethoscope and testing reflexes. The Science workshop was computer science and the students had the experience of basic programming.

As part of the day, there was also a Teachers forum. The aim of this forum was to create an opportunity to share ideas, knowledge and network to build stronger connections between the schools and the university.

We trust that our students will take advantage of the opportunities offered to them when they become available.

Mrs Ginny Thomas, Māori and Pasifika Mentor



Language News

It has been a festive end of year in our junior language classes. In the German department, our Year 10 students had the opportunity to practice their food and drink ordering skills when we visited Carinthia Restaurant and Patisserie to indulge in some delicious apple strudel.



In the past week, they have also been busy creating gingerbread houses, these were baked at home and assembled at school, it was a lovely insight into just one of the many cozy German Christmas traditions.



One of the Year 9 classes experienced a traditional German breakfast, authentic German bread and rolls were brought in from Brotzeit (in Ponsonby) and they enjoyed it with a range of cheeses, cold meats, spreads and drinks.

Four of our Year 12 students are trading their summer holidays to experience the real deal on a winter adventure in Germany. They will spend 7 weeks living with host families, discovering the German school system and experiencing the magic of a German Christmas first hand. Viel Spaß Sam, Lauren, Piper and Ruby – don't forget to pack your warmest jacket!

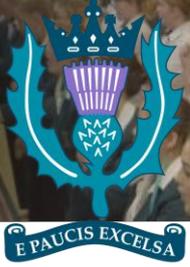
Ms Anna Vincent, Faculty Leader Languages

Piñata Making – 10 Spanish



In Spain, piñatas are a significant party past-time used to represent the abolishment of the seven deadly sins. In our year 10 Spanish class, we have spent the past few weeks researching the history and significance of the piñata as well as the method and equipment needed to make one. On Tuesday and Wednesday, we put our research to the test and made our own piñatas containing confetti and lollies! Overall, it was a very fulfilling experience to learn about and participate in Spanish culture.

Sophie Glasgow-Palmer (10GEE)



Starship Hospital

The 9BLUE Social Studies class has enjoyed learning about significant people from around the world, and how their ideas and actions have improved people's lives or helped solve national or global issues. We have been inspired by their caring acts in the world.

For the last few weeks of school, we decided to take action to help others in need by donating a new present for a child or teenager in Starship Hospital over Christmas. We collected our presents on Tuesday this week, and hope that these presents will make Christmas a little brighter for those children who are unwell.

Thank you to the parents of 9BLUE for supporting our endeavour and well done to all the students involved.



Mrs Celia Finn, Social Sciences Faculty

Parents' Association

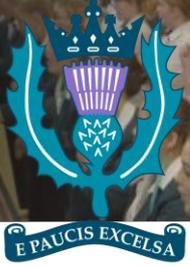


Are you looking for a way to give a little back? By giving just a few hours each term, you can be a PA star! It's easy – a couple of meetings each term, help out at a few events, eat cakes and chit chat with other parents, Senior Staff and Board of Trustee members about life at Glendowie College. Many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



Uniform Shop Hours



GLENDOWIE COLLEGE UNIFORM SHOP EXTENDED HOURS FOR 2019/2020

21 Crossfield Road (Gate 3)

Ph: 575-9128 extension 142

Email: uniformshop@gdc.school.nz

As it is very busy at the beginning of the school year, new students are advised to purchase their uniform on the following days:

Monday	13 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	Surnames A – L
Tuesday	14 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	Surnames M – Z
Wednesday	15 January	12.30pm – 4.00pm	Surnames A - L
Thursday	16 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	Surnames M - Z
Friday	17 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	All students
Monday	20 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	All students
Tuesday	21 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	All students
Wednesday	22 January	12.30pm – 6.00pm	All students (Open until 6.00pm)
Thursday	23 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	All students
Friday	24 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	All students
Monday	27 January	CLOSED	AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY DAY
Tuesday	28 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	All students
Wednesday	29 January	9.00am – 12.30pm	International Students <u>ONLY</u>
Thursday	30 January	12.30pm – 2.30pm	All students
Saturday	1 February	9.00am – 11.00am	All students

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be parking available from Monday, 13 January 2020 in the Staff Carpark at Gate 3.

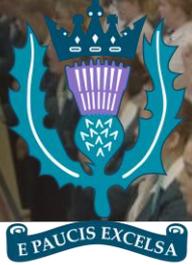
Normal Uniform Shop trading hours then resume

Tuesdays 8.00am – 9.00am and 12.30pm – 2.30pm

Thursdays 12.30pm – 2.30pm

First Saturday of the month 9.00am – 11.00am (except on long weekends or in the school holidays)

Payment can be made by cash, cheque, eftpos or credit card



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

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OR

RACE TRAINING

SUITABLE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RACED BEFORE AND ARE LOOKING TO
IMPROVE THEIR SKILLS

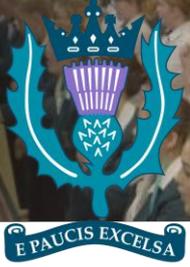
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FOR MORE INFO AND TO BOOK FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW:

<https://glendowiecolleget12020.eventdesq.com>

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



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