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Friday, 21st February 2020

Tēnā Koutou

Thank you to our parents and whānau who came into school on Tuesday or Wednesday this week to meet with your child's form teacher. These are a very important part of students' academic journey this year, and it was great to see the high turn-out by students and parents.



The school is now well into term 1, with lots going on. Last Monday, we had Swimming Sports. Congratulations to all who participated and especially to those who won their races. Rūaumoko took out the House Trophy, the first of the major house prizes for the year. Today we have Athletics Day, and next week we have year 9 camps, followed by Summerfest in week 6 and the year 9 and 10 social evening in week 7. There are also many course trips occurring this term.

I encourage you to help your child use their school diary/planner to keep track of homework, assessments, co-curricular activities, etc.

Keep Up With The Play

I am keen to see all Glendowie College students involved in at least one co-curricular activity this year, whether this is sports, arts, service or leadership. The Board has supported this initiative by increasing its funding for sports staff at the school.

Our sports programme is equally focussed on students achieving at the highest level and increasing participation and fun.

Last year, we worked with Sports New Zealand and the major codes in New Zealand to help them develop a marketing campaign to encourage more young people into sport. They will be launching this next week in a digital media campaign called 'Keep Up with the Play'. Some of our junior students starred in the campaign's videos. Students were given a preview of the campaign at assembly this week. The campaign goes live next week, and we will share the links then.

Vaping and Toilets

I met with the Parents' Association and heard their concerns (on behalf of other parents) around students vaping at the college, and students wanting to feel safe going to the toilet. I take the matter seriously and am working with staff and other agencies to address it.

Upcoming Events:

February

- 24-26 Year 9 Camp
- 27 PPTA Paid Union Meeting (*school finishes at 1:05pm*)
- 27 Central Eastern Zone Swimming Competition

March

- 2-6 Summerfest
- 5 Taurere Whānau Meeting (*6:30pm-8:30pm, Staffroom*)
- 7-8 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Tramp
- 10 Year 9 & 10 Social Evening (*7pm-10pm, Hall*)
- 12 Parents' Association Meeting (*7pm-9pm, Staffroom*)
- 12-15 NISSC Rowing Championships (*Lake Karapiro*)
- 17 Scholarship Parents Information Evening (*6pm-8pm, Staffroom*)
- 18 Board of Trustees Meeting (*6pm-9pm, Boardroom*)
- 22 Fun Walk/Run (*9:45am-1pm, Gate 3, Glendowie College*)
- 25 Year 13 Prefects Leadership Conference (*All day, Vodafone Events Centre*)
- 27-5Apr Maadi Cup Rowing Regatta (*Lake Ruataniwha*)
- 30-3Apr Summer Tournament Week

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



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With regard to vaping, this is sadly a re-run of tobacco smoking several years ago. I have worked with agencies such as the NZ Cancer Foundation and Asthma Foundation to lobby the government for better laws and better information for our young people – many of whom believe vaping is safe. It is not!

Vaping is a NZ (and world) wide issue. I have talked to principals from private and state schools who face similar, if not worse scenarios. The good news is that the number of students vaping at Glendowie College seem to be lower this year. But, I and many others want to see us become totally smoke and vape free. We did it with tobacco, and we can do it with vapes.

It is a shared problem. Some parents have asked if we can randomly check students for vapes as they arrive at school. Legally, we cannot do this nor do I want to. However, we are increasing our duty staff at interval and lunch, especially around toilets to help students feel safe. We are also doing the best we can to educate students about the risks of vaping.

I encourage you to also have the conversation at home about the danger of vaping (visit [dontgetsuckedin](#) for more facts from the Asthma Foundation), and be alert for evidence for vape devices. They are small and look like a small USB stick or mobile phone battery. Contact your child's Dean if you have any questions or concerns.

Six years ago I was amazed to arrive at Glendowie College and learn that no students smoked (according to the ASH anonymous survey). Together, let's go one better and be a smokefree and vapefree community.

Richard Dykes
Principal

PPTA Union Meeting – Thursday, 27 February 2020 1:20pm – 3:20pm

The Board Chairperson and the Principal have been notified that members of the PPTA have been directed to attend a Union Meeing under Section 26 of the Employment Relations Act 2000. The meeting will be held on Thursday, 27 February 2020. As a result, school will finish at 1:05pm on that day. The meeting is to consult with members about the changes to Teachers Council fees. As the majority of the teaching staff are PPTA members, there will not be sufficient staff to carry on the usual teaching programme.

There will be supervision by non-PPTA members of students remaining at the school for whom no alternative arrangements can be made. Auckland Transport are no longer able to organise buses for an earlier departure time. Students using buses are to either catch public buses or wait at school until 3:20pm for the usual departure time of the school buses.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this contracted Union Meeting.

Mr Gordon Robertson, Deputy Principal (Student Services)



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Board of Trustees Update

A warm welcome from the Board of Trustees to our school community, especially to new students, families and staff. The beginning of a school year is generally a whirlwind of activity, and 2020 is no exception. Reading this newsletter gives great insight into the myriad of activities that have kicked off Glendowie College's new school year.

From the Board's perspective, the 2020 external environment is looking like a year of flux, with legislative changes, the usual election year inertia, and the uncertainty of coronavirus. We have not seen external factors of this magnitude affecting our school and the wider school community for many years. Nevertheless, we continue with our campus vision for the school. The fitness centre has been completed, the science block is well underway, and initial planning for a coordinated wellness centre has begun.

On the academic front, our students are achieving excellent results overall. The number of scholarships achieved in 2019 was a school record, the percentage of students gaining NCEA with endorsements is considerably above the New Zealand average as is the percentage of students achieving NCEA at the three levels. Congratulations to senior students for their collective results, and our gratitude to our amazing teaching staff who teach, assist, inspire and motivate our students to achieve to such high levels.

Finally, a word on the school donation. Your donation plays an incredibly important role in enabling the school to provide "more and better" for our students. Without it we will struggle to keep making the many small and big improvements across school life. The \$550 donation for one student, or \$880 for a family, is excellent value for money and probably the best investment you can make right now for your children. The Board of Trustees' commitment is to ensure the school is providing the best academic and co-curricular experiences it possibly can. We can only keep doing this with your commitment to pay the school donation. Thank you.

Mr Garry Iwill, Board Chairperson

ura Pō Māori - Māori Night Classes for Adults

This year Glendowie College will be running Te Reo Māori Classes for Beginners and these will be specifically targeted at those who have zero to basic knowledge. The aim is to participate in the Crown's Language Strategy Plan of having one million speakers of Te Reo Māori by 2040.

What will this look like for us? We will view your life through a Māori lens by learning how to greet others, introduce yourself and use basic kōrero/conversation in Te Reo Māori. In addition, you will learn karakia/prayers, waiata/songs, and some tikanga/customs along the way. Our classes will run every Tuesday for each term.

- Start:** **25 February 2020 (Tuesday)**
- Meet and greet, and go over the programme etc
- Where:** **Glendowie College**
- Meet up in the staff room first
- Time:** **6:00pm - 7:30pm**
- Cost:** **\$20 (To cover photocopying costs)**
- Need to Bring:** **Exercise Book and Device**
- For taking notes and completing tasks

If you would like to learn Te Reo Māori, but you are scared or don't know how to take the leap, Nau Mai Haere Mai (welcome!), this class is for you. If you wish to know more, need some encouragement to join, or are keen to participate, please email myself at che@gdc.school.nz

Ngā manaakitanga (with kindness), Melisa Chase, Kaiako Reo Māori ki Glendowie (Glendowie Māori Teacher)



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Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

For students who are interested in participating the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award this year, please visit this link on the college website <http://www.gdc.school.nz/co-curricular/leadership/duke-of-edinburgh-award/>. This award is only open to Year 10 students.

Duke of Edinburgh has online enrolment and an online record book. Students will need to enrol and complete the process with online record book, register for the online training and book with Bigfoot Adventures for the first tramp. Please note that the tramps are booked on a first in service. We can only accommodate 30 people per tramp and up to 80 students may enrol for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award programme. All information is on our website.

If you have further questions, please email Mr Richard Thompson on thr@gdc.school.nz

Glendowie College Sports – New Social Media Contact 2020

Please like, follow and share our new sports pages:

- Instagram Page gdcsport
- Facebook Glendowie College Sport

GDC Sports Uniforms – Please return ALL uniforms (from all codes) to the Sports Office for stocktake.

Mrs Lydia Brown, Director of Sports

Student Success – Kahu Hema (13CAR)



Kahu Hema (13CAR) was awarded a scholarship at the end of last year to attend a 5-day ‘hands-on’ experience during the summer holidays at the University of Otago.

Please visit this link (Otago Daily Times) for more details:

<https://www.odt.co.nz/news/dunedin/pupils-get-hands-experience-university-study-options>

Kahu was the student who made the pink colour, which has never seen before. We haven't seen a student that excited about Chemistry ever!!

What a great day at Ōrākei Marae!

80 Glendowie students studying Te Reo Māori spent the day learning how to raranga/weave using harakeke/flax and hearing about the history of Ōrākei.

For many of us, it was their first time on a Marae, so we began with a Pōwhiri/traditional welcome, with Emily Griffith (Year 13), Ava Franklin (Year 12), and RikkiJo Teura (Year 10) leading us on with a karanga, followed by Kahu Hema (Year 13) as our whaikōrero/Male speaker.

A special thanks to Ōrākei Marae for hosting us with their Ngati Whatua aroha. Ngā mihi manaakitanga ki te haukainga o Ngati Whatua.

Thanks to whaea Ms Chase, Mrs Richardson and Mrs Fraser.

Faaia Matagita (13CLO), Alice Webster-McNamee (13KAU), Emily Griffith (13THO), Britney Hansen (13KAU) and Kahu Hema (13CAR)





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Swimming Sports



The annual Inter House Swimming Sports event was held at the Sacred Heart College pool on Monday, 17 February 2020. It was hot and loud but lots of fun, and there were some great performances.

Congratulations to Rūaumoko House who finished first by 3 points!!

Well done to our individual champions!

- Senior Boys Sean Gibbs (Year 13)
- Senior Girls Alanna Chen (Year 13)
- Intermediate Boys Joshua Hughes (Year 11)
- Intermediate Girls Lydia Boyd (Year 12)
- Junior Boys Daniel Hoeglinder (Year 9)
- Junior Girls Zadie Lenton (Year 9)

Thanks for the great house spirit and to all those who helped make this a successful event.

Ms Lydia Brown, Director of Sports



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Parents' Association

Dates of Interest

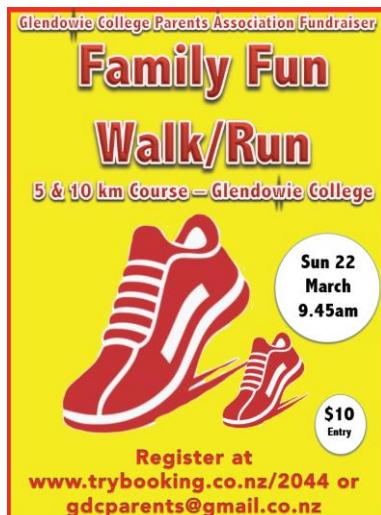
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| 22 March 2020 (Sunday) | Fun Run / Walk |
| 2 June 2020 (Tuesday) | Parent/Teacher/Student Conference – The Parents' Association provides dinner for the teachers |



Student House Competition

- Fun Run / Walk Entry – Only \$5 and 1 point per paid entry.
- Which House will win the most points?
- Which sport will have the most entrants?
- Do girls outnumber boys in entries?
- Will the Seniors outrun the Juniors?
- Lucky Prize draw.

Fun Walk / Run (Sunday, 22 March 2020)



Choose between a 5k or 10k course Run or Walk. The race starts at Gate 3, Crossfield Road on Sunday, 22 March 2020 at 9.45am.

We will have a cafe selling coffee, milkshakes, crepes and muffins. There will also be a sausage sizzle stand open from 9:30am for runners and supporters. We also have some fantastic spot prizes to be won.

For registration, please visit this link: www.trybooking.co.nz/2044

Volunteers Wanted

- We are always looking for bakers for our Cafe.
- We would love to see more parents as marshalls for the race.
- Please contact us on gdcparents@gmail.com if you can help.

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 next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 12 March 2020.

Upcoming Events

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| Parents' Association Meeting | Thursday, 12 March 2020 | 7:00pm – 8:00pm (Staffroom) |
| Fun Run / Walk | Sunday, 22 March 2020 | www.trybooking.co.nz/2044 |

Sara Haddon, Parents' Association Chairperson

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



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Social Bowls

FUN SOCIAL BOWLS



25 Chelmsford Avenue, Glendowie

The Glendowie Bowling Club is pleased to invite students, parents, teachers and friends of Glendowie College to join us at our Monday evening Social Bowls.



Every Monday to 23rd March, 2020.

\$15 (\$10 for students) inclusive of dinner.

Just wear flat-soled shoes.

We play in teams of 3 but glad to have single entries as well

5:00 to 6:00pm Registration and Practice
(bowls and coaching provided)

6:00 to 7:00pm Games

7:00 to 8:00pm Dinner and Prize Giving

Please call Bill (528 8384) or Murray (585 1992) or email glendowiebowls@gmail.com with your entries by noon on the Monday.

If weather looks doubtful, please check the Infoline (575 9383) after 3.30pm.

Outward Bound Courses



OUTWARD BOUND COURSES FOR TEENS

Outward Bound New Zealand is one of Aotearoa's leading providers of personal development in the outdoors. Our adventure-packed courses for teens takes them into nature to develop resilience, courage, determination, and instant life-long friendships. All courses are delivered from our school in **Anakiwa** based in the beautiful Totaranui / Queen Charlotte Sound.

MIND BODY SOUL 16-18 year olds (21 days)

Mon 6 April – Sun 26 April
Wed 01 Jul – Tues 21 Jul
Wed 23 Sep – Tues 13 Oct
Wed 02 Dec – Tues 22 Dec

Mind Body Soul focuses on helping teens build the independence and leadership qualities to make the most of their final school years and take on the new challenges lying ahead with confidence and self belief. Over 21 days you'll experience bush expeditions, water challenges, sea voyages and height activities in stunning scenery.

School Leaders aligns with our Mind Body Soul course but is designed for students transitioning to a leadership role in year 12 or 13.

SCHOOL LEADERS 16-18 year olds (21 days)

Mon 6 April – Sun 26 April

LEAPS & BOUNDS

13-15 year olds & parent/caregiver (8 days)

Wed 8 Apr – Wed 15 Apr
Sun 19 Apr – Sun 26 Apr
Fri 3 Jul – Fri 10 Jul
Tue 14 Jul – Tue 21 Jul
Fri 25 Sept – Fri 02 Oct
Tue 6 Oct – Tue 13 Oct

Leaps & Bounds is the ultimate parent/teen bonding experience. Leave devices at home and reconnect with your teen over 8 days of outdoor challenge and adventure. Together you will problem solve, overcome challenges and celebrate each other's strengths.

To find out more go to outwardbound.co.nz or talk with our friendly team on 0800 688 927.



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Young Women in Public Affairs Award

The Zonta Club of Auckland is calling for applications for the 'Young Women in Public Affairs Award (YWPA)'. The goal of the Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award Programme is to encourage young women to participate in public affairs by recognizing a young woman's commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to the empowerment of women.

Every year, the Zonta Club Auckland receives nominations from incredible candidates supported by their schools. In 2019, we were particularly successful in that the applicant Zonta Auckland selected for the club award also received the New Zealand and International Awards, in total an award of US\$7,000. This year Zonta International will make 10 International YWPA scholarships worth US\$4,000 each available. In addition to the monetary award, Zonta Auckland also grants one year's free membership to the successful applicant.

The application form can be downloaded by using this link <https://www.zonta.org/Media-News/News-Feed/News-Detail/materials-for-2020-young-women-in-public-affairs-award-now-available>

Applications are to be emailed to zontanews@gmail.com and must be submitted by Friday March 6, 2020. If you have any queries or require further information, please contact Irene on irene@ireneking.nz

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**YOUNG WOMEN IN
PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARD**

Recognizing young women for their commitment to volunteerism, volunteer leadership achievements and dedication to empowering women worldwide



1 APPLICATION, 3 OPPORTUNITIES

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| Club award Varies by club | 32 district awards US\$1,500 each | 10 international awards US\$4,000 each |
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Applications must be received by the applicant's local Zonta club's deadline. To locate a club near you and download an application, please visit: foundation.zonta.org/YWPAAward

CLUB DEADLINE: _____

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO: _____

The Young Women in Public Affairs Award is a Zonta International program funded by contributions to the Zonta International Foundation. Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.