



Friday, 4th September 2020

Tena koutou katoa

It was wonderful to have the students back again this week. Teaching is about personal contact and relationship building which is difficult to do through a video link. This week has been about returning to learning in a classroom setting.

Students and staff did struggle more with keeping motivated and enthused in the second lockdown. Despite the sense of déjà vu, I must commend staff on their professionalism to develop resources and activities and maintain an online learning environment for our students. Thank you also to parents, caregivers and the students themselves for their efforts made during lockdown.

For the immediate future, the college has two priorities. The first is to ensure student safety and that their wellbeing is being looked after. Information has been provided to students about the Health and Safety requirements. Face coverings are optional for students, but I strongly recommend their use on school buses and where social distancing is difficult to maintain. If you have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child(ren) that you wish to share with the college, please do so. The Guidance Counsellors or Deans would be suitable points of contact.

The second priority is to ensure that students are where they need to be with their learning. This is particularly the case with students taking NCEA. Considerations are being made within the school, by NZQA and with tertiary providers, to make sure that students can continue on their career and academic pathways. In the last two weeks, we have received information from the University of Auckland about changes easing entry requirements into 2021 courses. At the college we want to support students in their academic endeavours not hinder them.

Parent/student/teacher interviews for Year 11-13 students will be going ahead as scheduled on Tuesday 15 September. These will be conducted by Zoom and more information has been provided in this newsletter. We will continue to review other college events in light of the restrictions that have been imposed. The aim is to have them, if possible.

Thank you for the kind words I have received from members of the school community over my recent appointment as Principal. It was slightly anti-climatic that I was officially appointed and then within 24 hours the school was in lockdown with no students on site. Seeing the students again this week has been great.

Look after yourselves.

Ngā mihi nui,
Gordon Robertson
Principal



Upcoming Events

Please note these events are subject to change based on the government's lockdown status announcement.

September

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| 9-10 | 11DRA Plays
(4pm-8pm, Drama Room) |
| 15 | Virtual Parent/Teacher/
Student Conferencing (Years
11-13) |
| 16 | Board of Trustees Meeting
(6pm-9pm, Boardroom) |
| 16 | 10DRA Plays
(4pm-8pm, Drama Room) |
| 18 | Senior School Ball
(7pm-11:55pm, Ellerslie Events
Centre) |
| 22-24 | Senior Media Film Festival
(7pm-10pm, Hall) |
| 25 | Media Awards Ceremony
(7pm-9:30pm, Hall) |
| 25 | End of Term 3 |

The next newsletter will be sent out on
25 September 2020 (Fri).

(For a full list of upcoming events,
please visit the [calendar](#) on the
college website.)



Virtual Years 11, 12, 13 Parent/Subject Teacher/Student Interviews

Given the current COVID-19 restrictions and uncertainty around which level we may or may not be at, we have decided to go virtual for our upcoming rescheduled parent/teacher interviews. These online interviews will take place on Tuesday 15 September 2020, between 2pm – 8pm **via Zoom**, which is the platform that your child(ren) has/have been using for their remote learning.

All parents of year 11, 12 and 13 students will receive an email early next week with details on how to book.

We are aware that this could present some difficulties, however we are willing to give it a go in order to connect you with your child(ren)'s class teachers, to discuss any concerns you have regarding their work and progress this year.

Mrs Joanne Fraser, Acting Deputy Principal

Trolling and Social Media

Trolling is defined by Netsafe as 'an online behaviour where a person will share, comment or post deliberately inflammatory content in order to evoke an emotional reaction and/or create conflict'. When this happens to someone, it can affect their wellbeing in a variety of ways. If trolling or other types of online bullying, harassment or abuse happens to your daughter or son, Netsafe can offer free advice and support. Netsafe is also available to explain how the Harmful Digital Communications Act (HDCA) may apply to the situation.

For more information, please visit this link <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/trolling/>

Ms Vicki Mercer, ICT Manager

1970's Decade Reunion – Postponed to 7 November 2020 (Saturday)



Due to the recent Covid-19 restrictions, this event has been postponed to November.

All former students and staff who attended the college during any year in the 1970s are invited to attend the '1970s Decade Reunion' which will now be held on **Saturday, 7 November 2020 from 7pm to 11pm in the school hall**. Tickets are \$40.

Please click on the following link to make your booking: <https://www.trybooking.co.nz/DUC>

Ms Nicole Parish, Alumni Advancement Co-ordinator



Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Programme

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh – 2020 Year 10 Students

With the changing COVID-19 situation, the Head Office for Duke of Edinburgh are allowing adaptations to the Award as outlined on their [website](#) until 31 December 2020. They recognise that the impact of COVID-19 is significant for many participants and are continuing to be flexible, so that everyone can continue with their Award in creative ways and keep their progress on track.

Glendowie College would prefer that students continue to complete the Bronze Award by signing up to the 'Qualifying Journey' planned with Bigfoot Adventures.

Option 1

31 October/1 November 2020 Karangahake Gorge (transport included - \$210.00)

Option 2

7/8 November 2020 Karangahake Gorge (transport included - \$210.00)

If you were booked for the 'Qualifying Journey' over Labour Weekend (24/25 October), please contact Chelle at Bigfoot Adventures directly on doe@bigfootadventures.co.nz to change to one of the above options.

If the above options don't suit, Bigfoot Adventures will offer students the opportunity to complete the Award by taking part in a single day of 'Qualifying Assessments'. These will be held on Saturday 21 November, from 9am to 4:30pm, at a regional park location to be confirmed, and will cost \$105.00 per person. Transport is not included for programmes within Auckland. Participants for this day will be expected to be well prepared to demonstrate all the skills expected at the 'Qualifying Journey'. These guidelines are available on request from Bigfoot Adventures, please email Chelle, doe@bigfootadventures.co.nz.

Please note, it is recommended that students who wish to progress to Silver Award complete the full 'Qualifying Journey', otherwise a number of these participants will not have done any overnight tramping within the Award programme prior to Silver. Overnight Tramping involves 3 days and 2 overnights for both 'Practice' and 'Qualifying'.

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh – 2020 Year 9 Students

Any students who are in Year 9 and turn 14 before 31 December 2020 may sign up for the Bronze Award this year and begin their 'Skills, Physical Recreation and Service' sections. Students can sign up to the 'Online Record Book'. Both practice tramps and qualifying tramps will take place next year (2021) when all participants, including other students in their year group who do not turn 14 until next year, are in Year 10. The dates for the training and practice tramps are as follows:

Option 1

13 March 2021 Training at Glendowie College - \$90.00

20-21 March 2021 Practice Tramp at Karangahake Gorge (this will be different to the three-day camp advertised in the meeting earlier this year by Bigfoot Adventures) - \$210.00

Option 2

3-5 April 2021 Training and Practice combo journey at Northern Kaimais and Karangahake Gorge (this is the same journey advertised by Bigfoot Adventures in the earlier meeting this year, and involves off track navigation and 2 nights away for the price of 1) - \$300.00

'Qualifying Journey' dates for the 2021 Bronze programme and all dates for the 2021 Silver programme will be communicated early in 2021. Please refer to the school website for further information:

<https://www.gdc.school.nz/co-curricular/leadership/duke-of-edinburgh-award/>

Mr Richard Thompson, Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Coordinator



Sports Update

Sports Trophies Return

Please could all recipients of trophies at last year's Sports Awards return their trophies to the Main Office before 11 September 2020 (Friday).

Return to Winter Sports

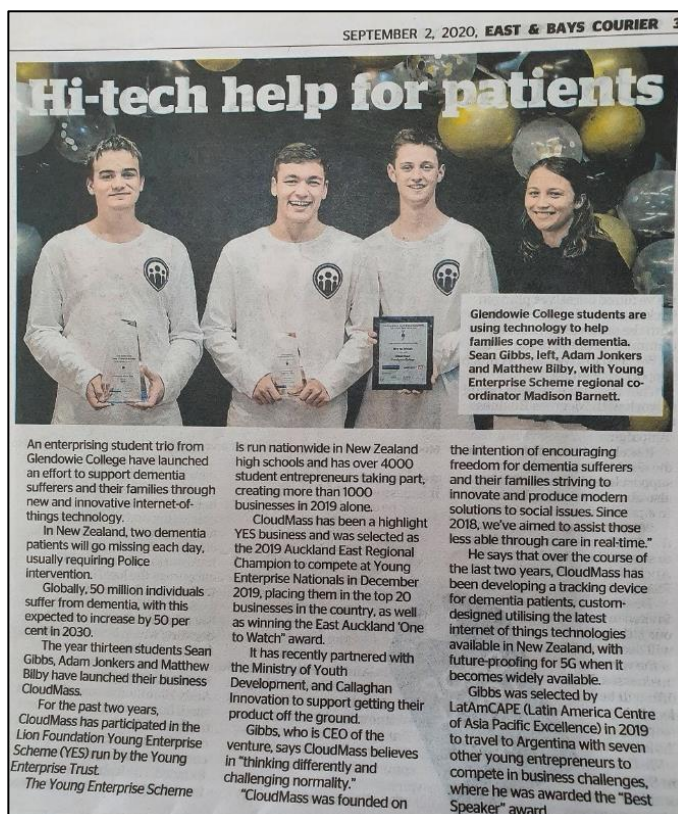
All sports practices are back up and running. We hope to be playing our last few games of the season very soon.

Junior Summer Sports (year 9/10)

Please contact the Sports Department (sports@gdc.school.nz) if you would like to help with any of the following codes: Cricket, Volleyball and Touch.

Mrs Lydia Brown, Director of Sports

CloudMass Update (Young Enterprise Scheme)



Sean Gibbs (13THO) and Adam Jonkers (13SRM) are selected for the EIA event 2020

After a lot of contemplating and re-adjusting, Sean Gibbs and Adam Jonkers, who have been selected to participate in the Enterprise in Action event run by the Young Enterprise team, will now be attending this event in Auckland instead of Wellington. The event will be run from Thursday 10 September until Sunday 13 September 2020.

Matthew Bilby (13CLO) is selected for LatAmCAPE

Adding to the success of CloudMass, Matthew Bilby has also been selected to participate in the Latin America CAPE trip, which again has been altered due to the restrictions on international borders.

Matthew will participate in a fully inclusive trip visiting businesses around NZ (instead of Mexico) during the second week of the term 3 holidays.

CloudMass was featured in the recent East & Bays Courier (*photo above*).

Congratulations to Sean, Adam and Matthew! They truly deserve these opportunities, and we wish them all the best. Watch this space for more updates!

Ms Pritika Harduar, Young Enterprise Scheme Teacher-in-Charge



New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT) Chamber Music Contest Success

This year has seen much disruption to the performing arts, but has also seen some inspirational successes. Damon Herlihy-O'Brien (12LWS), a member of 'Trio Achilles', won the 'Helen Young Diamond Award' for finishing runners-up in this year's NZCT Chamber Music Contest.

'Trio Achilles' involves Damon and two other students from Macleans College and Pinehurst School. They successfully progressed through two rounds of regional selection before journeying to Wellington with eleven other ensembles from around New Zealand to compete at the Michael Fowler Centre on 7 and 8 August 2020. They were one of the final six groups that performed on the evening of 8 August 2020 to a full Michael Fowler Centre and via livestream throughout the country. With such a high calibre of finalists, 'Trio Achilles' performed exceptionally well to be awarded runners-up in the contest.



Please click [here](#) to watch Trio Achilles' video recording from the regional selections, or click on the photo to access the video.

Mr Andrew Lile, Head of Department Music

'Ragaire' progress through SmokeFree RockQuest

Stay tuned for exciting developments as 'Ragaire', Glendowie College's SmokeFree RockQuest entry, have made it to this year's top 20 RockQuest bands.

This year's competition has seen all the bands submit their entries digitally, which is usually an impediment for rock bands which thrive on a live concert atmosphere. So far they have gained first place in their Auckland Central Regional Final, with Isobella Curzon Bavin (12SIM) winning the 'Musicianship' Award and Ragaire's Leo Spykerman (Avondale College) winning the 'APRA Lyric' Award. The other two band members are Rina Mori (12SOE) and Damon Herlihy-O'Brien (12LWS).



Please click [here](#) to watch the video of Ragaire's two original songs for 2020, or click on the photo to access the video.

They still have a very difficult task ahead of them, as they only learned of their progression to the top 20 last week during Level 3 lockdown. They are now required to submit an additional two original songs by Sunday 6 September. They will have a very busy weekend ahead of them to record, master and submit these. We wish them the best of luck in this competition.

Mr Andrew Lile, Head of Department Music



Parents' Association

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Parents' Association Meetings for 2020

Due to the disruption this year and Term 4 fast approaching, the Parents' Association has decided to focus on family and wellness, so there will be no further meetings this year, we will get going again in February 2021.

A special thanks to our long-standing members for their valuable experience and continuous support, and to our new enthusiastic members, please hang in there, we will need your ideas and passion next year.

Our appreciation goes to the Board of Trustees, and to Gordon Robertson who attended all our meetings, listened and responded to community feedback.

We have a few smaller fundraisers such as Entertainment Book and Zacks Xmas Trees, which are continuing and will be outlined in these newsletters.

Sara Haddon, Parents' Association Chairperson

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



Orewa Holiday Surf Programme



Wave Warriors Holiday Surf Programme

The NZ Surf Academy are running their popular holiday surf programme over the spring holidays for 6-16yr olds at Orewa Beach

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