



Tēnā Koutou Katoa

Well, Covid-19 and lockdown has affected us again. Unfortunately, it looks like we may be in and out of lockdowns this year with the associated effects on learning and involvement in co-curricular activities. For everyone's benefit, we need to focus on the positive, be thankful that we are not living overseas and take advantage of any opportunities that arise.



The Scholarship results for last year will be shared with you later in the newsletter. We gained 59 Scholarships including eight 'Outstanding', our best result ever, and above our target of 50 Scholarships. Some of our students also gained national awards.

When looking at both the NCEA and Scholarship results for 2020, lockdowns had minimal effect on academic results for the school as a whole. The table below compares Glendowie College's results with New Zealand schools and other decile 10 schools. After lockdown, all our subject teachers reviewed their courses to ensure students could achieve success. As you can see below, the results are excellent and reflect the hard work put in by our students and staff. I am very proud of the effort and commitment made by teachers to support our students.

NCEA COMPARISONS 2020

	Glendowie College	National	All Decile 10
Level 1	92.6%	70.2%	74.1%
Endorsements (M & E)	81.0%	53.6%	76.3%
Level 2	92.9%	79.1%	84.9%
Endorsements (M & E)	64.6%	43%	65.0%
Level 3	92.8%	71.4%	80.4%
Endorsements (M & E)	68%	44.2%	61.3%
University Entrance	86.9%	51.7%	71.9%

Start of Year

Apart from this past week, the school year has started well. On the first day, all new students and staff, including a number from Sommerville School, were welcomed with a pōwhiri. Special thanks to Ruapotaka marae for their ongoing support of the college in training our students. We value their input and the relationship we have developed with them.

Upcoming Events:

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

February

- 19 Athletics Day (*postponed*)
- 23 Parent/Form Teacher/Student Conferencing (*postponed*)
- 23 Central Eastern Zone Swimming Competition
- 24 Parent/Form Teacher/Student Conferencing (*postponed*)
- 24 Year 9 Music Information Evening (*postponed*)
- 24 Board Meeting (6pm-9pm, Boardroom)
- 25 Parents' Association Meeting (7pm-8pm, Staffroom)
- 27-28 Aon Junior Rowing Regatta (Lake Karapiro)
- 30 Athletics Championships

March

- 1-3 Year 9 Camp
- 4 Taurere Whānau Meeting (6:30pm-8:30pm, Staffroom)
- 5-7 NISSC Rowing Championships (Lake Karapiro)
- 7 Duke of Edinburgh Silver Training Day
- 8-12 Summerfest
- 13 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Training Day
- 16 Year 9 & 10 Social Evening (7pm-10pm, Hall)

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



Year 9 students spent their first day at school with their Year 12 and 13 Peer Support Leaders. A Peer Support programme will run in term one. This programme not only helps our Year 9 students settle into the college with senior students to relate to, it also provides senior students with leadership opportunities. Year 9 camps, which will be able to take place under Alert Level 2 restrictions, are another part of this transition process. The feedback I have received from Year 9 students and parents about their start here has been very positive.

Students have settled into class quickly. One of our first priorities was for teachers to set up Google Classrooms for all their classes. Although there were a few students still needing to sign up, most students were ready to go online when the lockdown occurred.

We are aware that a number of school events as well as opportunities for parents to meet with staff have been affected by the lockdown. Once we have more certainty about when we will return to Level 1, we will reschedule these or provide other opportunities to connect.

Managing Uncertainty

The current uncertainty and restrictions can increase stress levels and anxiety. We know this may have a detrimental effect on student motivation and learning. Although we are a learning institution, the wellbeing of our students is equally important. In fact, wellbeing is integral to learning taking place. Last year, we shared coping and management strategies with students and we will continue to do so. If you have any concerns about your child, please contact either your child's form teacher, Dean or the Guidance staff at the college.

**Kia kaha
Ngā mihi nui
Gordon Robertson
Principal**

Parent / Form Teacher / Student Conferencing – Postponed

Parent / Form Teacher / Student Conferencing meetings which were scheduled for Tuesday 23 February and Wednesday 24 February have been postponed. New dates for parents to meet with teachers will be confirmed at a later date.

Mr Gordon Robertson, Principal

Sponsor a Year 9 Student to Attend Camp

Each year, all Year 9 students go to camp for three days. This opportunity has become a highlight for the students, and assists them in forming new friendships, facing challenges and getting to know Deans and Form Teachers.

We have students whose families are unable to meet the cost of camp and they would greatly appreciate some financial support to enable them to attend. If you are able to sponsor or contribute towards a student attending, please contact Mrs Andrea McComish (Accounts) on mcc@gdc.school.nz to arrange this.

Mrs Sharon Hewetson, Deputy Principal



Uniform

As students return to school at the start of the year, it is timely to remind families of our Glendowie College uniform expectations. For a full description of our uniform requirements, please visit the school website or visit this link:

[Glendowie College Uniform Requirements](#)

There are a number of areas that need clarification and the requirements are clearly outlined below:

Girls Jewellery: One small stud or sleeper in each ear. Nose piercings, rings and necklaces are not permitted at school.

Girls Skirts: The length required is no shorter than to the top of the knee. Many of our girls have grown over the summer holidays and skirts may need the hem taken down or a longer skirt purchased.

Boys: Boys are to be clean shaven. T-shirts are not to be visible under their school shirts.

Thank you for your ongoing support with our school uniform.

Mrs Sharon Hewetson, Deputy Principal

School Donation

Our school donation in 2021 remains at \$550 for one student and \$880 for two or more students. If paid before 31 March 2021, the donation is discounted to \$530 for one student and \$850 for two or more students.

Your donation can be paid directly into the school account, **ASB 12-3027-0364377-00**, through the school portal (login details and instructions were provided at the start of school) or the school Accounts Office. Please include your child's surname and initials, form class and word 'donation' in the reference fields if using on-line banking.

The Glendowie College community has high aspirations for the school and its students. The Glendowie College Board recognises this and commits to providing significantly more than the basics which the government funds. The Board's only source of funding is the school donation.

With the unavailability of International students, the funding generated by them has been seriously reduced. The college does not want to cut back on the opportunities we provide for students in terms of learning support, sports, the Arts and extra staffing. In 2021, school donations will be vital to ensure that these opportunities can continue at the current level.

Your donation is critically important to the school, and will make a significant difference to your child's education at Glendowie College. Too many parents avoid this responsibility which effectively means they are asking the families who do pay to subsidise their child's education.

If you are among the handful of families who genuinely struggle to afford the donation, please consider at least making a part payment. Please contact the college if you would like to discuss this or set up an automatic payment. We sincerely appreciate your support.

Mr Garry Ivill, Board Chair, Glendowie College Board

Caring Homestay Families Wanted for International Students

Despite having fewer international students at Glendowie College this year due to COVID 19 and our border closure, we still require more homestay families for our international students. We have had a number of long-term families who for a variety of reasons are no longer able to homestay our students and we need to replace them.

If you are interested in hosting international students, please contact Sarah Brandeis at the Happy homestay Company email: sarah@happyhomestay.co.nz for more information and remuneration rates, or contact Lesley Walker, Director of International Students, email: wlk@gdc.school.nz

Ms Lesley Walker, Director of International Students



NZQA Scholarship Results: Record Breaking Results in 2020

We are proud to share that we have gained our best ever results in NZQA Scholarship exam results, with 59 scholarships achieved by Glendowie College students in 2020. These exams are the most demanding academic assessments in New Zealand. Only 3% of students gain a Scholarship pass and only 0.3% gain an 'Outstanding' grade. The college received 8 Outstanding grades in 2020.

In addition to the overall record, there were some brilliant individual achievements. Irene Xue received a 'Premier Award', meaning she is one of the top 12 students in New Zealand. Irene (Year 13 in 2020) successfully gained seven Scholarships with three at 'Outstanding' level.

Two students gained 'Outstanding Scholar Awards' placing them in the top 58 students in New Zealand – May Gan (Year 13) achieved six Scholarships, including the top score nationwide in Biology, and William Beauchamp gained five Scholarships, with an 'Outstanding' award in Statistics. Another student of special note was Yiting (Emily) Zou who gained 6 Scholarships.

Congratulations also to the students who gained three or more Scholarships: Sophie Newton, Ethan Qi, Joshua Lay (Year 12) and Daniel Clark.

In such a challenging year, the record-breaking results were a huge accomplishment for all the students and teachers involved in the Scholarship programme.

A morning tea on 10 February 2021 celebrated the success of our students.

Ms Trudy Gibb, Deputy Principal





Andrea Eng (<i>Geography, Economics</i>)	Emily Chin (<i>Japanese</i>)
Caitlin Buchanan (<i>Accounting</i>)	May Gan (<i>Biology – Outstanding, Chemistry, Physics, Economics, Classical Studies, English</i>)
Cody Holley (<i>Geography</i>)	Mya Coromandel (<i>English</i>)
Damian Lee (<i>Physics</i>)	Olivia Bing (<i>English</i>)
Daniel Clark (<i>Chemistry, Physics, Calculus</i>)	Rachel Edwards (<i>Geography</i>)
Emma Taylor (<i>Statistics, German</i>)	Robert Bass (<i>Physics</i>)
Ethan Tizzard (<i>Biology – Outstanding, Chemistry</i>)	Sage Carruthers (<i>Statistics</i>)
Evan French (<i>Calculus</i>)	Sheida Namin (<i>Biology</i>)
Irene Xue (<i>English, Chemistry, Physics, Calculus, Biology – Outstanding, Statistics – Outstanding, Economics – Outstanding</i>)	Sophie Newton (<i>English, History, Classical Studies</i>)
Jack Main (<i>Physics – Outstanding, Calculus</i>)	Suzuka Sone (<i>Japanese</i>)
Jasmine Brewer (<i>English</i>)	Wei (Ethan) Qi (<i>Chemistry, Physics, Calculus</i>)
Joao Tompson da Silva Konno (<i>Physics, Calculus</i>)	William Beauchamp (<i>Statistics – Outstanding, English, Chemistry, Physics, Calculus</i>)
Joshua Lay (<i>Calculus – Outstanding, Chemistry, Physics</i>)	Yiting (Emily) Zou (<i>English, Biology, Chemistry, Statistics, Calculus, Economics</i>)

The Auckland Rowing Championships

The Auckland Rowing Championships, also known as Head of the Harbour, took place on Saturday 13 February 2021. Glendowie College competed in 50 races and came away with 9 first placings, 10 seconds and 5 thirds. Of these, we received gold medals in the Girls and Boys U16 Singles and the Boys U17 Quad, silver medals in the Girls Novice Double and Quad as well as the Girls U16 Double and Quad, and bronze medals in the Boys U16 Quad and Girls Novice Double. Overall, it was a very successful day of racing with Glendowie placing as the third top school for girls and fifth overall on points.

Celebrating Chinese New Year

The 12 February 2021 (Friday) is Chinese New Year (Spring Festival). In our Chinese class, senior students made dumplings, cooked Tangyuan (sweet rice dumpling), tried some Chinese food and learned more about 'Spring Festival'.

Students were excited to cook and taste traditional Chinese food, and they were also very engaged in learning about the vocabulary used in the cooking activity, such as 'drink vinegar' means 'jealous' in Chinese and 'add oil' means 'way to go'.

Happy Chinese New Year!

Miss Tantan Xu, Languages Faculty





SchoolPoint Parent Information

The College has introduced an online assessment and homework diary for students – ‘SchoolPoint’. This replaces the printed student planner used previously.

The new online diary allows your child(ren) to:

- enter their own homework, notes and reminders
- view school events
- view homework as assigned by teachers
- view due dates for assessments for each of their subjects

Parents also have access to view their child(ren)’s online diary. This can be done through our school website (see the ‘Online Diary’ tab along the menu bar) and/or via this link <https://gdc.schoolpoint.co.nz/>. Your login details are the same as the parent portal.

A full list of instructions including screenshots of the diary and who to contact for help with portal passwords will be emailed to you and can also be found on the school website:

<https://www.gdc.school.nz/school/information/schoolpoint-online-diary/>

Mrs Joanne Fraser, Deputy Principal

Parent and Student Portal

Login details for accessing [the Parent and Student Portal](#) were emailed to students and parents/caregivers on 3 February 2021. Please contact Ms Michelle Reynolds on reception@gdc.school.nz if you need this re-sent to you. Through the portal, you can view up-to-date information from our student management system on attendances, academics and finances.

We also emailed a statement showing the workbooks and resources that your child(ren) will need for this year. Payment for these resources can be made through the portal where you can view and select the individual charges for your payment. Further charges may be added as courses are finalised and co-curricular activities are organised, so please check the portal regularly.

If you have a credit balance, please contact Mrs Andrea McComish on student.accounts@gdc.school.nz, so that it can be used up first.

The Accounts office is open each day between 10:00 and 16:00 and accepts cash and EFTPOS transactions. Our account number for internet banking is shown on your statement.

Ms Lisa Davis-Miller, Business Manager

Glendowie College Sport

Welcome to 2021 and Glendowie College Sport.

Please follow us on Facebook (Glendowie College Sport) and Instagram (gdcSPORT) for updates and activities.

More information is available on the school website under ‘Co-curricular/Sports’, including links to draws.

Mrs Lydia Brown, Director of Sports



60th Anniversary & Fun Run/Walk – 20 & 21 March 2021 (Saturday & Sunday)



We are only a month away from the Glendowie College 60th Anniversary – 1961-2021.

We would love to see as many Alumni (former students, staff and parents) as possible attend on the weekend of March 20 and 21. Saturday night is a catered 'Gala Mix and Mingle' event with a cash bar while Sunday incorporates the Annual Fun Run/Walk. For more details and to book, please go to:

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

This is the last week for early bird prices!

Please share with any former staff, students, parents or supporters that you know.

Sailing Success – Former Glendowie College Student

Jack Manning, who graduated from Glendowie College last year, has been crowned the '2021 Starling Match Racing National Champion'. Jack who sails from Glendowie Boating Club was selected to compete in the 'Starling Match Racing Nationals' as a wildcard entry. He competed against 12 U19 sailors from all around the country representing their regions and managed to place in the top four after the first day. Jack won his semi-final and then went on to win the final 3-0. Well done Jack, all the training and hard work has paid off!



Miss Fiona Smith, Tangaroa House Dean



Peer Support and Pōwhiri

On the first day of college, all year 9 students were introduced to the school by a group of senior peer supporters. Peer support is a student led programme aimed to help the new Year 9 students at the start of their college journey. It is led by teams of Year 12 and 13 students, who use their knowledge and experience of the school, to guide the Year 9's through their first term of college.

On Wednesday 3 February, the first day of school for Year 9 and new students, a pōwhiri was held to welcome them to Glendowie College. The pōwhiri, a central part of Māori culture, is a ceremony of welcome involving speeches, dancing, singing and hongi. It is extremely significant to Glendowie College as it formally invites the new staff, students and their families to join our Glendowie College whānau and community. The enthusiasm and involvement of students as well as the growing number of parents attending the pōwhiri each year is a reflection of this significance. The pōwhiri began with a karanga (Maori call of welcome) led by Bella Bavin (Deputy Head Girl), Ava Franklin and Harriet Blair (Head Girl). It was answered for the manuhiri by whaea Noelene Raupapara. Next, whaikorero (Māori speeches) were exchanged between Caleb Jarvis, Zach Nichols and Joshua Lay (Head Boy), Gordon Robertson (Principal) and Matua Hemi Pene (Ruapotaka Marae) with each being followed by a song. After the speeches, the traditional Māori greeting (hongi) was performed and finally both the hosts and manuhiri came together to share food in order to consolidate the union. Overall, it was a wonderful service which marked the beginning of a great year ahead.



On the same day, the year 9 students were assigned to their form classes and were later shown around the school, learning names of places and people, and the school rules. Overall, both the Year 9's and the senior students had an amazing first day. The help of the peer supporters made it easier for them to familiarise themselves with the school. Over the year, the peer support leaders will continue to mentor our Year 9 students through any troubles that they might encounter, becoming positive role models for them and a more mature voice when they need it. Peer support runs every Thursday during extended form and includes a variety of activities that focus on a specific learning objective, such as dealing with anxiety, bullying and cultural differences.



Mrs Ruth Richardson, Kaiārahi



Parents' Association

2021 Fun Run

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Alumni Events

Spot Prizes

College 60th Celebration

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2021 Parents' Association Members



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 Members about life at Glendowie College. Many hands make light work!

No applications are required, simply email: gdcparents@gmail.com to join us in 2021! The next meeting is scheduled for 25 February 2021 (Thursday) at 7pm in the Staffroom, we hope to see you there!

Entertainment Book 2020/2021

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Sara Haddon, Parents' Association Chairperson

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



The Glendowie Bowling Club – Social / Fun Bowls



Social/Fun Bowls

25 Chelmsford Avenue

The Glendowie Bowling Club invites students, parents, teachers and supporters of Glendowie College to come and join us for Social/Fun Bowls

Every Monday from 15 February to 29 March
5.00 to 6.00pm Registration and Practice (bowls and coaching provided)
6.00 to 7.00pm Game
7.00 to 8.00pm Dinner and Prize Giving

All for just \$15
(\$10 for Students and Social Bowler Members)

Come along and give Bowls a go!

All ages welcome
Just wear flat-soled shoes

For more information: glendowiebowls.org.nz or
Phone Bill (528 8384) or Murray (585 1992)
If weather is doubtful check Infoline: 575 9383 after 3.30pm



PFORM.NZ Free Classes



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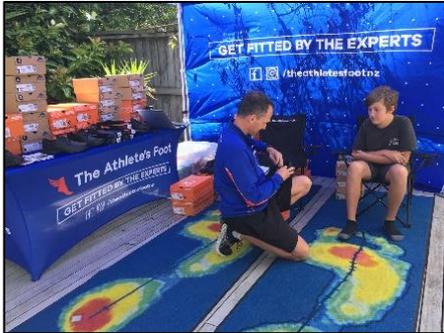
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From BALLET to DRAMA, DANCE to MUSICAL THEATRE or our popular DANCE SING ACT combo, this is your chance to jump in to have a go before you commit to the year. We look forward to welcoming you to as many classes as you can squeeze in!

No booking required - just turn up, join in and you will be warmly welcomed. Please click here for the [VENUE MAP](#)



The Athlete's Foot



We were fortunate to have David from 'The Athlete's Foot' company selling school shoes on site next to our Uniform Shop during the extended opening period in January.

We thank David for his expertise and for supporting our new students and families. 'The Athlete's Foot' will also be one of our sponsors at the annual Fun Run/Walk in March this year. They are available if you are in need of new school shoes.

Ms Sandra Micallef, Uniform Shop Manager

“Have you started the school year and found that your child's shoes are too small or they are in need of a new pair?”

 **The Athlete's Foot**

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