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Friday, 19th March 2021

Tena Koutou Katoa

My last newsletter was written in the middle of the last lockdown when I had the whole school to myself. It is great to see all the students back and some semblance of normality resumed. I understand how unsettling lockdowns are for all involved. At a staff meeting this week, the teachers reviewed how effective teaching and learning has been in the lockdowns and looked at ways to do this better. I will also get student feedback on how it has been for them. If there are future lockdowns, we want to reduce the stresses involved, make work expectations simple, clear and minimise disruptions.

I looked at the Principal's newsletter from this time last year. New Zealand was just about to go into the first lockdown and the uncertainty of the potential impact of Covid 19 was very clear in the messages given. We were about to enter into the unknown without any idea about how we would be impacted and what the future would hold. It is amazing how well we have managed, the new skills we have learnt and how our priorities have changed. It has been an interesting twelve months.

Earlier this week, we held the Parent/Student/Form Teacher conferencing via Zoom. Thank you to all who participated. Although Auckland was then in Level 1, I decided to go ahead with Zoom meetings to ensure that the conferencing could not be cancelled. Conferencing this year is important, not only for students to clarify their goals and priorities but also to check on any wellbeing concerns. We are planning to have face-to-face interviews later in the year with subject teachers.

As a school, we are continuing to be optimistic in our planning. Trials for winter sports teams are underway and we have Waterpolo, Girls Cricket and Rowing competing at summer tournament events and the Maadi Cup. We want the students involved to compete to the best of their ability, do themselves and the school proud and to enjoy themselves. Rehearsals for the 2021 Musical 'Bye, Bye, Birdie' are also underway and I am looking forward to the production next term. Field trips for a range of subjects are also occurring.

At assembly this week, we recognised those students who gained NCEA endorsed with excellence in 2020. It was wonderful to shake hands with over 100 students receiving Academic badges for their NCEA Level 1 or 2 results. They should be commended for their application and self management last year.

Ngā mihi nui

Gordon Robertson
Principal



Upcoming Events:

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

March

- 22-26 Summer Tournament Week
- 22-27 Maadi Cup Rowing Regatta
(Selected crews only, Lake Karapiro)
- 24 Board Meeting
(6:00pm-9:00pm, Boardroom)
- 29-1Apr Summerfest
- 30 Scholarship Parent Information Evening (6pm-7pm, Library)
- 31-1Apr Year 9 Activity Days

April

- 1 Parents' Association Meeting
(7pm-8pm, Staffroom)
- 2 Good Friday (school closed)
- 3 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Training (Option 2)
- 4-5 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Tramp (Option 2)
- 5 Easter Monday (school closed)
- 6 Easter Tuesday (school closed)
- 9 Swimming Sports
(Sacred Heart)
- 16 End of Term 1

May

- 3 Start of Term 2

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



Teacher Aide Vacancy

We are seeking a caring and enthusiastic Teacher Aide to join our Learning Support team at Glendowie College. This is a fixed term position for one year, starting on 3 May 2021 (beginning of Term 2) and finishing on 14 December 2021 (end of Term 4), 15 hours per week, term time only.

Do you enjoy working with teenagers and seeing them thrive?

Experience is not necessary, but these attributes are appreciated - positive and enthusiastic; enjoy working with teenagers; a willingness to get involved; showing patience and empathy; reliable; flexible and a good level of literacy.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please send your CV with a brief cover letter to Sarah Bassin at bas@gdc.school.nz

Ms Sarah Bassin, Learning Support Coordinator

Accounts Office Hours

Please note that the Accounts office hours have changed to 10:30am to 4pm, Monday to Friday. We accept cash, ETPOS and can also take credit card payments over the phone on (09) 575 9128 ext. 117. You can also make payments via the school portal or internet banking to the school account 12-3027-0364377-00.

You are welcome to contact me at student.accounts@gdc.school.nz with any queries, including instructions for using unallocated credits or to discuss your child(ren)'s account.

Mrs Andrea McComish, Accounts Receivable Administrator

Science – After School Help



The Science department offers after school help for all year levels every Wednesday in the Hub (upstairs in the Science block). We endeavour to have a specialist from each subject there each week. Please encourage your children to make the most of this awesome opportunity!!

Ms Adrienne Kockott, Science Faculty

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award 2021

If you are interested in signing up for the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award, please read the following information on the school website: <https://www.gdc.school.nz/co-curricular/leadership/duke-of-edinburgh-award/#!tab2>

The initial training date for the Award was postponed due to Covid. The new training date is 17 April 2021, with the practice tramp scheduled for 1 - 3 May 2021. Please sign up on the 'Bigfoot Adventures' website.

All students interested in participating in the Silver Award please meet Mr Thompson on Monday 22 March at interval in the new gym. If you cannot attend this meeting but would like to be take part in the Award, please email Mr Thompson at thr@gdc.school.nz.



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Donate Your Old Laptop



Old laptop gathering dust?

DONATE IT!

We can repurpose your old, **working** laptop for a student who cannot afford one of their own. Can you help?

Please return your laptop to factory settings. Drop it off to the Glendowie College office with its charger and any cases you'd like to donate with it.

Contact: rcd@gdc.school.nz (Mrs Richardson)

Mrs Ruth Richardson, Kaiārahi

Weta Workshop Visit



On Tuesday 16 March, students from year 11, 12 and 13 Design classes visited 'Weta Workshop Unleashed' in Auckland city. The trip involved a tour of three staged film sets looking at horror, fantasy and science fiction. Students experienced digital and practical special effects, props and model making, and learned about the film development process.



Senior Design students also visited 'Dave Clark Design' where they were given a personalised tour of the firm and received a talk from their senior designers about the design industry.



Ms Adele Whittaker, Arts Faculty



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Year 12 Business Studies Visit to Mainfreight Transport



On Monday 15 March, 50 of our Year 12 Business Studies students had the amazing opportunity to visit the logistics and transport centre of Mainfreight Transport in Auckland. This visit formed part of the 12BUS achievement standard investigating the application of motivation theory in a business.

Our students attended a discussion, with Don Braid (CEO of Mainfreight), where they learnt how Mainfreight applies their business culture to motivate their team members, grow their business internationally and becoming more successful – even in today's Covid-impacted business environment.



Students also had the opportunity to get close to some of the transport trucks, warehousing and transport systems, and Mainfreight's general working environment.

We would like to thank Don Braid and Lizzie Judd at Mainfreight for their efforts in making this real life business experience possible for our students.



Mr Ruan van Aswegen, Social Sciences Faculty

University of Auckland's Women in Engineering Network (WEN)



The University of Auckland's Women in Engineering Network (WEN) visited the college on 15 March 2021. A group of five Engineering students spoke to our Year 12 and 13 girls and ran a workshop on concepts in Physics and Calculus. Our students enjoyed speaking with them about what Engineering is, and what it takes to become an Engineer.

WEN anticipates that more girls will go into Engineering because engineers create the world, and that more women's voices were needed in creating our world. The event attracted lots of interest from the girls looking at Engineering as a career. We received fantastic feedback from both students and parents.



Mr Aidan Wallace, Science Faculty



Parents' Association

2021 Fun Run (Cancelled)



Due to the uncertainty around Covid levels, the resultant impact on preparing for events and the reluctance of people to commit to participating because of the uncertainty, the 2021 Fun Run has been cancelled.

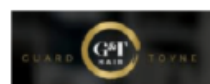
A huge thanks to all the parents and friends who had already volunteered to be marshalls, bakers or cafe helpers. Thanks also to David James for all his efforts, the PA who started planning for this event in January, to Debbie in the office, to the sponsors who had already come on board and to Nicole from the Alumni.

We look forward to seeing you next year! Apologies for any inconvenience this cancellation has caused.

Our Sponsors



Elmstree Ave Dairy



Mission Bay





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**Something is
Coming**

LAUGH



***Friday
25th June
7PM***

**GDC PARENTS
ASSOCIATION**



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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. Our next meeting is scheduled for 1 April 2021 (Thursday) at 7pm in the Staffroom, we hope to see you there!

Sara Haddon, Parents' Association Chairperson

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

Laptop Donation

**Sharing a laptop
doesn't always work.**

But what if
you can't
afford your
own?

Donate a **working** laptop to help a student in need.
Contact rcd@gdc.school.nz or drop off to the school office.

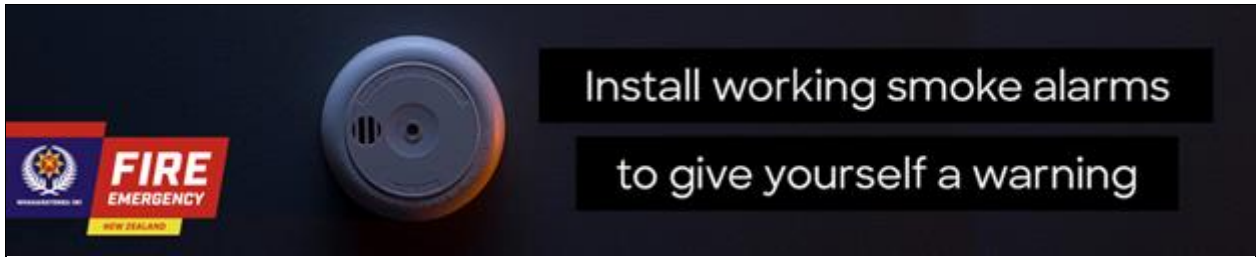
The advertisement features a background image of several hands reaching down to touch a laptop screen. The text is overlaid on this image.

Mrs Ruth Richardson, Kaiārahi



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Install Working Smoke Alarms to Protect Your Family



For more details, please visit this link: <https://escapemyhouse.co.nz/sorted>

RYDA Workshop

RYDA is an essential youth development programme featuring a highly engaging and memorable one-day workshop which front-loads students' understanding of road safety and gives them the tools, habits and motivation to take action and stay safe on our roads – both as drivers and passengers throughout their lives.

For more information, please visit their website <https://www.rse.org.nz/>

RYDA WORKSHOP



Young people continue to be over represented in road deaths and serious injuries.

RYDA is the leading and only national road safety education programme for youth in New Zealand, providing young people with the skills and strategies they need to stay safe on the roads.

The RYDA workshop features highly engaging practical demonstrations, real-life narratives, videos, quizzes and interactive role play. The RYDA approach supports youth development in a number of areas including social resilience and anticipating and managing risk.

Created for senior high schools, RYDA gives students a unique opportunity to set road safety goals and build strategies alongside the friends they will most likely be riding with, as drivers or passengers.

At the workshop, students attend six interactive sessions at a dedicated venue over the course of a school day. Back in the classroom, we give teachers everything they need to continue the learning throughout the school year.

96%
of the 873 classroom teachers we surveyed believe RYDA should be compulsory for senior high school students.

91%
of students, 3 months post RYDA attendance, said they would apply the things they learned at RYDA as a passenger or driver.

WHY ARE YOUNG PEOPLE AT RISK?

Frontal lobe (impulse control) not fully developed

Inexperienced drivers

Peer group pressure & easily distracted

Overconfident "It will never happen to me"

WHY SHOULD EVERY YOUNG PERSON PARTICIPATE IN RYDA?

Carrying passengers under the age of 21 (who are not family members) increases the risk of a young driver crashing significantly. Research tells us that crash risk grows exponentially as young passengers are added. This is why restricted drivers are not permitted to carry passengers.

Risk DOUBLES

Risk QUADRUPLES

Whether they are the driver or a passenger, every young person contributes to the safety of the road users around them. RYDA helps young people understand the restrictions and prepares them for a time when those restrictions are no longer there to protect them.

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