



Friday, 26th November 2021

Kia Ora Tātou

Since the last newsletter, we have had Year 12 and 13 go on their study leave and start NCEA exams, Year 11 exams and Year 9 and 10 students return to school.

Parents of Year 12 and 13 students have probably had conversations with their children about 'Unexpected Event Grades' and the implication as to whether they need to sit exams. NZQA's intention was to give students the opportunity to still gain credits even if they were unable to sit exams. The reality is that the UEGs became a guaranteed minimum grade a student could attain for that standard. As a result, some students are picking which standards and subjects they want to improve their grades in and are attending only those exams. This is an anomaly for this year only and the UEG option reflects the difficulty some students faced trying to learn during lockdown. While UEGs have worked to the advantage of a lot of our students, in many Auckland schools they were necessary to measure the true ability of students affected.

It was great to see the high attendance rates for Year 9 and 10 returning to school. While there was some trepidation about students returning, in hindsight it has been the right call. There is a positive feeling around school. Students seem to want to be here and enjoy talking with their friends and being active at interval and lunchtime. Learning in class is so much easier than by Zoom. Getting the students back into the habit of being at school will make it so much easier for the start of next year.

Relating this to student wellbeing, the R.I.C.H framework comes to mind. C stands for Challenge. Our students have made it through the challenge of lockdown with its impact on their learning and the bulk have overcome that challenge well. H is for Hope. Looking into the future the seniors are on track to pursue their academic and career pathways while those returning know that school will be a safe and positive place to be. We have a lot to look forward to.

Congratulations to the recipients of the major awards in last week's Prizegiving. Special mention must be made of our Dux, Joshua Lay. Not only was he the top academic student but was also the Head Boy, was awarded leadership and sports trophies and gained a major Scholarship from the University of Auckland. All thoroughly deserved.

Year 13 have had their final day at school as a whole group. I do empathise with them as they did not have the opportunities other years have had to be involved in activities special to them. I do hope they look back on the past five years with affection. They have come a long way from those fresh-faced Year 9s at the start of 2017.

*Ko te pae tawhiti whāiaia
kia tata, ko te pae tata,
whakamaua kia tina.*

Seek out the distant horizons
and cherish those you attain.

Ngā mihi nui

Gordon Robertson, Principal



Upcoming Events:

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

December

- 1-14 NCEA Exams
- 2 Taurere Whanau Meeting (*Cancelled*)
- 3 Year 11s Last Day School
- 8 Board Meeting (*6pm-7pm*)
- 10 Year 9s and Year 10s Last Day School
- 11-13 Duke of Edinburgh Silver Qualifying Tramp (*cancelled*)
- 13 2022 Prefects Day
- 14 School closed

January

- 27 Year 13 Subject Confirmation (*S6, S7, S8*)
- 27 Student Pōwhiri Training (*9:30am-3pm, Glendowie College*)
- 28 Peers Support Leaders Training Day (*9am-3pm, M1*)
- 31 Auckland Anniversary (Public Holiday)

February

- 2 First Day – Year 9s, all New Students and New International Students Orientation Day
- 3 All Year Levels Start (Day 1)

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



Glendowie College Board Update

The Board met on Wednesday night, again unfortunately but unavoidably via Zoom, rather than in person.

Our main observation is how great it is for students to be back at College. Admittedly it's not back to "normal", but crucial for our students to re-make social connections and take up the learning opportunities while they can. Our appreciation goes out to all staff and students who have returned so positively.

The Board would like to congratulate the Principal, Gordon Robertson, on his appointment as the Lead Principal of the Glendowie Kāhui Ako, or Community of Learning. With his strong links to this community, we are confident he will lead the Kāhui Ako ably, while continuing to successfully fulfil the Principal role for the College.

As this is the last Board update for the year, we did look back on another very eventful year. Despite the challenges and disruptions caused by COVID, 2021 has been a year of significant achievement for Glendowie College, including:

- The amazing Science block/Dykes building became operational and was formally opened by Chris Hipkins, the Minister of Education. This is the culmination of many years' work and struggle to get the modern, high-quality building we are now proud to have;
- We received accreditation as an 'International Baccalaureate' World School for our Middle Years Programme, the only state school in New Zealand to achieve this. Again, this is a testament to many years' hard work and determination;
- The Year 11 programme is fully in place, with this being the first time Year 11 students have not taken NCEA level 1, instead following our own learning and assessment programme;
- Arts, sports and service programmes have been maintained despite the disruptions, with a highlight being the musical production, 'Bye Bye Birdie';
- Academic results (NCEA levels 2 and 3) appear on track to match prior years' impressive levels.

There are too many people to thank individually for these, and many, many more achievements not mentioned above. The Board extend our thanks and admiration to all students, staff and parents who have contributed so much to the year.

We wish you all a well-deserved and relaxing summer break.

Mr Matthew Veal, Board Chairperson

Subject Confirmation for 2022 Year 12 Students

Current Year 11 students will attend subject confirmation on Tuesday 30 November 2021. They will be called for, by form class, during the normal school day to confirm their subject choices for next year with the house Dean. If students have not achieved at the level that meets course requirements, or if there are subject clashes, they may be required to change subjects. Careers staff will be available to discuss subjects and future plans with students.

Mr Andre Worsnop, Deputy Principal



Subject Confirmation for 2022 Year 13 Students

All students starting 2022 in Year 13 are expected to attend the subject confirmation day on Thursday 27 January 2022. Further details will be available soon.

Mr Andre Worsnop, Deputy Principal

Important Notice for School Leavers

School leavers' GDC Google account will be deleted early next year, as you will no longer be GDC students. *(We sure will miss you around here!)*

Once the account is deleted, **everything** in the account will be **gone forever!**

It is YOUR responsibility to move or download any files that you want to maintain once you have completed your external exams.

ALL of the following will be deleted:

- All files in your Google Drive
- All emails
- All contacts

Students were asked to take the time before January 2022 to:

1. Download or move any files in your Google Drive that you want to keep
2. Forward any important emails that you need to keep to your personal email address
3. Copy any contacts that you want to maintain to your personal email contacts

Below are some links that may help make this transfer easier, but use these at your own risk. The school is NOT responsible for any lost content.

DRIVE FILES and EMAILS

<https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/6386856>

CONTACTS

<https://support.google.com/contacts/answer/1069522?hl=en&co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop#zippy=%2Cfrom-a-gmail-account>

Ms Vicki Mercer, ICT Manager



2021 Senior Prizegiving

A successful virtual Senior Prizegiving took place on 15 November 2021 (Monday) to recognize the top academic, sport and arts prizewinners as well as those receiving scholarships. Students were also recognized for their service and leadership within the school through a number of special awards.

A huge thanks must go to Mrs Sharon Hewetson and Mr David James for organizing the ceremony. Congratulations to all prize and Scholarship recipients!



Joshua Lay

*Dux, Maddock's Memorial Cup,
University of Auckland Top Achiever
Scholarship & Head Boys Cup*



Holly Harding

*Proxime Accessit & General
Excellence in Year 13*



Jenna McLaren

*Amith Cup, Andrea Boyd Memorial Cup -
Top Scholar in Year 12 & University
of Auckland Faculty of Arts Award*



Harriet Blair

*Maddock's Memorial Cup,
University of Otago Leaders of
Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship &
Head Girls Cup*



Madalen Guibert-Soehadi & William Shen
The Dean's Cup



Evan French

*The Pride Shield &
Leadership Trophy*



Damon Herlihy-O'Brien

*Past Pupils Trophy & Waikato University
Sir Edmund Hilary Scholarship*



Benjamin Hunt

*The Edward van Boheemen
Service Cup & Glendowie College
Development Trust Service Scholarship*



Samuel Davey

*General Excellence in Year 13 &
University of Otago Leaders of
Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship*



SCHOLARSHIPS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Glendowie College Development Foundation Trust Scholarships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Māori Pasifika School Leavers Scholarship The Glendowie College Development Trust Service Scholarship | Ariana Heslop-Riddell Benjamin Hunt |
| • Peter McKenzie Scholarship | Ryan Gin |
| • The Hoysted Scholarship | Annika Smart |
| • The Gillian Rae Cassey Memorial Scholarship | Lydia Boyd |
| • The Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award | Tom Noonan |
| • Guy Mullarky Award | Ana Mapa |
| • Victoria University of Wellington Victoria Tangiwai Scholarships | Carly Green, Mikayla Harvey, Zoe McGeorge, Emma McHugh, Alyssa Peters |
| • University of Otago New Frontiers Excellence Entrance Scholarships | William Atkinson, Chelsea Ferguson |
| • University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship | Harriet Blair, Samuel Davey, Emily Mackie |
| • University of Otago Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship International | Gabriela Almeida Preuhs, Soroush Naseh |
| • University of Otago Māori Entrance Scholarship | Mya Coromandel, Elizabeth Hawkins, Zach Nichols |
| • University of Otago Pacific Peoples Entrance Scholarship | Jaxson Murphy-Winterstein |
| • University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship | Joshua Lay |
| • Waikato University Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement | Damyan Ng |
| • Waikato University Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship | Damon Herlihy-O'Brien |
| • Massey University Undergraduate Scholarship | Lily Fowler |

SPECIAL AWARDS

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| • Dux | Joshua Lay |
| • Proxime Accessit | Holly Harding |
| • Maddock's Memorial Cups | Joshua Lay, Harriet Blair |
| • General Excellence in Year 13 | Samuel Davey, Holly Harding |
| • Leadership Trophy | Evan French |
| • The Edward van Boheemen Service Cup | Benjamin Hunt |
| • Past Pupils Trophy | Damon Herlihy-O'Brien |
| • The Deans' Cup | Madalen Guibert-Soehadi, William Shen |
| • The Pride Shield | Evan French |
| • Hooper Cup | Lewis Azzopardi |
| • Diligence Cup | Emma White |
| • Andrea Boyd Memorial Cup – Top Scholar in Year 12 | Jenna McLaren |
| • University of Auckland Faculty of Arts Award | Jenna McLaren |
| • Amith Cup | Jenna McLaren |
| • Taku Huarahi Taonga | Jaxson Murphy-Winterstein |
| • Head Boys Cup | Joshua Lay |
| • Head Girls Cup | Harriet Blair |

Please click [here](#) to view the online awards presentation

A full list of the Senior Subject Prize-winners maybe downloaded [here](#)



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Parents' Association

2021/22 Entertainment Book

What better way to celebrate summer approaching than to bring back the very popular **Single City to Multi City Membership upgrade offer!** As many of us begin to plan holidays and catch ups with family and friends, it's the perfect time to make the most of the savings in a Multi City Membership.

Enjoy incredible savings across 20 cities with the **FREE** upgrade from **Single City to Multi City Membership!** Make the most of this limited time offer which ends at 11:59pm on 9 January 2022 NZDT.

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MULTI \$119.99
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Summer with a **FREE**
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& get a **FREE upgrade to Multi City!**

Purchase yours today!

<https://www.entertainmentnz.com/orderbooks/102r353>

Sara Haddon, Parents' Association Chairperson

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



Support a Local Family

Community hit hard by Covid.

At our local Ruapotaka Marae, teams have noticed increasing need for food parcels and other practical support. GDC is keen to tautoko (support) our marae friends who are working tirelessly to meet this need.

Are you able to help them support a local family this Christmas?

Three ways you can help:

1. **Donate a Christmas present**

Drop into our reception office by Fri 10th Dec.
Label the gift with a removable tag describing the type of child the gift could appeal to.



2. **Fill a kai box**

Drop it into GDC reception by Friday the 10th Dec: Could include:

- Sellotape, gift wrap
- Pasta, rice, long-life flatbreads
- Canned tomatoes, canned fish, canned fruit.
- Long-life powdered milk, condensed milk
- Tea, coffee, milo
- Tomato sauce, canola oil, a cooking sauce
- Nappies, wipes, baby soap
- Washing powder, dishwashing liquid
- Toothpaste, soap, period products, shampoo



3. **Make a financial donation**

Ruapotaka Marae will turn your cash into groceries that fit with their meal plans and meet the specific needs of each family. Send donations to:

Name: Ruapotaka Marae Society
Account No: 12-3041- 0365202-06
Reference: Taurere



Thank you for your generosity!



*Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou
ka ora ai te iwi*

With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive

