



Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022

## Kia Ora Tātou

Welcome back to term 2. The priority for the next two terms, particularly for senior students, is working consistently towards their academic goals. Students will have started to receive assessment results and will be able to determine whether they are on track to meet success.

Complicating the picture will be the ongoing presence of Covid and the potential to disrupt learning. Already in term one there has had to be flexibility with assessment due dates and extensions. If students have Covid they have a medical excuse, however, if students are isolating as a close contact, they are still expected to attempt all work and meet assessment deadlines. If in doubt students should consult with their teachers. Deans are also available if there is the need to manage and prioritise workload requirements.

Winter sport has started. Thank you to the many volunteers who support our students by coaching and managing teams. Your contribution makes a big difference to our school and students. I am also impressed by the number of former students willing to give back by coaching school teams. Both the Girls and Boys Football first XIs are coached by former students, Beth Rattray and Sam Veal. Watching the two teams play last week, I was impressed by the quality of play and the positive manner in which the students were coached. The girls have been promoted to the premier grade and started the season with a 5-1 victory over Takapuna, followed by a 6-2 victory over Rangitoto College.

Over the holidays, students were involved in both the St Heliers and St Andrews Retirement Village Anzac services. Thanks to Samara Bayliss at St Heliers and Sophie Campbell-Patston (Deputy Head Girl) and Otis McKenzie (Head Boy) at St Andrews. There was positive feedback on the quality of their presentations and how well they represented the college.

Two 2021 Year 13 students, Joshua Lay and Damon Herlihy-O'Brien, attended the 'New Zealand Scholarship Top Scholars Award' ceremony in Wellington on Wednesday 11 May. Joshua received a 'Premier Award' (Top 12 in New Zealand) while Damon was 'Top Music Scholar' in New Zealand. The college was represented by Mr Andrew Lile who taught both students Music. The college is very proud of these two fine young men.



## Upcoming Events:

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

### May

- 14-16 Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice Tramp (Option 2)
- 16 Teacher Only Day  
(no students at school)
- 18 Board Meeting  
(6pm-9pm, Boardroom)
- 19 Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing  
(Zoom, 3pm-8pm)
- 21 Senior School Ball  
(Postponed to 6 August 2022)
- 24 Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing  
(Zoom, 3pm-8pm)
- 26 Careers Expo  
(4pm-6:45pm, Hall)
- 28-29 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Journey (2)

### June

- 10 Cross Country (Churchill Park, selected students)
- 13 Cross Country (back up date)
- 14-16 The Big Sing Choral Festival  
(TBC)
- 21 Cultural Celebration Night  
(7pm-9:30pm, Hall)
- 22 Board Meeting  
(6pm-9pm, Boardroom)

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



I participated in a Zoom meeting for Auckland Principals run by the Ministry of Education earlier this week. One presenter was a doctor from the Auckland District Health Board. She advised us on the need to keep vigilant. There has been a 30% rise in cases in Auckland over the past week. She commented that people need to be aware that even if they have had Covid there is the chance for re-infection, particularly with new strains in the community. If someone is unwell, they need to take all usual precautions, stay home, and get tested even if they have already been infected.

Although we are endeavouring to have all year levels at school, staff illness may require the college to roster students home again, as has happened with Year 10 today. We will give parents/caregivers and students as much notice as possible if this is the case.

**Ngā mihi nui**  
**Gordon Robertson**  
**Principal**

## Teacher Only Day - Monday 16 May 2022

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The Ministry of Education is in the process of strengthening NCEA by making a series of changes to improve well-being, equity, coherence, pathways, and credibility. In consultation with NZEI and PPTA, they have allocated Accord Teacher Only Days to support the implementation of changes.

The focus for Monday 16 May will include the development of local curriculum and preparation for changes in literacy and numeracy assessment. It is important that teachers are prepared for the NCEA changes that will be taking place.

You can read more about the NCEA Change Programme [here](#).

**Mr Andre Worsnop, Deputy Principal**

## Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

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**Thursday, 19 May 3:00pm – 8:00pm**

**Tuesday, 24 May 3:00pm – 8:00pm**

Bookings are now open on [SchoolPoint](#). Booking instructions are available by pressing the 'Help' button on that page.

These conferences are with the subject teachers. Discussions will include progress in assessments to date, progress towards NCEA, and discussion of the term 1 learner expectations report. A reminder that throughout the year, you can also check academic grades on the Portal as they are published.

It is important that students also attend the conference, as it is about them and their learning.

Please note:

- School will finish at 1:40pm on Thursday, 19 May and 1:40pm on Tuesday, 24 May. Auckland Transport no longer change times of school runs, students who normally catch a bus will either have to use public buses or wait for the school buses at the normal times.
- If you are unable to participate in these interviews but would like to speak to your child's subject teacher or Dean, please email them directly.

**Mr Andre Worsnop, Deputy Principal**



# glendowie news

## Glendowie College – Examination Centre Manager

We are seeking an Examination Centre Manager to run the NCEA and NZ Scholarship examinations in 2022.

The smooth and successful running of an exam centre is important for all students participating in these examinations.

The position begins in August with NZQA training and would require you to complete several administrative tasks from August to October to plan and prepare for the exams. You would also need to be available to work for the entire exam period (Monday 7 November 2022 to Friday 2 December 2022).

A high level of organisational skills with great attention to detail, strength in following processes precisely, confidence leading people of all ages, proficiency in using a computer and learning to use new computer programmes are essential qualities for this role.

If you are interested, or know someone else who could be, please email [wnp@gdc.school.nz](mailto:wnp@gdc.school.nz)

## Glendowie College Careers Expo (26 May 2022 Thursday)

**Glendowie College Careers Expo**  
Thursday 26th May 2022 - 4pm to 6:45pm - GDC Assembly Hall

WHO'S COMING .

- BCITO building people
- Unitec Institute of Technology
- THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND
- MASSEY UNIVERSITY
- UC UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY
- VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON
- NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF SPORT
- New Zealand DEFENCE FORCE
- THE UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO
- AUT UNIVERSITY AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND
- UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO
- nzma REAL SKILLS FOR TODAY'S PROFESSIONS
- techterium
- NAVY NZ ARMY AIR FORCE
- Elite School of Beauty & Spa
- Ignite Colleges
- etco Connecting the future
- SAMALA ROBINSON ACADEMY
- CROWN INSTITUTE OF STUDIES AUCKLAND • NEW ZEALAND
- cut above
- ..... AND MANY MORE

## Uniform Shop

Under the Covid Protection Framework Orange setting, our Uniform Shop is considered a retail business, therefore masks are REQUIRED for staff and customers. Please come prepared when visiting the shop. We appreciate your help in keeping our staff and students safe.

**Ms Lisa Davis-Miller, Business Manager**

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## Cultural Night 2022

**2022  
Cultural  
Celebration  
Night**

21 June 2022 19:00-21:30  
Glendowie College Hall

**\$5 adult, \$2 student**

All cultures are welcome.  
Share a dance, a song, a speech or a musical item from your culture.  
Book a slot in the programme or to ask for help with organising your group.

QR code

Email: [rcd@gdc.school.nz](mailto:rcd@gdc.school.nz) (Mrs Richardson)

Cultural Night will be back this year 2022 with the theme 'Matariki.'

There will be performances from a wide range of countries such as Samoa, Tonga, Philippines, Cook Islands, Korea and so much more!!

Cultural night will be held on **Tuesday 21 June at 7:00pm** in the **School Hall**.

For entry - \$5 for adults and \$2 for students. Bookings are now open at: <https://www.trybooking.co.nz/JYD>

For further queries, please contact Mrs Ruth Richardson on [rcd@gdc.school.nz](mailto:rcd@gdc.school.nz)

We hope to see you all there to celebrate and embrace the different cultures that are a part of Glendowie College.

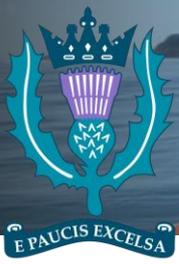
**Aleisha Folu (12GRY) on behalf of the Culture Night Committee**

## Sustainability Meeting

The Glendowie College Sustainability Club is proud to partner with the 'Eastern Bays Songbird Project' on their latest tree planting event. We are fortunate to have secured \$5,000 worth of native trees which are to be planted at the back of the field and which will create new habitats for our local birds and make the area look more appealing. On Monday 9 May, some students began the hard mahi of weeding the proposed area to prepare it for the tree planting. If you are interested in getting involved, please come along to a Sustainability Club meeting, or speak to Mr Wallace/Miss Tidman for more information on the next weeding session.



**Ms Harriet Tidman, Sustainability Club**



## SVA Visit



On Thursday 5 May and Thursday 12 May, we had the opportunity to welcome Sam and Sophie from the Student Volunteer Army to speak to our junior students about service. They shared the backstory of the SVA and the benefits of volunteering. They encouraged students to get involved with their SVA Service Award, which is a free platform where volunteers can record and reflect on their volunteering hours.

Students can work towards physical badges – Member, Bronze, Silver and Gold – to acknowledge the work they do in their community, whether this is for their school, whānau or neighbourhood. They can then receive a ‘Summary of Service’ which is a fantastic tool to use when applying for jobs, further education, scholarships etc. Our Service Prefects had some great conversations with Sam and Sophie, sharing some of the awesome projects that Glendowie College students are already involved in. We look forward to welcoming SVA back in the near future to present some SVA Service Awards to our students to recognise their great work.

**Ms Harriet Tidman, SVA Service Co-ordinator**

## Young Enterprise Updates



At the end of term 1, IMPLEAT visited Ruapotaka Marae to gain insights into Māori culture and discuss their prospective business idea around incorporating Matariki, the world's first indigenous holiday, into their business.

IMPLEAT Directors are thrilled and humbled to be working with Ruapotaka Marae in embracing the opportunity to celebrate Matariki as part of IMPLEAT's focus this year. We extend our thanks to Whaea Georgie (Ruapotaka Marae) and her team for their support, for opening the doors to IMPLEAT and for guiding us through our cultural responsiveness journey. This has been an amazing experience and we look forward to strengthening our collaboration with Ruapotaka Marae as we near the launching of IMPLEAT's "Koha" for Matariki in

2022. We would like to thank Whaea Melisa (Te Reo Māori teacher at GDC) for guiding us and helping us establish the relationship with our local Marae.

Watch this space for more on the launch of IMPLEAT's "Koha". Follow us on Instagram @impleat.co to stay tuned with IMPLEAT's journey in learning about Matariki. The more we learn, the more excited we are on how we can embrace this celebration and relate it to our lives. Let's celebrate and feel that accomplishment life has to offer.

We encourage you to get in touch with us to place your pre-orders via email [admin@impleat.co.nz](mailto:admin@impleat.co.nz).

**Beren Eskildsen (13HRD) - Research and Development Director at IMPLEAT**  
**(Proud participant of the Young Enterprise Scheme 2022)**



# glendowie news

## Support Glendowie College – Give Mum even more after Mother's Day with an Entertainment Membership!

CELEBRATE A MONTH OF MUM BECAUSE...  
**Every mum deserves more!**

Get a **BONUS**  
**\$20 or \$40**  
eGift Card\*



Support us, buy an Entertainment Membership and get a **BONUS \$20 or \$40 eGift Card!**

**Give. Get. Share.**  
Did you know **20% of your Membership purchase price** goes directly to our fundraising cause? Show you care. Buy today!

**Treat mum or yourself and unlock HUGE SAVINGS** with our limited-time **BONUS Member offers.**

**THE ICONIC**  
**\$30 off**  
Full priced items\*  
Minimum spend \$120

**petals** FLORIST NETWORK  
**25% off**  
The flower value online\*  
Normally only 20% off

**EDIBLE BLOOMS**  
**15% off**  
Online\*  
Excludes delivery and handling

**20% off**  
Online at Boody\*

**30% off**  
Online at Eco Modern Essentials\*

**30% off**  
Online at Global Culture New Zealand\*

**PLUS HUNDREDS OF OFFERS** on dining, shopping, travel & more

Until 31 May 2022, when you purchase a 'Single City' Membership, you can choose between a **BONUS \$20 Sephora or Farmers eGift Card**. When you purchase a 'Multi City' or a 'Multi City Plus' Membership, you can choose between a **BONUS \$40 Sephora or Farmers eGift Card**. That's two gifts for Mum for the price of one!!! (or a gift for you and a gift for her).

We will also have some new **BONUS OFFERS** that you can use with additional discounts at places everyone loves, such as Petal and Edible Blooms ... the list goes on!

Every Mum deserves more!!! This Mother's Day you can make sure she gets it with an Entertainment Membership and a fantastic **BONUS eGift Card**.

So why wait, purchase Mum an Entertainment Membership and help us reach our fundraising goals.

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



## Free Kayaking Event (Mountains to Sea Conservation Trust)

'Mountains to Sea Conservation Trust' is organising a free guided kayak day at Tahuna Torea on 21 May 2022 to celebrate 'World Fish Migration Day'. If you are interested, please click the link below for more details:

Event link: [www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/332362092967/?discount=TOREA](http://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/332362092967/?discount=TOREA)

## Mindful Parenting Course

### MINDFUL PARENTING COURSE

This popular course will arm you with research-based parenting techniques and tools that help you stay calm in the middle of even the most chaotic days. Learn how to reduce stress, improve family relationships and create deep, lasting connections with your children.



Course facilitator:  
**Shirley Pastiroff**  
Counsellor and mum of 5

### WHERE & WHEN

**Glendowie Primary School**  
217 Riddell Rd

**DATE:** starting Thursday 19 May 2022

**TIME:** 7.30 – 9pm for 6 weeks

**COST:** \$150

Special couples rate: \$250 per couple



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– Mum of 2: ages 5 and 2

*"All parents should be put on this course"*

– Dad of 3: ages 10, 7 and 4.

*"Fabulous. Informative. Empowering.*

*Thought-provoking. Inspiring"*

– Mum of 3: ages 16, 13 and 10

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