



Thursday, 23rd June 2022

Tēna koutou katoa

On Tuesday 21 June, we had a most enjoyable evening celebrating a wide variety of the cultures present in the school at the Cultural Celebration Evening. The performances were wonderful with the enthusiasm shown by both the performers and the audience being infectious. The genuine pride the students showed in their culture and heritage reinforces the importance their cultural identity has in defining who they are.

This is the second year we have held this event following a long break. Similar cultural evenings were a regular occurrence in the 1990s. A parent I spoke to on Tuesday commented on the wonderful spirit there was in the Hall and the amazing support for all performers no matter which culture.

Congratulations to the staff for their line dancing performance. It could be described as energetic and fun with a lot of raw talent on display.

Special thanks to the members of the community, staff and students who supported the performers both in preparing for the event and on the night. The initiative was largely student-led, but the organisation of Ruth Richardson, the school Kaiārahi, and the involvement of the Taurere Whanau parents must be acknowledged and applauded.

In some ways it is quite appropriate that the Cultural Celebration Evening fell in the same week as we celebrate Matariki as a national holiday for the first time. Having a national day that reflects our bi-cultural heritage ties in with the inclusive nature of the Cultural Celebration.

Many cultures have ceremonies or festivals to mark the passage of time or to celebrate the completion of the seasonal cycle or lunar calendar. Traditionally, Matariki is a time to acknowledge the passing of the dead and to release their spirits to become stars. The re-appearance of Matariki (the Pleiades) in the sky gives an indication of the nature of the year ahead in terms of weather and whether the next planting season will be favourable and productive. It is a time for reflection and to think about how we can add value to our whanau and our own wellbeing.

You will notice in the newsletter that we have scheduled a meeting for anyone interested in participating in the Parents' Association to come to a meeting on Thursday 28 July, the first week of next term. Covid has severely impacted the opportunities for the Parents' Association to run events and undertake fundraising activities for the college. This meeting is to re-start the Parents' Association and gauge parent interest. Your involvement would be greatly appreciated.



Upcoming Events:

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

June

- 28 Parents' Information Evening – 2023 Enrolments (7pm-9pm, Hall)
- 29 Year 10 Subject Information Evening (6pm-7:30pm, Hall)

July

- 4-6 Winterfest
- 8 End of Term 2
- 25 Term 3 Starts
- 27-28 Dramafest
- 28 Parents' Association Meeting (7pm, Staffroom)
- 28-31 NZ Secondary Schools Swimming Championships

August

- 3 Tāne Mahuta House Charity Mufti Day
- 3-4 Dramafest
- 4 Parents' Association Meeting (TBC)
- 5 Annual Musical Gala Concert (7:30pm-10pm, Hall)
- 10-11 Dramafest
- 13 Open Day (9am-12pm, College)

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



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There are two weeks of term left after this week. The assessment programme tends to be busier towards the end of each term, so it is important that students manage not only their time but also their general wellbeing. Reports for Years 11, 12 and 13 students will be published onto the portal at the end of term. Please look at these so that you have a clear indication of how your child is progressing.

Ngā mihi nui
Gordon Robertson
Principal

Parents Information Evening – ‘2023 Enrolment Process’



Glendowie College will hold a ‘Parents Information Evening’ on **Tuesday 28 June 2022 at 7:00pm in the College Hall**. The purpose of this meeting is to outline the programmes the school offers and to cover the enrolment process for 2023 year 9 students’ enrolments.

This is an opportunity to meet informally with Gordon Robertson, Glendowie College’s Principal, to have any questions answered about the enrolment process.

We look forward to seeing you there. No RSVP is required.

Glendowie College Board Update

At the Board meeting yesterday, it was really pleasing to hear how many events and activities are going on at the College currently, which is a very welcome change from the periods of covid-related restrictions recently. Unfortunately, there are too many to mention individually, but we would like to acknowledge all students, staff, parents and community members who have participated and helped with these.

One notable event was the Cultural Evening held on Tuesday. This was such an entertaining and enjoyable evening, showcasing the diversity and talent within the College. The support and involvement from the audience really contributed to making it such a great evening. Particular thanks go to Ruth Richardson for pulling the event together so ably.

The Parent/Teacher/Student interviews were held on-line in May. While this may not be as good as meeting face to face, they were still a valuable way to discuss students’ progress. We would like to acknowledge the efforts of the staff involved, with some holding 70 interviews over the two days!

The Principal’s Newsletter mentions a meeting of the Parents’ Association on 28 July 2022. Unfortunately, the Covid restrictions have hampered the Association recently. We do hope it can resume its valuable contribution to the College community. If you are interested in helping, please do come along to the meeting – your contribution would be very welcome.

Finally, thank you to everyone who responded to our recent survey. The feedback is really valuable, giving plenty of food for thought. The College is working through this in preparation for focus group meetings in Term 3 and a second survey later in the year. Again, we encourage everyone to participate and have your say.

Mr Matthew Veal, Board Chairperson

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School Board Parent Election 2022

Nomination forms will be issued by Friday, 15 July 2022.

Nominations close on Friday, 5 August 2022 at 12 noon.

Glendowie College will be undertaking a parent election for **FIVE** vacancies on our School Board.

We have employed Canterbury Education Services (CES) to undertake the election process on our behalf.

The nomination form, and instructions on how to submit your nomination through the CES School Elections Portal, will be emailed to you if your email address is on the school roll database (or sent by post if we don't have your email address).

Nomination papers will also be available at the school office.

Nominations received at school will be forwarded to CES for processing.

Parent/Caregiver Roll – From Monday 27 June 2022 a copy of the roll will be held at the school office for inspection. This will be ordered by students' surnames.

A vote takes place where nominations exceed vacancies. If a vote is required, voting papers will be sent by post to caregivers by 10 August 2022 with the poll closing on 7 September 2022 at 4pm.

Ms Lisa Davis-Miller, Business Manager

Subject Selection for Years 10-12 Students

Students in Years 10-12 will soon be completing an online careers module and getting information regarding their course options for 2023. Subject information pages are accessible on [SchoolPoint](#) for both students and parents - Log in using the portal username and password, then click Course Selection. These pages give an indication of the programmes available, including content, assessment, costs, and entry recommendations. Specific year level information can be found under [Help & Information](#) in the menu.

SchoolPoint, which will be used for course selection this year, has the most up-to-date course information, links directly to career advice and allows students to create a 'favourites' list as they explore subjects.

Year 10 students and their parents or guardians are invited to attend an information evening in the College Hall at 6:00pm on Wednesday 29 June 2022. The purpose of this evening is to provide information that will assist Year 10 students in choosing their subjects for Year 11. Following a presentation in the hall, there will be individual presentations by faculties. We anticipate the evening will end at approximately 7:30pm.

We encourage all students to have conversations with their parents, teachers, deans, and careers staff as they investigate their options. Please be aware that the deadline for Years 10-12 students to complete their course selection for 2022 is Week 1 of Term 3.

Mr Andre Worsnop, Deputy Principal

Toy Donations – Community Project

Do you have any excess teddy bears lying around that could do with a new home? As part of our Year 10 community project, we are collecting teddies to donate to 'Foster Hope', an organisation helping kids who have recently been put in the foster care system. If you have any old teddies (under 30cm) that would love a new home, please drop them into S13 between the 27th and 30th June 2022. All donations in new or gently used condition will be very much appreciated. ***Amber Dargaville and Piper Horton (10CHP)***





Parents' Association Meeting

The Parents' Association works to foster community spirit among parents and also raise money for the school. They do this by catering at many functions throughout the school year and by running fundraising events – always a great way to bring the school community together, and lots of fun. Although COVID delayed our original plans to welcome a new team of parents to the association, we now have a new date!

Any parents who would like to be involved, including those willing to take an active leadership role on the committee, please meet in the **Staffroom on Thursday 28 July – 7pm**. To register your interest (for numbers), please email Mr Andre Worsnop, wnp@gdc.school.nz

Students Going on Holiday in Term Time

With the opening of international borders, we are receiving an increasing number of notifications about students being away from school on family holidays. These absences are considered to be explained absences rather than justified ones as the parents are choosing to take students away from school during term time.

Parents need to be aware of the possible consequences of missed school. Students may still be able to access work covered in class through Google Classroom but there is no obligation for teachers to provide work for students who choose to be absent. Explained absences are not a valid reason for any assessment deadline extension. This could detrimentally affect students, particularly those taking NCEA. Students may be able to arrange an earlier deadline for an assessment, but if this is not possible then those credits would be lost. Our advice is to liaise with your child's Dean if they are going to be absent during term time.

Our assessment procedures are available here.

<https://gdc.schoolpoint.co.nz/information/ncea-assessment-procedures>

Signing Out Sick – Correct Procedures

For all Students and Parents/Guardians

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that if students are feeling unwell, they **must** first attend the Medical room where they will be assessed for the need to be collected to go home. If the student is too unwell to stay at school, the school will phone the parent/guardian to collect the student.

Students should not be collected without informing the school. As well, students should not phone home themselves to arrange pick up before being assessed and signing out at Student Services, nor should they just turn up at the Medical room informing the School Nurse that they are not well and someone is already on their way to collect them.

It is important that this procedure is strictly followed to enable the correct information to be entered into the attendance system. This is to ensure the safety of our students in case of an emergency, e.g. fire, lockdown etc.

Your co-operation is appreciated.

From the Medical Room and Student Services



Mānawatia a Matariki — Happy Māori New Year!

It is an exciting time in history to be part of the first holiday that is actually birthed from this whenua/land of Aotearoa. Unlike Waitangi Day and Anzac Day which are days of remembrance, this is a day to honour and celebrate being in Aotearoa.

Matariki, also known as Pleiades (Greek) and Subaru (Japan), is a cluster of stars within the constellation of Taurus. If you can find Orion's Belt (Tautoru) and Hyades (Te Kokotā), you may be able to spot Matariki.



Matariki are a cluster of stars, and yes, they are giant balls of burning gas situated light years away, but as with all indigenous knowledge, seeped in vibrant personification and metaphors, this is our mātāwhiri Māori/Māori wisdom of how stars connect to us here on Papatūānuku/Earth. Unlike Pleiades, we have 9 stars within Matariki, and they are:

- Matariki, the Māmā is the star connected to our health and wellbeing and is referred to as the Healer.
- Rehua or Antares, is **not** part of the cluster, but is the Pāpā and he is connected to our rongoā/natural medicine, so he is known as the Medicine Man.
- Tupuanuku/Tipuanuku (dialectal differences) - Is connected to the food grown in and on the surface of the ground.
- Tupuarangi/Tipuarangi (dialectal differences) - is connected to the food or kai grown above the ground.
- Waitī - the whetu or star connected to all fresh water and the ecosystem within it.
- Waitā - the whetu or star connected to salt water, and also to the Atua, Tangaroa.
- Ururangi - the whetu connected to the wind and weather system, and Tāwhirimātea.
- Waipunarangi - the whetu connected to the water cycle during evaporation, so the water in the sky
- Pōhutukawa - the whetu connected to our loved ones who have passed on, and to Te Waka a Rangi/Canoe of the Sky. The waka is made up of Orion's Belt (Tautoru), Rigel (Puanga), Matariki (Pleiades) and more. This is where the souls of our loved ones wait with Taramainuku for a year, and at the rising of Matariki he releases them to become one with the sky and stars for eternity.
- Hiwaiterangi/Hiwa-i-te-rangi - the whetu connected to our wishes and desires. These are connected to the health and wellbeing of yourself, and your whānau. So, ask yourself, how can I add more value to myself? How can I add more value to my whānau? How can I add more to my community? These become your wishes and desires.

How can you Mānawatia a Matariki/Celebrate and honour Matariki? I've encouraged my students to plan this time around breakfast/parakuihi as a whānau. So, it could look like this:

- Sleep in
- Menu has been previously agreed upon.
- An agreed time to meet in the kāuta/kitchen
- Everyone has a task to do to help prepare parakuihi
- Eat together (no tv, digital devices etc)
- Clean up together

It can be as elaborate or easy as you design it. Make it relevant for your whānau, so prepare, eat, and clean up together and hopefully turn this into a whānau tradition that is simple and certainly worth passing on. The world is rapidly changing and whānau life is constantly being challenged, so look two generations ahead and find solace in knowing you have carved out a time for your whānau, during Matariki.

Dr Rangi Matamua is the face behind Matariki, and everything I share with you has come directly from him. It is also good to note that every iwi/tribe throughout Aotearoa have different stories according to location and tikanga/customs, so Puanga/Rigel is often the sign for the New Year not Matariki.

Mānawatia a Matariki e te whānau,

Āio ki o koutou kāinga May peace be in your homes
Turou Hawaiiki May good be upon you
Tihei Mauri Ora

Nā Whaea Melisa Chase

Nō Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāti Koroki Kahukura



Cultural Night 2022



Cultural Night was a night of colourful, lively celebration, held on Tuesday 21 June 2022. The theme for the event was Matariki, a new year celebration, to acknowledge the first year our nation has had a national holiday for this ancient Māori festival. Matariki is a time to reflect on the past and look forward to the future, which fits perfectly with the kaupapa of this event. We love the way Cultural Night encourages our students to reflect on their rich heritage and also to embrace the strength this gives them for moving into the future. This year's programme was diverse, celebrating over twelve of the cultural heritages shared in our school. We had a range of performances too, with dance groups, instrumentalists and soloists from students and their teachers. Our MCs, Otis Mackenzie (13GEE), Abhi Puthigae (13DHY), David Yuan (13THM), Nia Fepuleai (13GEE), Jenny Byun (13KHN) and Oshaani Khetarpal (13DHY) provided excellent commentary between performances, keeping the flow going and helping our audience to reflect on the Matariki tradition.

Thank you to the teachers and students involved who made this night possible, next year we plan on making it even better!

Special thanks to our organising committee:

Reyna Paul (13THR) - Chair
Grace Lynch (12STC) - Deputy Chair
Chriszelle Veloria (12GRY) - Decorations
Amy Tupuola (12CNR) - Front of House
Aleisha Folu (12GRY) - Promotions
Taylor Nassau (12WAL) - Performer Liaison
Emma White (13THM) - Backstage Team
Dan Nguyen (13SHH) - Artwork
Nia Fepuleai (13GEE) - Finances

And thanks to our staging team:

Ms C Thomson - Lighting
Emma White (13THM) - Sound
Sophie Campbell-Patston (13KHN) - Stage Manager

Ngā mihi nui, fa'afetai lava, malo 'aupito, fakaue lahi, meitaki, xiè xie nǐ, 감사합니다, and thank you to all our families and supporters!

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Year 10 Enterprise Studies (10EST) Market Day

We were fortunate to be able to host the first of 2022's Year 10 Market Days on Tuesday, 14 June in and around GDC's Hall. Over the last few years, many Enterprise and Business Studies activities were hampered by lockdowns and safety protocols, and couldn't do business – just like many other businesses around Aotearoa.

14 teams and small businesses showcased their planning and products to the delight of our GDC customers. There were many sweet offerings, ranging from mini cakes, cookie dough and candy floss to donuts, churros, cream puffs, waffles, popcorn and cake pops. The early winter chill was beaten back with hot dogs and mini pizzas whilst all these wonderful treats were washed down with home made drinks and bubble tea. All our small businesses sold out all their products – with profits made, lots of hard work and fun (and little bit of stress..!).

Thank you to our loyal GDC customers for always supporting our Market Days, click this link <https://youtu.be/ci8kQMOAEYo> to view how great our supporters were! We'll see you again in Term 3!



Mr Ruan van Aswegen, Social Sciences Faculty

Sustainability Group – Planting Day



We had a great turnout on Saturday 18 June at the Sustainability Group's first planting day for our new Ecological corridor. We would like to thank Eastern Bays Songbird Project for all their help organising this amazing event. We had people from the community, staff, students and whānau helping out, and we have made great progress!

Keep an eye on the notices for more weeding and planting days coming up, as we finish off the last parts of the project.

Mr Aidan Wallace, Sustainability Group Teacher-in-Charge



Chinese Classes



As part of our Chinese cultural classes a Kungfu Master, Master Wu, came to us and provided two Chinese martial art 'Tai Chi Fan' workshops for Year 9 and Year 10 students. 'Tai Chi Kungfu Fan' is a unique bodybuilding martial art exercise blending the movements of 'Tai Chi' boxing and other martial arts, and dances. Students learnt a range of moves and had a great time learning 'Tai Chi Fan' from listening and sensing perspectives, which led to more interesting Tai Chi Fan exploration.

Ms Tantan Xu, Chinese Teacher

Sports Update



North Island Secondary Schools Swimming Championship

Glendowie College had 2 representatives in Wellington for this event on 11 and 12 June 2022.

Xanthe Miller (10MCB) achieved personal bests in all her events and Sophie Barry (10SNG) was 2nd in 100 Butterfly and 3rd in 100 Freestyle. Congratulations to both these young swimmers!



College Sport Duathlon

Huge congratulations to Neal Grayson (13KHN) and George Lee (12WAL) who placed 1st Senior Boys Team at this event held at Pukekohe Raceway on 9 June 2022.



NZSS National Cross Country Championships

Well done to Oscar Monro (11SWY), Zara Pomfret (10SNG) and Angus Monro (13NAI) who all competed at this event in Nelson this weekend. All three athletes had excellent runs, with Angus finishing 13th and Zara 20th.

Mrs Lydia Brown, Director of Sports



Underwater Hockey Northern Zone Secondary School Cup

Last weekend, the Glendowie College Junior Open and Junior Girls Underwater Hockey teams competed in the 'Underwater Hockey New Zealand Northern Zone Secondary School Cup' at Westwave pool in Henderson. The squad trained hard during the lead up with seasonal colds and flu as well as Covid posing extra challenges this year and leaving each team one player short. Despite this, the teams performed very well with the Junior Open team placing second in a nail biting final against Howick College and the Junior Girls placing third. These results allow us to send a team in each grade to the National tournament in Wellington in September.



Josh Dale (10MCE) and Amy Cilliers (9MET) were named our tournament MVPs, along with Michael Butland (11SOH), James Hay (11JAN) and Edward Smit (11IFR) who were invited to trial for the Under 18 Auckland/Northern Representative team. Senior player Daniel Hoeglinger (11SHN) was awarded the 'Most Promising Referee' trophy.

We would like to thank our wonderful coaches, Rob Tinkler and Macayla Lock, who spent the entire weekend with the teams, along with the teams' managers, Wendy Smith and Sheryl Wu. Thank you to the senior students who refereed: Martha Diprose (13THM), Sophie Glasgow-Palmer (13GEE), Phoebe Wild (13THR), Daniel Hoeglinger (11SHN), Leo Sanderson (11NFS), Georgia Mathewson (12CGN), Jodie Westgrave (12ASW), Maddie Smith-Rice (13THR) and Thomas Ramsbottom (12MCF). Thank you also to all our parent helpers and supporters.

Hine Moana Programme



We would like to congratulate Kelsy Olivier (13KHN) for being chosen to participate in the 'Hine Moana' programme during the July Holidays. This is a 5-day sailing and kayaking program which will give Kelsy the opportunity to sail and kayak with a few other students from across Auckland. The objective of the course is to focus on personal achievement, empowerment, and personal leadership to reflect on their own journey with respect to self and to Kaitiakitanga. It also aims to create courage, trust, and develop an appreciation of the ocean and nature.

The first two nights will be spent sailing on the internationally renowned maxi yachts – either 'Lion New Zealand' or 'Steinlager2'. Everyone on board will have the opportunity to learn to sail the boats, help with the preparation of meals and sleep aboard. They will be put into a watch rotation system to learn about different aspects of sailing, practice reading the weather, plan their destination and to work together to sail the boat to that destination. Everyone will be engaged in beach clean ups, raft building, problem solving or communication activities to further develop skills and enhance personal growth.

Mr Richard Thompson, Health and Physical Education Faculty



IMPLEAT Product Launch



Kia Ora! On Wednesday 22 June, the Young Enterprise Scheme group 'IMPLEAT', held their Matariki product launch in the new Dykes block with many external parties invited. It was a great evening with presentations and guest speakers throughout!

'IMPLEAT' has been working hard on their new product 'Koha' to celebrate Matariki. 'Koha' builds on their reusable micro suction labels innovated last

year by giving their packaging a deeper purpose with a Matariki design that represents their business values.

A special shout out to Whaea Georgie, Rawiri and Haven from Ruapotaka Marae for their invaluable support. Thank you to Whaea Chase for being an integral part of IMPLEAT's journey with their 'Koha' launch.

Happy Matariki to all! Remember to use this celebration as an opportunity to reflect and reset some goals.

Koha pre-orders are open on their website now: www.impleat.co.nz. Please also follow our social media: Instagram: [@impleat.co](https://www.instagram.com/impleat.co) and TikTok: [@impleat](https://www.tiktok.com/@impleat)

IMPLEAT - "Life is a bit more complete with IMPLEAT"



Glendowie Banner for Japan Festival in Wellington

Thank you to Samara Bayliss (13GEE) in particular for her design, and also to Jenna McLaren (13KHN), Angela Wu (10STN), Maala Hayer (10CHP) and Ella Halford (10COO) for their dedicated painting. Their efforts ensured that Glendowie College was able to produce a banner to be displayed at the Wellington Japan Festival supported by 'Asia New Zealand'.

Explanation of the design:



In the upcoming weeks, two important cultural events will be taking place – Matariki and Tanabata.

Matariki is the Māori name for a cluster of stars, otherwise known as the Pleiades, which rise on the first day of the Māori lunar calendar. It is believed that brighter stars signal that the harvest of the upcoming year will be abundant. Some Māori mythology states that each of the nine stars in the cluster is representative of an aspect of life on Earth.

Tanabata is a Japanese celebration, recognising the union of the stars Altair and Vega, which are usually separated by the milky way. The two stars are representative of the lovers Orihime and Hikoboshi, who were separated by Tentei (Orihime's father) after her love for Hikoboshi caused her to stop working so hard at her job of weaving. Because of Orihime's extreme sadness at being separated from her lover, each year Tentei allows the two to reunite.

In our banner, we aimed to depict the mythology surrounding both Tanabata and Matariki. The two lovers, Orihime and Hikoboshi, are represented by the two lanterns, which are often used to celebrate Tanabata. They are separated by the milky way, which contains the nine stars of Matariki – Matariki, Tupuāangi, Waipuna-ā-Rangi, Waitī, Tupuānuku, Ururangi, Waitā, Pōhutukawa and Hiwa-i-te-Rangi.



Jenna McLaren (13KHN)



Adolescent Self-Esteem Research

Kia ora,

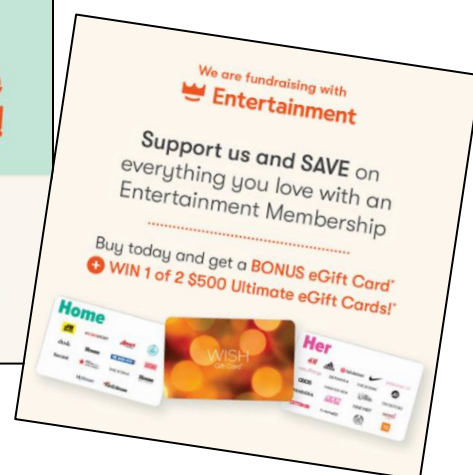
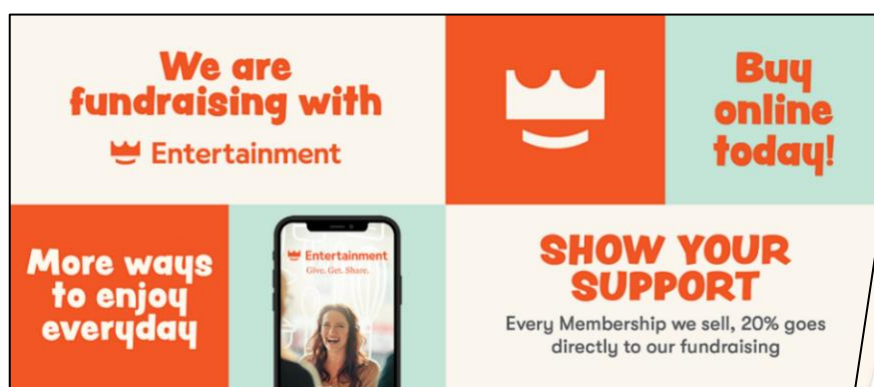
Researchers at the University of Canterbury are conducting a study on self-esteem development. They are looking for high school students to take part in a brief and anonymous survey on adolescent self-esteem. Please watch this short video below for more information:

<https://youtu.be/UMibpL8ThXg>

If you are interested in having your child participate in this study or if you would like more information, please click the link below for study details:

https://canterbury.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ci0ilAsDfoHwzjg

Entertainment Book Fundraising



The June “Go on Gift yourself” Campaign has started!

Promotion

- From now until 30 June 2022.
- Supporters will receive a \$10 eGift Card when purchasing a Single City Membership or a \$20 eGift Card when purchasing a Multi or Multi Plus Membership.
- Supporters can choose between an Ultimate for Her, Ultimate for Home or Wish eGift Card.

BONUS Competition

- For every purchase, the supporter automatically goes into the draw to win 1 of 2 x \$500 Ultimate eGift Cards.

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