



Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## Kia Ora Tātou

NCEA exams began on Monday 7 November and Year 11 school exams are underway as well. Students and staff have put a lot of effort into exam preparation, and it would be great if the outcomes reflect this effort.

I read a recent article by Cherie Taylor-Patel, President of the New Zealand Principals Federation. She, in turn referenced Professor Anna Pons from OECD. In European countries, school leaders had described a shift in education perspective from viewing education as a system to produce a future workforce, to supporting students to become lifelong learners. With the nature of the changing employment market and skills needing to be adaptable.

Professor Pons research on how to serve our students better found that:

1. We need to shift from directing students to giving students a compass, so they can adjust and change within a fast-changing world.
2. ALL students need to succeed.
3. Students need to develop complex ways of thinking, doing, and building collective capacity.
4. We need a workforce with a high level of professional knowledge.
5. We need distributed leadership models.
6. We need to be highly accountable to peers and stakeholders, and less to authorities.

This resonated with me and our focus for teaching and learning at Glendowie College. The objective behind having the MYP programme at Years 9 and 10, our school-based Year 11 programme and our professional learning priority to have a more inclusive pedagogy is so we can develop these attributes in our students. We want our students to be adaptable, thinking, collaborative, successful members of society.

### MYP Community Project

Five of our Year 10 classes are embarking on their community project as part of the MYP programme. The other four classes completed theirs in the first half of the year. Each class has chosen a broad theme with the groups undertaking more specific projects. I am impressed with the themes chosen as they reflect a desire to support areas of need. These are:

- 10LAA – Plants and Pests
- 10KSV – Tamaki River and local beach clean-ups
- 10MCB – Continued support of Ruapōtaka Marae
- 10STN – Organising the collection of Christmas presents to be donated to children in need
- 10RGS – Positive impact on mental health/wellbeing of people in Tamaki Makaurau



## Upcoming Events:

### November

- 14-15 Year 11 Exams
- 15 Rowing Fundraiser (7pm-9pm, Staffroom)
- 18 2023 School Production Audition Day (Years 10 - 12)
- 23 Year 11 Arts Event (3:20pm-7pm, Hall)
- 23 Board Meeting (6pm-9pm, Boardroom)
- 24 Teacher Only Day (no students at school)
- 25-27 Karapiro Club Rowing Regatta (Lake Karapiro)
- 28 Senior Prizegiving (4pm-6pm, Hall)
- 29 Year 11 Subject Confirmation (10:10am-1:40pm, Hall)
- 29 Taurere Whānau Meeting (6:30pm-8:30pm, Staffroom)
- 30 PPTA Paid Union Meeting (students finish school at 12:05pm)

### December

- 1 Year 11 Students Last Day
- 1 Combined (Kāhui Ako) Board Meeting (6pm-8pm, Boardroom)
- 1 MYP Exhibition Evening (4pm-6pm, Dykes Building)
- 1 Junior Music Concert (7pm-9pm, Hall)
- 2 Teacher Only Day (no students at school)
- 5-7 2023 Prefects Camp
- 7 Board Meeting (6pm-9pm, Boardroom)
- 8 Junior Prizegiving (10am-12pm, Hall)
- 9 End of Term 4

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



Later this term, there will be an exhibition of student work undertaken in the MYP programme including the community projects.

## **Graduation Dinner**

This was a special occasion where students (and parents) leaving the school were farewelled. It was an enjoyable evening and a reminder of those bonds formed over the years of school, both at Glendowie College and at primary school. A highlight of the evening was Miles Hunter's reflections on his five years at the college.

**Ngā mihi nui**

**Gordon Robertson**

**Principal**

## **Teacher Only Days and Paid Union Meetings**

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In the next few weeks, there will be two Teacher Only days and one afternoon for a PPTA Union meeting. The Teacher Only Days are days designated by the Ministry of Education to prepare for future changes to NCEA.

Year 9, 10 and 11 students **will not** be required to be at school during these times. NCEA exams will continue during these dates.

- **24 November 2022 (Thursday)** – Teacher Only Day (no students at school)
- **30 November 2022 (Wednesday)** – PPTA Paid Union Meeting (students will be released from school at 12:05pm)
- **2 December 2022 (Friday)** – Teacher Only Day (no students at school).

***Ms Trudy Gibb, Deputy Principal***

## **Subject Confirmation for Current Year 11 students**

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Current Year 11 students will attend subject confirmation on Tuesday 29 November 2022. 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 to 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***

## **Year 12 and 13 Photolife Photos For Collection**

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Photolife has sent through some of the recently purchased Year 12 and 13 year-level, class, and team photographs. These photos can be collected from reception.

***Ms Trudy Gibb, Deputy Principal***



## Position Vacancy: Sports Co-ordinator

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We are seeking a 'Sports Co-ordinator' with the following attributes:

- High quality communication and rapport with students, parents, coaches, and staff
- A willingness to work as part of a team to ensure the smooth operation of the College Co-Curricular Sports programme and the Sports Department
- Strong administration, ICT, time management, and organisational skills
- The ability to support the College's sports programme in a coaching capacity
- An appropriate tertiary qualification, coaching qualifications, or equivalent experience
- Experience working with young people
- Full drivers' licence (preferred) and First Aid Certificate (preferred).

This is a full time, permanent, term time only (40 weeks per year) position. Hourly rate is approximately \$27. Police vetting is required for this role.

A copy of the job description and application form may be requested via email [won@gdc.school.nz](mailto:won@gdc.school.nz). Applicants with NZ residency or a valid NZ work visa desirable.

If you are interested in the position, please email your application form, cover letter and CV to Eliza Wong, Principal's PA, via email [won@gdc.school.nz](mailto:won@gdc.school.nz) by 4pm, 16 November 2022 (Wednesday).

## Relievers Wanted for 2023

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Are you a registered teacher interested in relief teaching next year? Having a good pool of relievers allows us to cover staff absences due to illness, activities, and trips. If you, or someone you know, is interested in finding out more about relief teaching for us next year, please email [wnp@gdc.school.nz](mailto:wnp@gdc.school.nz).

***Mr Andre Worsnop, Deputy Principal***

## Relief School Nurse

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We are looking for registered nurses in our community who would be available for casual relief cover.

Hours are normally 8:45am to 3:30pm with a paid half hour lunch (as on call).

If you are interested, please email Ms Lisa Davis-Miller [dav@gdc.school.nz](mailto:dav@gdc.school.nz) with your CV.

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





## Visit to Ruapōtaka Marae as part of the Year 10 Community Project

On 8 November 2022, Josh Knoetze (10MCB) and I visited the Ruapōtaka Marae in Glen Innes. It was our privilege to meet with Whaea Waimirangi Howell from Ruapōtaka Marae who gave us insight on the marae and how Rua Pātaka social supermarket worked. We were amazed by how a little support from us can help so many people in the community and felt more people should know about this. This visit gave us an inspiration to create the promotional video to help raise awareness of the Rua Pātaka social supermarket as our community project focus. If you are interested to find out more, watch this space for the release of our promotional video.

*James Noordermeer (10MCB)*



## Ruapōtaka Marae Social Supermarket

# RUA POTAKA SOCIAL SUPERMARKET

Hello, our names are Maddie Dale and Xanthe Miller, we are two year 10 students at Glendowie College. We are currently doing our community project, an assessment task that teaches us the importance of service and how we can use our connections to help others.

We really appreciate your efforts in helping us with our assessment and helping us to support our local community.

Our group's focus is the Rua Potaka Social Supermarket in Glen Innes; here they provide families in need with the essentials during tough times. We are going to be collecting donations in the school's office over the next week so please bring any new toiletry items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, etc, or any cleaning and medical supplies (disinfectant sprays, panadol, Vicks, etc).



## Support the Charity – Foster Hope

### Please give Christmas presents to kids in need

#### Help us support the charity - Foster Hope

As part of our 2022 Community Project, 10STN is helping arrange a toy collection for the Foster Hope event "Christmas Gift Drive". We would love to have the whole school and community get behind this initiative. Hopefully you can support this fantastic charity by giving new toys, and helping kids in need have a great Christmas!

**Toy collection points:**  
Year 9 and 10 form classes or  
Glendowie College Reception

**Any questions?**  
**Email:** Abbey  
21024@gdc.school.nz

**Toy Collection  
period:**  
9th - 18th  
November

**Toy Age  
range:**  
Newborn to  
18 years

#### Toys:

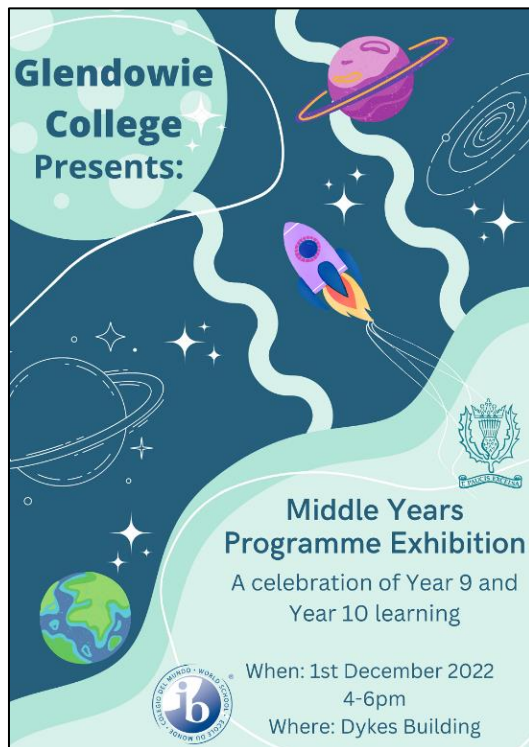
All toys **must** be new.  
Toys **must** not be wrapped.  
Toys **must** not be battery operated.

The types of toys we are looking for are:  
Sports balls, board/card games, LEGO,  
craft packs, dolls, puzzles, action figures





## Middle Years Programme Exhibition of Learning



We would like to invite you to come and look at what our Year 9 and 10 students have been learning in 2022. We will be sharing work from the eight subject areas, the Community Project in Year 10, and the Interdisciplinary Unit from Year 9.

## 2022 Junior Concert

The Junior Concert will be held on Thursday, 1 December, 7:00pm in the Glendowie College Hall.

Enjoy an evening of music from our own Year 9 and 10 students, featuring performances by soloists, small groups, the Junior String Ensemble, the Junior Jazz Combo, the Wind Band and many more!







## Graduation Dinner 2022

The Year 13 Graduation Dinner was held at the Ellerslie Events Centre on 31 October 2022. It was a special evening where both students and parents had the opportunity to celebrate a special milestone in their lives.

Highlights of the evening included the warm and meaningful karakia given by Arona Leofo and the presentation of the 'Compassion Cup' by the Head Prefects (Otis McKenzie (13GEE) and Abhi Puthigae (13DHY) to Jessie Butland (13DHY).

Miles Hunter (13THR) gave the valediction address, regaling us with both significant and humorous aspects from the last five years. WE were all enthralled and did not want the "play" to end. We will draw on Miles' speech to conclude.

"What is longer than five years of high school?  
The sentence you get for carrying Class A drugs,  
the time spent in medical school...  
the amount of time it takes for the clock to reach 3:20pm on  
a Friday afternoon.

Five years is a long time and a **blink of an eye**. Five years, five acts of a tragedy or a comedy that has shaped us into who we are... we have had a long journey (in a small amount of time) and we are on the **precipice** of the great "who knows?"

This drama is over, we have survived the zom-rom-com and will exit stage left.

Take every opportunity. **Don't** take a sleeping pill on the **same** night you take a laxative and smash those exams guys", Miles Hunter.



**Mrs Bridget Rothbart, Year 13 Teacher-in-Charge**



## New Zealand Economics Competition

We participated in the New Zealand Economics competition organised by the University of Auckland Business School. All Year 12 and 13 Economics' students were encouraged to participate.

**Year 13 Results:** Congratulations to Jenna McLaren (13KHN) on achieving a 'High Distinction' and to the following students who obtained a 'Distinction' – Alex Roberts (13THM), Albert Edmondson (13SHH), Matthew Crocker (13SHH), Angus Monro (13NAI), David Yuan (13THM) and Emma Osborne (13NAI).

**Year 12 Results:** Congratulations to Zoe Paterson (12KAR) who obtained a 'High Distinction' and to the following students who obtained a 'Distinction' – Megan Cartwright (12GRY), James Barker (12CGN), Tessa McLaren (12STC), Sam Somerville (12CGN) and Jackson Brown (12KAR).

*Mrs Bridget Rothbart, Social Sciences Faculty*

## Year 10 Battle of the Bibliophiles (BOBS)

'The Battle of the Bibliophiles' was the very first time an Aotearoa wide reading competition had been held, with teams across the motu competing in the online competition during week 3. We had been preparing for over three terms, enduring Miss Gayton's pressuring remarks since term 1 on how many of the 15 books we still had to read.

The 12 competition participants from GDC were split across two teams. BOB Team 1 comprised of Enya Grayson (10COO), Olivia Glaysher (10SNG), Jamie Cartwright (10KSV), Alexander Heaton (10KSV), Micah Chao (10STN) and Will Dickson (10KSV). BOB Team 2 were Katerina Lontzetidou (10SRM), Cassidy Ballentyne (10KSV), Rhianna Brewer (10STN), Sophie Main (10KSV), James Harbour (10KSV) and Reuben Burdekin (10MCB).

The competition was split into three sections, two about the books (100 questions in total), and one about Britannica searching skills. Both teams completed the Britannica section with ease, but the time crunch with the sections about the books created a challenge. Trying to flick through the right book for an answer while other teammates were working on completely different questions created constant chaos and confusion, made worse by the time constraints. The atmosphere was a thick sludge filled with constant shouting across the library and aggressive keyboard typing.

We were all very concerned about the questions we left unanswered. However, our fears proved unfounded as both teams did incredibly well. BOB Team 1 placed 3rd out of the 49 teams, and BOB Team 2 placed 10<sup>th</sup>, an amazing achievement for both teams.

*Sophie Main (10KSV), Olivia Glaysher (10SNG) and Enya Grayson (10COO)*







## 2022 Haka and Waiata Competition

Traditionally the Kapa Haka competition has been the highlight of the year, bringing the school together in a beautiful Te Ao Māori way. For the last two years, Covid protocols have negatively impacted this tradition. So, 2022 became the year of revitalization, and we were elated with the results. We relied heavily on our seniors as they were the last to experience a full house competition and their outstanding leadership skills were visible throughout the term. All Houses did themselves proud on the competition day, showing pride in themselves and respect for Te Ao Māori traditions.

The competition began with a rousing waiata led by Tāne Mahuta prefects Samara Bayliss (13GEE) and Nia Fepuleai (13GEE). A karanga called the boys forward to haka, led by Otis McKenzie (13GEE). Ka rawe (fantastic) Tāne Mahuta, for your passion and innovative programme. Rūaumoko followed with waiata (an action song) led by Milla Taylor-Mangan (12ASW) and Patilda Tuafafo (12ASW) and haka led by Joshua McHugh (12GRY). Ka wani kē (awesome) Rūaumoko for your powerful energy and team unity. Tāwhirimātea came forward to meet the challenge with a waiata led by Tatiyana Tangi (11SIM) and Emma Herbert (13VIS) and a haka led by Hamuera Griffith (11SIM). Guitarists Ella Court (13NAI) and Ellie Schwartfeger (10STN) supported their house. Your performance was mīharo (amazing), Tāwhirimātea, showing deep respect for taonga Māori. Tangaroa house gave our final performance and they started strong, with Sora Endo's (12CGN) call on the pūtātara (shell conch) followed by a harmonious waiata led by Elsie Richardson (13THM) and Taylor Nassau (12WAL). Guitarists Lou Lou Penman (12WAL) and Anastasia Voronina (10MCE) supported their house. Harry Allen (12KAR) and his crew strode forward with full a throated and rousing haka. From start to finish, Tangaroa performed with generosity and discipline, earning themselves the 'Haka Trophy' for 2022.

Kei te mihi mahana (warm acknowledgements) to our student leaders for helping us to re-establish this important tradition. Special thanks also, to our generous supporters from Ruapōtaka Marae who judged the competition and advised us along the way. Each year our leaders take more risks, elevating their performances and taking the whakataetae (competition) to new levels. We are looking forward to even greater performances and watching new emerging leaders rise in 2023.



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## GDC at the Young Enterprise Scheme Regional Finals

On Monday 31 October, Glendowie College was privileged to have three Young Enterprise Scheme student businesses invited to attend the YES Auckland East Regional Finals. Our YES teams have worked incredibly hard throughout the year and achieved amazing results and recognition for their efforts during 2022.

Both IMPEAT - Simon Fink-Jensen (13THR), Jordan Eliahu (13THR), Rubi Eliahu (13DHY) and Beren Eskildsen (13HRD) and Curated Crystal Co - Elle Bainbridge (13THR), Alexis Khoo (13KHN), Sarah Kayes (13KHN) and Tamsin Taylor (13HRD) had the opportunity to again pitch their business ideas and performance to a select panel of judges as Regional Finalists. Our competition was from Saint Kentigern College, Pakuranga College, Ormiston College, and Sancta Maria College. Viridescent - Luna Fukuchi (12GRY), Georgia Mathewson (12CGN), Zach O'Connor (12CNR) and Isla Kendrick (12WAL) were invited to the evening to receive a regional prize. Our teams received the following awards, apart from being Regional Finalists:

- IMPEAT - Second Placed business for YES Auckland East
- IMPEAT - Regional Excellence in Business Management
- Viridescent - Regional Excellence in Product Development
- Simon Fink-Jensen - National Runner-up as CEO
- Pritika Harduar - Nomination as Most Motivating Teacher

A sole-trading business from Ormiston College won the night and will represent Auckland East at the National Finals Event on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December in Wellington.

Congratulations to all our teams and well done on their hard work throughout the year and going forward with their businesses. A special thank you to Whaea Melisa Chase and Whaea Georgie Thompson from the Ruapōtaka Marae for assisting IMPEAT's journey this year.



**Ruan van Aswegen, Young Enterprise Scheme Liaison Teacher**





## Leavers' Concert



The Leavers' Concert was held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October to repay our huge debt of gratitude to those who have given their time and efforts to Glendowie College Music over their five years at this school. We were privileged to hear some beautiful music from our Year 13 students and others who joined them.

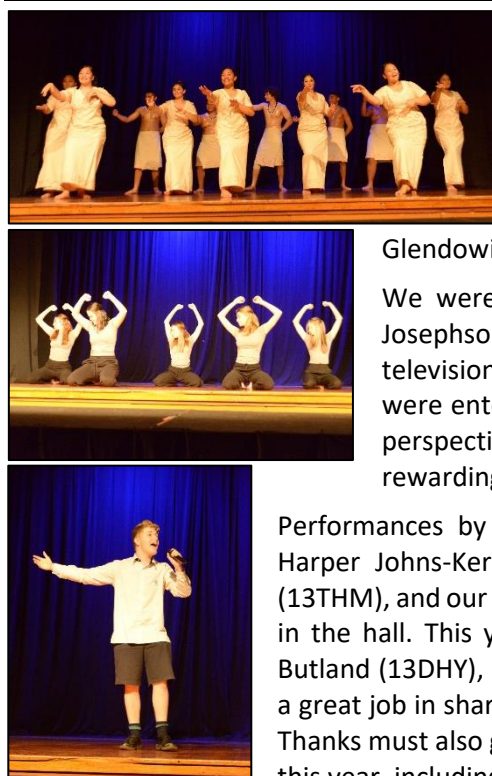
The concert featured the String Ensemble, Big Band and Concert Band. There was a wind ensemble and string chamber ensemble, as well as solos from Paneh Espiritu (13SHH), David Yuan (13THM), Abhi Puthigae (13DHY) and Nathan Johnson (13KHN). The leaving students presented a lively Caribbean Rondo to round off the concert.

Thank you to all those who attended and have supported the musical activities at Glendowie College. Huge thanks go to the musicians who make the music we all enjoy listening to.

**Andrew Lile, Head of Music**



## Arts Awards Evening



Glendowie College's successful artists were recognised at the annual Arts Awards evening on Tuesday 25 October 2022. The evening provided an opportunity to formally celebrate the success of the school's talented artists, to sample some of their art, and to appreciate the variety of artistry present at Glendowie College.

We were fortunate to have an inspiring guest speaker, Kira Josephson, who is an experienced musical theatre, film, and television performer. Her experiences as a professional artist were entertaining and illuminating to listen to, as she gave her perspective on a career pathway that is fun and immensely rewarding.

Performances by Year 13 Dance students, Nathan Johnson (13KHN), Harper Johns-Kerr (13THM), Abhi Puthigae (13DHY) and David Yuan (13THM), and our Samoan group complemented the visual arts on display in the hall. This year's Arts Prefects, Phoebe Longson (13THM), Jessie Butland (13DHY), Samara Bayliss (13GEE) and Emma Herbert (13VIS) did a great job in sharing the presentation duties with The Arts Faculty staff. Thanks must also go to Ms Whittaker for her leadership and organisation this year, including this event.

The Arts Awards had a warm and supportive atmosphere, a night to not only recognise achievement and service, but also to enjoy experiencing outstanding art.

**Mr Andrew Lile, Head of Music**







## New Zealand Warbirds – ‘Warbirds on Parade’



**NZ WARBIRDS**  
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Presents

# WARBIRDS ON PARADE

**Sunday 04 December 2022**  
**9:00am to 4:00pm Ardmore Airport**  
(Hamlin Road entrance only)

Commemorating Pearl Harbor with flying displays at 10:30am | 12:30pm | 2:30pm  
On show: Static Aircraft / Military Vehicles / a Mock Attack / Merchandise  
Food and Refreshments and so much more.

Online Tickets\*: Adults \$30.00 / School Age \$7.00 / Under 5's Free / Family Pass\*\* \$65.00  
Gate Sales: Adults \$35.00 / School Age \$10.00 / Under 5's Free

\*a full refund will be available if the event is cancelled in advance due to weather, please see our T&C's  
\*\* Family pass: 2 adults + 3 children - only available online.  
[www.nzwarbirds.org.nz](http://www.nzwarbirds.org.nz)







## Entertainment Book Membership Offer

School parents can get a free membership upgrade (Validity 4 October 2022 - 24 November 2022). For a limited time only, parents can purchase any Single City Entertainment Membership and receive a bonus, Multi City upgrade, unlocking access to 20 cities and thousands of offers across Australia and New Zealand.

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## New Zealand Surf Academy



### Holiday Surf Programme Orewa Beach

We are running our popular holiday surf programme over the Summer School Holidays at Orewa Beach. This is open to 6-16 year olds

#### Fun, Active & Healthy

6-16yr olds | Monday-Friday | Morning or Afternoon Sessions

Orewa Beach | 19-23 Dec 2022 | 9-13 Jan | 16-20 Jan | 23-27 Jan 2023

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