



## Ngā mihi o te Tau Hou Happy New Year

Welcome back to returning students and whānau, and a warm welcome to those joining our college for the first time in 2023. I am looking forward to meeting everyone. I hope you had a relaxing summer break, and the weather didn't upset your holiday plans too much.



When planning this newsletter, I started looking at what I had written at the start of last year. It was all about traffic light settings and actions to take if affected by Covid. I was able to reflect on how far we have moved on in the past year and our determination to get back to engaging in learning and all those extracurricular activities fully.

Those parents returning to the college will be aware of the consultative process undertaken to review our vision, mission and values. Our vision is '**a community empowering ākonga to experience success, ready to embrace their future**'. Success can be defined in many ways, including high academic expectations the college and community expects of our students. As a college, we have a responsibility to provide challenging engaging learning opportunities for students, prepare them well for their future academic, career and life pathways while ensuring their wellbeing needs are met. The 2023 school goals are designed to support this holistic view of education.

### NCEA Results

Congratulations to all our students on their NCEA results. We don't have a full set of data from NZQA yet, but the preliminary data is positive. Despite the circumstances students worked consistently, prepared well and their overall results reflect this. It is vital that all Year 13 students attend the Subject Confirmation Day on Thursday 26 January, so that their courses for 2023 can be finalised and any necessary changes made. If students do not attend, we cannot guarantee their placement into their desired courses.

### School Startup

On this page and overleaf are the various details for the start of 2023. You can also access this information on our website. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

### Annual Goals

In 2023 the college's annual goals are:

- **Curriculum Alignment**  
*We will continue the process of aligning the curriculum across the college.*
- **Cultural Inclusivity**  
*We will strengthen cultural inclusivity.*
- **Strengthen a school culture focused on wellbeing**  
*We will strengthen the school culture focusing on wellbeing and the promotion of school values.*

## Upcoming Events:

### January

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| 25 | School Admin. Office Opens<br>(9am-4pm)   |
| 26 | Year 13 Subject Confirmation<br>(9:30am-11:30am, Tangaroa-S6,<br>Tāne Mahuta-S7,<br>Rūaumoko-S8, Tāwhirimātea-S9) |
| 26 | Student Pōwhiri Practice<br>(9:30am-3pm, Glendowie<br>College)  |
| 27 | Leaders Training Day<br>(9am-3pm, Hall, Selected Year<br>12 & 13 Students)  |
| 30 | Auckland Anniversary<br>(School closed)   |
| 31 | Staff Administration Day<br>(No students at school)   |

### February

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| 1 | First Day – Year 9s and All New<br>Year 10-13 Students in 2023<br>(8:30am – New International<br>Students meet at Reception)<br>(8:45am – Year 9 and all new<br>Year 10-13 students meet in<br>Hall)  |
| 2 | All Year Levels Commence –<br>Day 1 (school commences at<br>8:40am – Year 9 students go to<br>form rooms, and timetabled<br>classes start at 11:30am Period<br>3 Day 1, school finishes at<br>3:20pm) |
| 6 | Waitangi Day<br>(School closed)   |

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



## New Staff

I am pleased to welcome the following new staff to the college:

### **English**

- *Olivia Walker* *ESOL Teacher*

### **Mathematics**

- *Tianqing Li* *Mathematics Teacher*
- *TBC* *Mathematics Teacher*

### **Science**

- *Kovinanitefo'ou Helu* *Science Teacher*
- *TBC* *Science Laboratory Technician*

### **Social Sciences**

- *Kelly Taylor* *Social Sciences Teacher*

### **Technology**

- *Craig Sunde* *Technology (Hard Materials / Building and Construction)*
- *Jonathan Low* *Technology (Food Technology and Nutrition)*

### **Arts**

- *Danielle Sigley* *Drama and Dance Teacher*

### **Languages**

- *Carolina Castro* *Spanish Teacher*

### **Health and Physical Education**

- *Hannah West* *Health and Physical Education Teacher*

### **Sports**

- *Patrick Burtenshaw* *Sports Coordinator*

### **School Nurses**

- *Hannah Johnston* *School Nurse (Casual)*
- *Georgina Rainbow* *School Nurse (Casual)*

## Obituary - Ralph Charlton

It is with sadness that I inform you of the passing away of Ralph Charlton on 4 December 2022 aged 86 years. Ralph was a staff member at Glendowie College from 1963 until his retirement at the end of 1997. He was Deputy Principal from 1973 until 1997.

Ralph had a reputation as a quality mathematics teacher. At the recent foundation students' reunion, the students talked about seeking Ralph out so that he could explain Calculus to them in a way they could understand. When I joined the college staff in 1986 that was still very evident. Students wanted to be taught Maths by Mr Charlton. For staff, Ralph was a calm influence not prone to drama and always able to find a practical solution to any problem.

Reading through his reflections upon retiring in the 1998 school magazine it is clear educating young people was something that he deeply cared about. Below is an extract from those reflections giving advice to the students of the time.

'Today the following statement is very relevant to learning. **'A lack of learning is a dangerous thing.'** In our current environment, economically and socially you need to make every effort to be the best you can. To do this you need more than a little learning – you need to continuously upskill yourself, set and master new challenges.'

Mr Charlton, thank you from the hundreds of staff and thousands of students who you influenced. Rest in peace.



## Obituary – Matua Hemi Pene (Uncle Jimmy)

**Kua hinga he totara i te wao nui a Tane.**

A totara has fallen in the forest of Tane.

It is my sad duty to inform you who of the passing of Matua Hemi Pene on Christmas Day.

Matua Hemi was a frequent visitor to the college as an extended member of our college whanau, offering his considerable expertise in supporting our annual Pōwhiri and acting as our go-to expert in matters of tikanga. Many of you will remember his role in blessing our new Science building in 2021.

As a kaumatua at Ruapōtaka Marae his influence was felt by a far wider community of people, too. His years as a leader there saw some rapid growth in the activities of the Marae and its outreach work in supporting the people of Glen Innes and surrounds. He had children of his own but, was also fond of establishing familial connections amongst a broader group, using his cheeky attitude and sunny nature to welcome all sorts to the whānau. We will miss him, his welcoming spirit and the way he was able to grow the college's knowledge of tikanga Māori.

Moe mai rā e rangatira.

Moe mai ra i roto i te atua.

Haere, haere, haere atu rā.

Ngā mihi nui

**Gordon Robertson**

**Principal**

## 2023 Year 9 Parents' Information Evening

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### **Year 9 Parents' Information Evening** **16 February 2023 (Thursday) – 6:00pm College Hall**

**You are invited to an evening for the Parents and Caregivers of Year 9 students. No RSVP required.**

The programme for the evening includes:

- Principal's Welcome and Presentation
- Board Chairperson
- Meet with your child's Dean, Assistant Dean and Form Teacher
- Learn about the role of the Deans, Assistant Deans and Form Teachers
- Student Wellbeing Programme (enRICHment Programme), Peer Support Programme
- Year 9 Camp
- Attendance Procedures
- Communication with the School
- Introduce and chat with your Child's Form Teacher





## 2023 Deans and Assistant Deans

Each house is overseen by a Dean and an Assistant Dean, who are responsible for the pastoral care of all students in their house, including overseeing students' academic progress. In 2023, the Deans and Assistant Deans are:

House	Dean	Assistant Dean
<b>Tāwhirimātea</b>	Julie Barrack <a href="mailto:brk@gdc.school.nz">brk@gdc.school.nz</a>	Suvishka Singh <a href="mailto:sng@gdc.school.nz">sng@gdc.school.nz</a>
<b>Rūaumoko</b>	Pritika Harduar <a href="mailto:hdu@gdc.school.nz">hdu@gdc.school.nz</a>	Ben Lewis <a href="mailto:lew@gdc.school.nz">lew@gdc.school.nz</a>
<b>Tāne Mahuta</b>	Logan Reynolds <a href="mailto:rey@gdc.school.nz">rey@gdc.school.nz</a>	Abbie Lawgate <a href="mailto:laa@gdc.school.nz">laa@gdc.school.nz</a>
<b>Tangaroa</b>	Jessica Pittwood <a href="mailto:ptw@gdc.school.nz">ptw@gdc.school.nz</a>	Michael Amies <a href="mailto:ami@gdc.school.nz">ami@gdc.school.nz</a>

## School Donation

Our school donation in 2023 remains at \$550 for one student and \$880 for two or more students. This is despite the impact of inflation in recent times. If paid before 31 March 2023, the donation is discounted to \$530 for one student and \$850 for two or more students. Please note that a donation tax credit can be obtained from IRD for your donation. The school will also be sharing a scheme that will allow you to donate that tax credit to the college if you wish.

Your donation can be paid directly into the school account, **ASB 12-3027-0364377-00**, through the school portal (login details and instructions will be provided at the start of school) or the school Accounts Office. Please include your child's surname and initials, form class and word 'donation' in the reference fields if using on-line banking.

The Glendowie College community has high aspirations for the school and its students. The Glendowie College Board recognises this and commits to providing significantly more than the basics the government funds. Currently the Board's main source of local funding is the school donation.

With the return of International Students still being restricted, particularly from China, the funding generated by them is considerably lower than pre-Covid. The college does not want to cut back on the opportunities we provide for students in terms of learning support, sports, the Arts and extra staffing. In 2023, school donations will be even more vital to ensure these opportunities continue at the current level.

Your donation is critically important to the school, and will make a significant difference to your child's education at Glendowie College. Unfortunately, too many parents avoid this responsibility, which effectively means they are asking the families who do pay to subsidise their own child's education.

If you are among the handful of families who genuinely struggle to afford the donation, please consider at least making a part payment. Please contact the college if you would like to discuss this or set up an automatic payment. We sincerely appreciate your support.

**Matthew Veal, Board Chair, Glendowie College Board**



## Start-Up Dates 2023

Below are the arrangements for the start of the school year. Students must wear full school uniform from Wednesday, 1 February 2023 onwards.

<b>MONDAY 30 JANUARY:</b>	<b>Auckland Anniversary Day</b>
<b>TUESDAY 31 JANUARY:</b>	<b>Staff Administration Day</b> (No students at school)
<b>WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY:</b>	<b>ALL NEW STUDENTS</b> <b>First school day for all Year 9 students, new students entering Years 10, 11, 12 and 13, new International Students and Peer Support Leaders</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School commences at 8:45am.</li><li>• 8:30am – New International Students meet at Reception.</li><li>• 8:45am – Year 9 and <b>ALL NEW</b> 2023 Year 10-13 students to meet in hall.</li></ul>
<b>THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY:</b>	<b>ALL YEAR LEVELS – WHOLE SCHOOL COMMENCES at 8:40am</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Year 9 Students go to Form Rooms</b></li><li>• <b>Year 10-13 Students House Meetings:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Tāwhirimātea <b>Dykes Building</b></li><li>➤ Rūaumoko <b>Hall</b></li><li>➤ Tangaroa <b>New Gym</b></li><li>➤ Tāne Mahuta <b>Old Gym</b></li></ul></li><li>• Timetabled classes start Period 3 – 11:30am (Day 1).</li><li>• School finishes at 3:20pm.</li></ul>
<b>FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY:</b>	<b>Normal School Day (Day 2)</b>

## Start-Up Information on Website

More information about start-up dates, uniform and the uniform shop, and stationery can be found on our website

<https://www.gdc.school.nz/school/information/start-of-year-arrangements/>

## Parent and Student Portal

The [Portal](#) can be accessed for school information and payments. Full instructions are available [here](#).

An email with your login details will follow shortly. Please do keep this for future reference.

If the Portal shows a credit balance, please contact Andrea McComish on [student.accounts@gdc.school.nz](mailto:student.accounts@gdc.school.nz) to use this up.

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



## Uniform Shop Opening Hours 2023



### GLENDOWIE COLLEGE UNIFORM SHOP EXTENDED HOURS FOR 2023

21 Crossfield Road (Gate 3)

Ph: 575-9128 extension 142

Email: [uniformshop@gdc.school.nz](mailto:uniformshop@gdc.school.nz)

*As it is very busy at the beginning of the school year, new students are advised to purchase their uniform on the following days:*

#### 2023

Tuesday	24 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	All students
Wednesday	25 January	12.30pm – 4.00pm	All students
Thursday	26 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	All students
Friday	27 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	All students
Monday	30 January	Closed	Auckland Anniversary Day
Tuesday	31 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	All students
Thursday	2 February	12.30pm – 2.30pm	All students
Saturday	4 February	9.00am – 11.00am	All students

#### Normal Uniform Shop trading hours then resume

**Tuesdays** 8.00am – 9.00am and 12.30pm – 2.30pm

**Thursdays** 12.30pm – 2.30pm

**First Saturday of the month** 9.00am – 11.00am (except on long weekends or in the school holidays)

**Payment can be made by cash, eftpos or credit card**

The Athlete's Foot will be at the Glendowie College Uniform shop until 26 January 2023. Come in for a shoe fitting and purchase your school shoes from the pop-up shop when you purchase your uniform.