



## Kia Ora Tātou

### School Production 'Urinetown'

It is an unfortunate name for a show but that is the only unfortunate thing about the recent school production. All those involved should be proud of their contribution to what was an amazing show. It takes a huge amount of effort to prepare and deliver something of such high quality. The singing, acting and choreography was first rate, and it was obvious that the cast were having a great time. Well done and congratulations to all involved!



### School Ball

Last weekend the senior school ball was held at the Ellerslie Event Centre. It was a very successful evening. The event was extremely well organised, thanks to Mrs Rothbart with support from the Year 13 Ball Committee and staff. It was obvious that the students wanted to have fun which they did in an appropriate manner. The dance floor was heaving all night and the photo booths and photographers were kept busy. Balls have certainly changed from when I was at school. Then, they were in the school hall, I borrowed a jacket from my father and, from memory, we brought a plate for the catering.

### NCEA

I was somewhat bemused by the lead story in the New Zealand Herald a couple of weeks ago about St Cuthberts deciding to drop NCEA level one. Given that a sizeable number of New Zealand schools, including ourselves, have taken this action over the past three years, I did wonder why it was suddenly headline news. Focusing on teaching and learning and managing student wellbeing were the two main reasons for our decision.

The article featured some criticism and concerns about NCEA. While the change process has been less than ideal, and there has been frustration from school leaders and teachers, I still rate NCEA ahead of alternative qualifications on offer. International Baccalaureate (IB) is a very good qualification that is challenging to students. However, it does not work for students that want to specialise in certain subject areas, such as the Arts or Commerce, due to the holistic broad requirements of the range of subjects' students must take. The holistic approach and educational rigour of the programme makes the IB Middle Years Programme ideal for us at Years 9 and 10. In the senior school, we would have to offer both IB and NCEA which would be impossible due to extra costs of staffing and room requirements.

## Upcoming Events:

### May

- 19-21 Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice Tramp (Option 2)
- 24 Board Meeting  
(6pm-9pm, Boardroom)
- 26-27 Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)
- 27-28 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Journey (2)
- 29-2Jun Environment Week
- 29-2Jun Samoan Language Week
- 31 Years 12 & 13 Music Performance Evening  
(6:30pm-8:30pm, Music Suite)

### June

- 6-9 Technology Week
- 8 Duathlon Championships
- 8 Auckland Snowboarding Championships (Snowplanet)
- 8 Parents' Association Meeting  
(7pm-8pm, Boardroom)
- 20 Cultural Celebration Night  
(7pm-9pm, Hall)
- 20-22 'The Big Sing' Choral Festival
- 21 Board Meeting  
(6pm-9pm, Boardroom)
- 26-30 World Wellbeing Week
- 27 Year 10 Subject Information Evening for 2024 Year 11 (TBC)  
(6pm-7:30pm, Hall)
- 28 Showquest

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



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Cambridge is a qualification based solely on examinations at the end of the year while NCEA has a mixture of assessment methods. While the skills associated with sitting exams are very important to have, an assessment programme should also be about preparing students for life beyond school. Most tertiary courses are becoming more assessment based where time management, research, working collaboratively and producing a finished product is a better reflection of understanding than regurgitating learnt information in an exam setting. This is also a reflection of how a workplace operates. NCEA is not perfect, but I think it is better for preparing students for tertiary education and for their future careers.

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

## Vacancy: Glendowie College Examination Centre Manager

We are seeking an Examination Centre Manager to run the NCEA and NZ Scholarship examinations in 2023. Although the role begins in August, we need to take nominations soon. Training is provided by NZQA, and the Manager will be required to complete several administrative tasks to plan and prepare for the exams from August to October. They will also need to be available to work for the entire exam period (6 – 30 November 2023).

For further information, please email Mr Andre Worsnop at [wnp@gdc.school.nz](mailto:wnp@gdc.school.nz). If you know of someone suitable for this role, please encourage them to make contact. Expressions of interest from college parents are welcomed.

## Measles

(Information provided by Te Whatu Ora - Auckland Regional Public Health Service and the Ministry of Health)

Measles is a highly contagious disease that can be life threatening. Measles is caused by a virus and is easily preventable with immunisation. Vaccination is the best way to prevent getting measles.

A reminder to all parents and caregivers to please check that your child(ren)'s immunisation is up-to-date, particularly with measles (MMR) vaccine. Children and young people should have two MMR vaccinations to avoid disruption to their education.

More information can be found on the Ministry website: <https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/measles>

## Parents' Information Evening (2024 Enrolments)



Glendowie College will hold a 'Parents Information Evening – 2024 Enrolments' on **Monday 12 June 2023 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 2024 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.

**Gordon Robertson, Principal**



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## Pink Ribbon Breakfast



We would love your support!

Glendowie College staff are taking part in the 'Pink Ribbon Breakfast' campaign this year to help support Breast Cancer Foundation NZ's vital work.

This is a cause that is very close to home, with members of staff personally impacted by breast cancer and a large number of staff with friends and family affected as well.

The money raised will be used to educate the public about breast health; support patients and their families during treatment and beyond; and fund research projects and medical grants to help improve survivorship. Check out our fundraising page at the link below and help make zero deaths from breast cancer a reality.

<https://pinkribbonbreakfast.co.nz/page/glendowiecollege>



## Enviro Week – Clothes Swap

**ENVIRO WEEK**  
*Clothes Swap*

**Bring old/unwanted clothes & shoes to the collection box in the library from week 3 to 5.**  
Clothes & shoes must be clean & in good condition

**The clothes swap will be  
Weds - Fri Week 6  
downstairs in the Dykes block**



Any questions?  
Email 20103 or 21184

If you have any questions, please email [20103@gdc.school.nz](mailto:20103@gdc.school.nz) or [21184@gdc.school.nz](mailto:21184@gdc.school.nz)



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## Cultural Night 2023

### Glendowie College Sponsorship: Cultural Night

TUESDAY 20 June 2023

In the current climate, organisations are looking for ways to be more socially responsive in their communities. Would you like to partner with us? Last year our student-led Cultural Night was sold-out, with an audience of 500, 20 student groups performing and 15 cultures represented. This year we are fundraising for costuming, decoration expenses, and operational costs. Thus the committee has put together a variety of sponsorship packages to provide local businesses a flexible opportunity to support the Cultural Night and celebrate the diversity in our community.



### **GOLD SPONSOR**

**\$2000**

- Recognised as an event partner.
- Your promotional material in our school newsletter and yearbook, reaching our 1200 students and their families.
- Recognition and gratitude via our social media accounts, before and after the event.
- On-site banners/ flags
- Free tickets x4
- First right to sponsor in 2024



### **SILVER SPONSOR**

**\$500**

- Recognised as an event supporter
- Your brand and logo in our school newsletter and on social media - reaching 1200 students and their families.
- Free tickets x4



### **BRONZE SPONSOR**

**\$200**

- Recognised with thanks in our event programme and on social media.
- Your brand name listed in our school newsletter- reaching our 1200 students and their families.
- Free tickets x2

Interested? Email Ruth Richardson for more information: [rcd@gdc.school.nz](mailto:rcd@gdc.school.nz)



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## Wellbeing (Identity)

A key area of our 'Identity' focus is being accepting and open minded towards others.

During the height of COVID, not only did we experience a new way of life, but new phrases such as 'close contacts', 'RAT tests', 'contact tracing' and 'stay in your bubble' became the norm. While most of these phrases still make us shudder, another one that helped guide us through was the message to 'Be Kind'. As a school, as educators, as parents and as a community, surely we want this for our students.



This term we are raising awareness of the effects of bullying and harmful online behaviour through the following:

- Tāwhirimātea House Charity: Mental Health Foundation
- Friday 19 May: Pink Shirt Day (see poster)
- Year 9/10 Form Classes: Netsafe 'Block the Bullies' online course. More information can be found here: <https://netsafe.org.nz/netsafe-online-learning-platform/>
- Year 9 Attitude Presentation: Connected (online friendships, safety and citizenship). More information can be found here: <https://www.attitude.org.nz/high-school-presentations>



**Mrs Joanne Fraser, Deputy Principal**

## Sports Update



Winter Sport has kicked off and we hope all teams are enjoying being out there.

A reminder that links to Auckland Netball, Auckland Rugby and College Sport Draws can be found on our school website.

Follow our teams on Facebook (Glendowie College Sport) and Instagram (gdc sport).

You are welcome to send any photos/results to 'gdc sport' on Instagram or email [brn@gdc.school.nz](mailto:brn@gdc.school.nz)

**Mrs Lydia Brown, Director of Sports**



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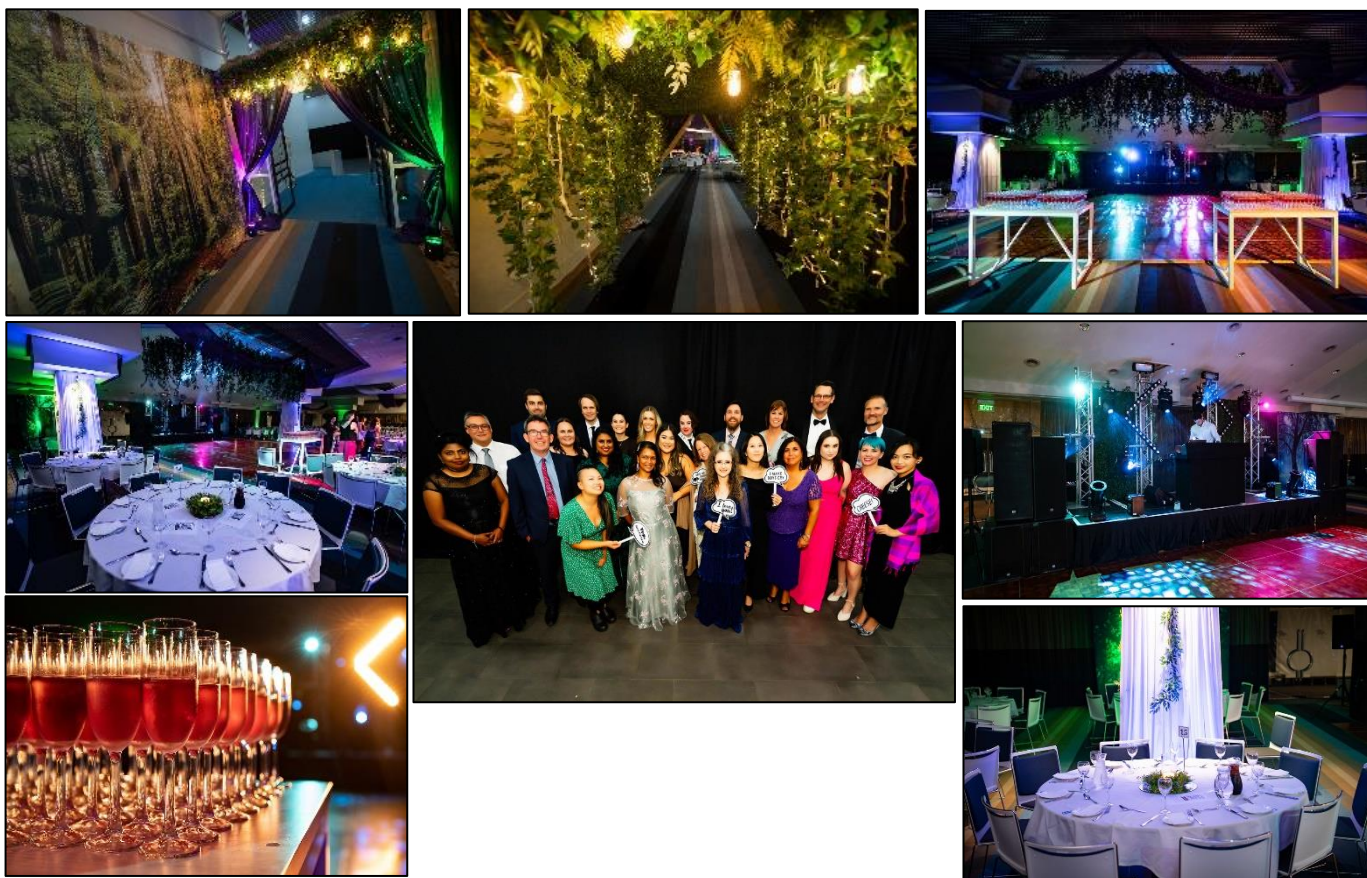
## 2023 School Ball

On Saturday 13 May, Year 12s and 13s arrived at the Ellerslie Events Centre for the annual school ball. After being welcomed by the lovely Head Prefects, students were ushered into a 'hidden forest' straight out of a fairy tale, complete with twinkling lights and exquisite decor. The evening kicked off with a magical performance by Johnny and Chloe from 'Dancing with the Stars' and it wasn't long before everyone took to the dance floor.

One of the highlights of the evening was choosing the 2023 Ball Royalty and other special awards. Congratulations go to Lily Smith (Princess), Abinayan Jeyaseelan (Prince), Nix Furness (Regent) in Year 12, and Abimbola Dawodu (Queen), Sora Endo (King), and Hollie Langley (Royal) in Year 13. Aleisha Folu was our best dressed student and the wonderful Ms Harduar our best dressed teacher, while Finlay Walker and Emma Smith were chosen as the 'cutest couple.' All awards were well-deserved, as was evidenced by the loud cheering after each was announced. It would be remiss not to mention the Haka performed by the Year 13 boys and the Prefect Dance as other special moments of the evening - the latter was especially entertaining with excellent solos performed by Head Prefects Hugh Nevell and Mason Brown.

Overall, it was a fabulous evening, one that would not have been possible without the hard work of the 2023 Ball Committee. Special thanks go to Zoe Paterson (2023 Ball Chair) and Ms Rothbart who went above and beyond to ensure the night was magical. Lastly, a huge thank you to our providers DJ4U - Jonty Hawkins, White Door Photography, Event Styling Co., and Little Black Box.

***Zoe Paterson (13WST) and Megan Cartwright (13CLA)***





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## Musical Production – 'Urinetown'

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We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to everyone who played a part in making our recent school production of 'Urinetown' a resounding success. This musical extravaganza showcased the immense talent and dedication of our students, as well as the remarkable teamwork exhibited by our staff members. It was truly a collaborative effort that left a lasting impact on all who had the pleasure of witnessing it.

First and foremost, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to Ms Clare Thomson, our exceptional Director, whose vision and guidance brought 'Urinetown' to life on our stage. Ms Thomson's passion for theatre, coupled with her unwavering commitment to our students, enabled them to shine and deliver outstanding performances. Her tireless efforts behind the scenes and her ability to inspire and motivate our young actors were instrumental in the success of the production.

A special mention goes to Miss Tarryn Ata, our incredibly talented Choreographer, and Mrs Beverley Brockelbank, our esteemed Music Director, whose exceptional direction elevated the entire production.

Lastly, we would like to express our gratitude to the entire school community and the wider community for their unwavering support throughout the journey of bringing 'Urinetown' to the stage. Your encouragement, attendance, and positive feedback meant the world to our students and staff. Your support has not only helped nurture our students' artistic talents but also fostered a sense of community and camaraderie within our school.

Once again, thank you to all the students, staff, and community members who made 'Urinetown' an unforgettable experience. We are incredibly proud of everyone involved and cannot wait to continue nurturing the artistic passions and talents of our students in future endeavors.

***Mrs Adele Whittaker, Arts Faculty***



## Ugly Shakespeare Visit

Last Friday, Year 11 students experienced a performance of 'The Dream' by the Ugly Shakespeare Company. With a cast of just three actors (plus a couple of extras pulled from the audience), the adaptation distilled Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' into a chaotic and comic performance. While Year 11 English students have been studying Shakespeare's plays in class, viewing a live performance was a great opportunity to see a play come to life in its true form.

***Mrs Melanie van Ansem, English Faculty***

## 13BUS Dragon's Den 2023!

On Wednesday 17 May, Glendowie College had the opportunity to host this year's Year 13 Business Studies Dragon's Den. During this event, our senior Business Studies students had the opportunity to pitch their 2023 business plans to a panel of judges – aimed at getting consultation, feedback and the chance to win seed funding for their emerging startups! All our Young Enterprise teams also joined this in-house competition.

We were again fortunate to host an amazing panel of judges with Tonille Crombie (CEO of Hall's Cold Chain Logistics), Malikah Mitha (Owner of Neimans Investment & Board member at Lightforce Limited), and Rebecca Johnstone (GDC Director of International Students) providing our students with their expertise and insight.

This year's business ideas ranged from Middle Eastern inspired lotion bars, home delivery lunch boxes, a dementia awareness campaign, slang inscribed t-shirts, keychains made from recycled cans, natural lip balm, vegan candles, self-watering plant holders and a Greek Mythology based game. However, it was 'Revive' with their very popular solution to smelly garbage bins that took out the win as well as a \$50 investment into their business. Garden boxes and plantable 'thank you' seed tags from 'Homegrown' came in a close second, and 'Purepup' came third with their calming and natural dog collars aiming to help manage your pet's anxiety.

Thank you very much again to our judges, the 11BUS support team, Ms Harduar and our presenting teams for all the hard work that they have put into these amazing businesses!



***Mr Ruan van Aswegen, Business Studies Curriculum Specialist & Young Enterprise Scheme Liaison Teacher***



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## Young Enterprise Scheme – Challenge 2 for 2023

The Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) provides students across New Zealand with the opportunity to take their start-ups to the next level by competing against teams from other schools and gaining valuable feedback and advice from some of their top local business leaders.

On Thursday 18 May, Glendowie College's five YES-teams pitched their 2023 business plans to specialised judging panels at the 'Auckland East Regional Challenge 2' of the year. All teams had a great experience and delivered amazing pitches. 'Homegrown' (starter garden kits), 'Purepup' (anti-anxiety dog collars), 'Munchbox' (healthy and easy lunchboxes), 'Rahma' (cultural lotion bars) and 'RAD' (raising awareness for dementia) received great advice to help them grow their business. All our teams also received full marks for their first challenge of the year when they had to validate their business ideas.

NEXT STEP – Promotion and Sales! Now these businesses will come to life!

Thank you to our students for their hard work and passion, and to our support team from the Auckland Business Chamber and Young Enterprise Scheme Auckland.



**Mr Ruan van Aswegen, Business Studies Curriculum Specialist & Young Enterprise Scheme Liaison Teacher**



## **‘Evolocity’ - DESIGN, BUILD & RACE Competition**

‘Evolocity’ is a competition where students design, build and race electric vehicles. The mission of ‘Evolocity’ is to inspire rangatahi into sustainable engineering in the fast-forwarding journey of New Zealand’s cleantech future.

Students are guided by motivated mentors and industry specialists during the process of building the fastest and most agile electric vehicle. A series of build days are organised to assist students during their build: from vehicle design and fabrication, electronics and programming for the ‘Innovation’ category along with controller building and programming, then scrutineering and testing.

As part of our Creative and Digital Technology (CDT) project, our team has chosen the competition class out of the several categories. Our team members are Abinayan Jeyaseelan (12SLD), Keith Looi (12SWY), Jack Sutherland (12SWY), Max Paing (12ATA) and Max Ly (12SOH). We have been fortunate to be able to attend three workshops so far, the CAD Workshop organised by the University of Auckland on 7 May 2023, Welding Skills organised by Wintec on 11 May 2023 and the Design and Build Day organised by the Electrical Training Company (ETCO) on 4 April 2023.

Welding at Wintec, Hamilton.



Our group with a cardboard prototype at the Design and Build Day at ETCO, Auckland.



CAD Workshop at University of Auckland Engineering Department.



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## Year 12 Physical Education Kayaking Trip



On 15 and 16 May, the Year 12 Physical Education classes went on a kayaking trip from St Heliers Beach to Judges Bay. Our objective was to identify risks associated with outdoor activity and to build fitness for the Tough Guy and Girl Challenge in term 3. It was a challenging day, and we learned a lot. Overall, we really enjoyed the experience. A big thanks to the instructors at Auckland Sea Kayaks – Richard, Eric and Nic for a great day out, and to Mr Lewis and Mr Storrie for leading the trip.

**Spencer Fitzpatrick (12SWY)**

## Year 11 Outdoor Education Trip



On Wednesday this week, the Year 11 Outdoor Education class visited Brown's Island (Motukorea, which means the island of the oyster catchers). We were the first class from GDC to circumnavigate and summit the island, and our experience was breath-taking.

The journey started from our school gate, and the excitement was uncontainable as we left the school for St Heliers beach where we would use double kayaks rented from the professional Auckland Sea Kayaks company. The journey was about 6km away, and it took us about an hour to get there.

The Auckland Sea Kayaks' employees were very friendly, and we learnt a lot from observing their safety practices and processes. Before we got into the water, we were briefed on how to wear sprayskirts, how to paddle, how to get in and out of the kayaks, and in particular, how to stay safe while also having fun on the beautiful and amazing journey there and back.

Overall, our journey was just amazing.

**Ahad Lokhandwala (11KSV)**





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## Inaugural Glendowie College Mooting Team Starts with a Win



L-R: Benjamin Connolly, Luke Gordon, Megan Cartwright and Liam Hendry.

For the first time this year, Glendowie College has entered the 'Auckland Schools Legal Mooting Competition' where students in Years 12 and 13 get to take on the role of lawyers and witnesses and compete in a mock trial. In the competition, students are given the facts of a case and the relevant law, and they must prepare and deliver opening and closing statements and question witnesses.

In the first round, Liam Hendry (13LIL), Megan Cartwright (13CLA), Luke Gordon (13CNR) and Benjamin Connolly (13WST) were tasked with representing Curty James Jack, otherwise known as 'Forty Cent', (played expertly by Benjamin Connolly) in an action against Ofrah Wintery. The case involved the publication of potentially harmful information captured by a drone.

The Glendowie team were outstanding and convincingly beat Mount Roskill Grammar School. We look forward to following their progress this term.

## Eastern Bays Songbird Festival (19-21 May 2023)



Visit the Māra Kai at Pourewa, learn about the inanga spawning zone and go on a night time walk. Take a bike ride in the Pourewa Valley. Visit some of the special sites and learn about the predator and restoration work that's happening. Learn from experts sharing their knowledge. The Ōrākei Local Board 'Schools Mothplant Competition Prizegiving' will be incorporated into the Sunday (21 May) afternoon activities from 3:00pm-4:00pm.

Please visit the following links if you're interested:

### Website

<https://www.songbird.org.nz/events-media/pestival-eastern-bays-2023>

### Facebook

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