



Kia Ora Tātou

Level 1

Now at Level 1, our school is back to functioning normally. As outlined in the last newsletter, winter sport will get underway from this week. School and public buses are back to their normal schedules. Assemblies for Houses and the whole school are now taking place. Curriculum related trips are being planned and some have started to occur. We are also looking at the rescheduling of school events which were put on hold because of lockdown.

The Covid-19 pandemic disrupted schooling at Glendowie College and the impact of lockdown would have been different for each individual student. Key messages given during lockdown are still relevant now we are at Level 1. We are a community and as a community, we have a responsibility to care for others, especially the vulnerable. We need to be kind, be considerate and be strong. We have seen that the people worthy of our deepest respect are those that put themselves at risk to selflessly serve others. It is important these messages don't get lost in the busyness of the present.

2021 Subject Selection

Year 10 to 12 students will be undertaking their 2021 course selection over the next two weeks. The selection process needs to take place at this time of year to ensure that we have the correct staffing for 2021 and to enable the college to advertise early if any new staff are needed. As part of the Subject Selection process, there will be a 2021 Year 11 Subject Information Evening on Thursday 25 June starting at 6:00pm. An outline of the changes to Year 11 will be part of the evening's programme as well as giving parents and students the opportunity to visit different subject areas. More detail is provided later in the newsletter.

2021 Enrolments

I will be visiting our main contributing schools next week with Mrs Fraser (Acting Deputy Principal), Head Prefects and two Year 9 students to inform Year 8 students about the transition to college and the enrolment process. If you are the parent of a Year 8 student, your child's school should have the college's enrolment packs available. These can also be picked up from the college's reception. Please look closely at the deadline dates and keep Saturday 1 August free for our Open Day. There will also be a **Parents' Information Evening** on Tuesday 28 July at 7pm in the library.

Ngā mihi nui,
Gordon Robertson
Acting Principal



Upcoming Events:

June

- 20-21 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Tramp (*All Day*)
- 23 AKSS Snowboarding Championships – Zone Competition (*Snow Planet*)
- 25 Subject Selection Information Evening for Students entering Year 11 in 2021 (*6pm, Hall*)
- 27-28 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Tramp (*All Day*)
- 29-25Jul Virtual Art Exhibition (*Hall*)

July

- 2 Parents' Association Meeting (*7pm-9pm, Staffroom*)
- 3 End of Term 2
- 20 Term 3 starts
- 20-24 Matariki Week
- 28 Parents' Information Evening for 2021 Enrolment Process (*7pm, Library*)
- 29 Annual Musical Gala Concert (*7:30pm-10pm, Hall*)

August

- 1 Parent and Student Open Day (*9am-12pm*)
- 4&5 Dramafest – Year 13 Drama (*5pm-7pm, Drama Room*)

(For a full list of upcoming events, please refer to the calendar on the college website.)



Board of Trustees Update

The search for a new Principal continues. In May, the full Board interviewed four candidates shortlisted from 18 applicants. Whilst strong candidates, the Board felt that none met the level required to be GDC's next Principal.

This first attempt at attracting candidates was probably impacted by the country moving into lockdown early in the process, with people being focused primarily on their families and schools. We will re-advertise the role in late June with applications closing early in term 3, and will interview candidates in early August. In the interim, we have been talking to several Principals and Associate Principals who may be suitable for our role. Based on the positive feedback from these discussions, we anticipate a stronger field this second time around.

The Board has been careful not to rush this process – it is important that we find a great seventh Principal for our school. We are very fortunate to have Gordon Robertson as our Acting Principal, supported by an extremely capable Senior Leadership Team.

The Board of Trustees would like to acknowledge and thank all GDC staff for the professional way they have restarted the school under very difficult circumstances. Their dedication to their students is outstanding, and we are extremely grateful to them.

Mr Garry Ivill, Board Chairperson

Course Selection

Students in Years 10-12 are currently completing an online Careers Module and getting information regarding their course options for 2021. Our handbook, describing each course available next year can be found on the college website by following the link: <https://www.gdc.school.nz/academic/plan-your-learning/handbooks/>

We encourage you to talk to your child(ren) over the coming weeks. Please be aware that the deadline for them to complete their course selection for 2021 is Week 1, Term 3.

Mrs Joanne Fraser, Acting Deputy Principal

Information Evening – Subject Selection for Students Entering Year 11 in 2021

25 June 2020 (Thursday) – 6:00pm

Year 9 ALP, Year 10 students and their parents or guardians have been invited to attend an information evening in the College Hall at 6:00pm on Thursday, 25 June 2020.

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 to help students in making decisions between subjects.

Each presentation will be repeated three times to allow students and their parents to attend 3 individual presentations. We anticipate the evening will end at approximately 7:40pm.

Mrs Joanne Fraser, Acting Deputy Principal



Parents' Information Evening – '2021 Enrolment Process'

Glendowie College will hold a 'Parents Information Evening' on **Tuesday 28 July 2020 at 7:00pm in the college library**. The purpose of this meeting is to cover the enrolment process for 2021 year 9 students' enrolments.

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

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

1970's Decade Reunion

All former students and staff who attended the college in any year of the 1970s are invited to attend the '1970s Decade Reunion' on **Saturday, 22 August 2020 from 7pm in the school hall**. Tickets are \$40.

To make your booking, please click on the following link: <https://www.trybooking.co.nz/DUC>

70'S

DECADE REUNION

GLENDOWIE COLLEGE HALL

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

7PM-11PM

TICKETS \$40:

WELCOME DRINK

NIBBLES

SUPPER

CASH BAR

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Update Your Contact Details

It is important for the school to have an up-to-date record of parents' and caregivers' contact information in case contact with you is required.

Please access the [Portal](#) and check that we have your correct contact details, i.e. home phone number, mobile number, home address and email address.

If changes are required, you are able to update them on the portal, or you may email Ms Tara King on reception@gdc.school.nz, and we will update the system with your correct information.

School Statements

School statements were sent out on Wednesday, 10 June 2020. If you haven't received yours, please check your SPAM folder as the statement might have dropped into spam.

If you have a CREDIT (which you will see at the bottom of your statement) and you wish to use it against your outstanding amount, please email hyd@gdc.school.nz to request this.

Ms Bernadette Hyde, Accounts Receivable Administrator

'Learn to Row' Programme

Interested in rowing? Our five-week 'Learn to Row' programme is a great opportunity to give rowing a go. Come along to the 'Learn to Row Information Evening' on Monday 29 June 2020 at 6:30pm in the school staff room to find out more.

Glendowie Sports Update

The winter sports season is finally starting, some senior grade sports started this week and more will follow next week.

Week beginning 15 June 2020: Boys / Girls Hockey 1st XI
20 June 2020: Premier Netball, Boys Football

Week beginning 22 June 2020: Basketball, Girl's Football, Underwater Hockey
27 June 2020: Rugby

All other grades / sports will commence in Term 3.

Good luck to all our sports teams and thank you to all our coaches and managers for supporting our programme.

Mrs Lydia Brown, Director of Sports



Arts Faculty – Co-Curricular Opportunities

The Arts Faculty are excited to share that co-curricular programmes are back up and running. There are also some new opportunities and activities to be involved in.

Co-Curricular Art: Illustration Group (New Club)

When: Friday lunchtime in A9 (Art block)

This club aims to extend your skills in illustration and drawing, get feedback and help from Senior Art students, or to just relax and draw! All are welcome.

Co-Curricular Dance

When: Tuesday lunchtime in H9 (Dance room)

Senior Dance students are offering one-off dance classes at lunchtime on Tuesday. These will be different each week: sometimes it will be learning a dance, sometimes it will be a technique class, and at other times it will be fun things like Jump Jam! All are welcome to attend and you may do as many as you like.

Co-Curricular Music

Music rehearsals, practices and lessons are back up and running as normal. Be sure to check your lesson timetable. Concert Band, Stage Band and String Band rehearsals are back to their usual days and times.

Co-Curricular Drama: Theatresports

When: Wednesday lunchtime and Friday afternoon at 3:20pm in M1 (Drama room)

Theatresports is back! All welcome. Come along, express yourself, have fun, and play drama games.

Weekly Arts Challenge Each week the Arts Prefects announce a weekly challenge in assembly. The winner will be announced the following week and will receive a prize (chocolate!).

This week we are supporting Tāne Mahuta House, who are currently fundraising for the 'Forest and Bird' Charity. The weekly challenge is to create art that represents trees. Students can create this in their own time, or do something in one of the clubs that are running throughout the week. Send your art piece to the GDC instagram: **GDC_Arts**.

Ms C Jennings, Arts Faculty Leader

Auckland Schools Mountain Bike Race 3 at Waitawa Regional Park



Congratulations to Samuel Luff (11SHH) for a superb effort on Sunday, 15 June 2020 in Race 3 at the 'Auckland Schools Mountain Bike Championships' at Waitawa Regional Park. Samuel placed 13th in the U17's age group in a challenging and very competitive race.





GDC Young Enterprise 2020



Despite the challenges of COVID-19, our GDC young entrepreneurs continue to strive to achieve the business goals set by their student directors as part of the Young Enterprise Programme at Glendowie College.

TaiWhenua, founded by Ethan Bakkerus (12MKA), Holly Timmins (12TID) and Vanessa Dinh (12MKA), is determined to find a solution for the transitionally homeless population in Auckland by providing TaiWhenua Whare's made from recycled shipped containers. The Directors are working with Mr. Kim Veltman, founder of Kim Veltman Architecture, to develop suitable designs for TaiWhenua Whare's that will meet the needs of families of 4 as well as individuals going through transitional homelessness. Mr. Veltman's expertise in designing small homes has been highly valued, and his support greatly appreciated by TaiWhenua. On Monday 8 June 2020, TaiWhenua met with Hon Simon O'Connor, MP for Tamaki, who is in charge of the social housing for the National Party. His feedback and advice provided insight on the legalities which need to be considered for the TaiWhenua Whare's. It has been a huge learning experience for the Directors and they would like to take this opportunity to thank Hon Simon O'Connor for his ongoing support with TaiWhenua's mission to provide for those who are in need. TaiWhenua Directors would also like to extend their gratitude to Mr. Brandon Van Blerk from Tether for the excellent mentorship which he has provided.

You can follow the journey of TaiWhenua on instagram [@TaiWhenua](#).

CloudMass, founded by Sean Gibbs (13THO), Matthew Bilby (13CLO) and Adam Jonkers (13SRM) in 2019, have persevered through the challenges of COVID-19 in 2020 with production and freight delays, but have utilised expertise within school and the outer community to make exciting progress. The meeting with Hon Simon O'Connor on 8 June 2020 has positive outcomes. The Directors are now working closely with St Andrews Retirement Village to make viable real time tracking devices with more secure bands, which will aid in keeping sufferers from Alzheimers safe whilst also providing peace of mind for the carers. Follow their journey on facebook and instagram [@CloudMass](#).

AirTime, founded by Chiara Thorburn (13COO), Liam Bartlett (13MCB), Santhuri Naicker (13THO) and Thomas Bramwell (13COO), is passionate about bringing sustainable change by innovating and creating zero waste Car Air Fresheners. Not only is this product waste free, it can also improve the planet as **Airtime BLOOM** grows into blooming flowers or herbs! They are investigating the impacts of current car air fresheners on the human body and are determined to minimise negative impacts and improve human sustainability. The Directors are working intensively with a number of mentors and industry professionals to get a working prototype ready by the end of June. Follow their journey on instagram [@AirTime.nz](#).

All three student-run businesses will be presenting their business pitches to a group of judges on Friday, 3 July 2020. We wish them well for the business pitches. Watch this space for more updates.

Mrs Pritika Harduar, Liaison Teacher for Young Enterprise Studies



Year 13PHE – 2020 Tennis Tournament

Year 13PHE students recently competed in the Annual Year 13PHE Tennis Tournament at Glendowie Tennis Club. Students worked on improving their tennis skills in terms one and two with Kiwi Tennis Coach Hilary Woodham.

This year, our Men's single winner was Alexander Reid (13SRM) and Stella Mackenzie (13THS) won the Women's singles. Well done to Alexander and Stella!

A big thank you to Glendowie Tennis Club for hosting the tournament, to Hilary for her coaching and to Kiwi Tennis for their support.



Miss Fiona Smith, Health and Physical Education Faculty

Gold CREST Programme

CREST is an internationally recognised programme, run by the Royal Society of New Zealand, which aims to progress the development of an inquiry culture, particularly in the subject areas of science and technology (incorporating engineering). Gold CREST requires students to expand their knowledge of the specific techniques, language and analysis methods used in their area of research. Student achievement is assessed on creativity, perseverance and the application of knowledge.

Gold CREST is a major step-up from the Silver CREST Programme. We were fortunate to be selected as one of the two teams who were admitted into Gold CREST 2020 in the national level. Our project is a Virtual Reality driving simulator aimed at teenagers and others trying to get their learner's licence.



Gold CREST is proving to be a very challenging, yet fulfilling experience to attend seminars hosted by their organisers. As we were challenged to produce work of great calibre, the programme has enabled us to develop our technical and report writing skills, and obtain a wide range of other skills.

We look forward to seeing what the programme will offer us in the future.

Sujaanan Jeyaseelan (12SOE) and Benjamin Hunt (12PVN), Year 12 Creative & Digital Technology



Parents' Association



Are you looking for a way to give a little back? By giving just a few hours each term, you can be a PA star! It's easy – a couple of meetings each term, help out at a few events, eat cakes and chit chat with other parents, Senior Staff and Board of Trustee members about life at Glendowie College. Many hands make light work!

No applications are required, simply email: gdcparents@gmail.com to join us. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 2 July 2020, 7:00pm – 8:00pm in College Staffroom. All new members are welcome.

Entertainment Book 2020/2021



To order, please click the following link:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/102r353>

Sara Haddon, Parents' Association Chairperson

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