



Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**Kia ora tātou.**

### Deputy Principal Changes

It is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment of Mrs Joanne Fraser as Deputy Principal (Student Services). Joanne has been acting in this role since May when Mr Richard Dykes left to take up the position of Headmaster at Nelson College.

Mrs Fraser has been Dean of Tane Mahuta house and at the start of this year was appointed to the Kaiarahi role working with Māori and Pasifika students and their families. I am delighted at Mrs Fraser's appointment. Her ability, professionalism and dedication especially this year, has been a great support for the college.

The college has also received notice of Mr Praveen Chand's retirement. It is the end of an era for the college as Mr Chand has been a member of staff for 33 years and a Senior Leader for over a decade. As we have been colleagues for all that time, I will certainly miss him. We wish him well with his retirement and will farewell him appropriately.

### Prizegiving

A very successful prizegiving took place on Monday 9 November.

Congratulations to all recipients. For the first time ever, the college had joint Duxes with Irene Xue and May Gan gaining the top award. Both had a GPA of 100%. Personally, I will remember the event fondly. As the new Principal, I was welcomed with a haka, a Māori welcome from Kahu Hema (13CAR) and waiata from the staff. Very special!

### NCEA Teacher Only Day

The first of a series of NCEA Teacher Only Days was held yesterday. Three more Teacher Only Days are planned for 2021 with further days in 2022. These days are part of an agreed accord between the Ministry and PPTA. There are major changes scheduled for NCEA aiming to simplify NCEA, have fewer, more meaningful assignments and make the workload more manageable for students and teachers. While overall, I consider NCEA to be a relevant credible assessment system with the ability to academically challenge students, workload issues and the stress it can place on students is a major reason why the college is not offering NCEA level 1 next year.

Ngā mihi nui

**Gordon Robertson**  
Principal



### Upcoming Events

*Please note these events are subject to change based on Covid-19 alert levels.*

#### November

24 MYP Parent Information Evening (Year 8)  
(7pm-8pm, Library)

#### December

- 1 Board Meeting  
(6pm-7pm, Boardroom)
- 1 Junior Concert  
(7pm-8:30pm, Hall)
- 6-10 Duke of Edinburgh Gold Final Journey (All Day)
- 7 Junior Prizegiving  
(10am-12pm, Hall)
- 7 End of Term 4

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



## Glendowie College Board Update

The year is drawing to a close but the Board continues working across the governance areas of the school. The Science block is nearing completion and will be in use at the beginning of next year. It is great to see the new cricket nets up and being used. The new Learning Centre (Hammer block) has been designed and construction will start in the middle of Term 1 next year with completion due by the middle of Term 2. Our future property plans have been put on hold due to the change in our ongoing financial situation. We have reviewed the immediate needs of our students and are planning to use available funds on student welfare spaces. These include seating and sheltered areas throughout the school. Consultation and designing will begin in the new year.

Special wishes to Mr Praveen Chand who retires as Deputy Principal after many years' service at GDC. He has our gratitude for his significant contribution to the students and staff over the years.

To our amazing staff, we acknowledge your extraordinary efforts this year. Our students would not be where they are without you. To our senior students, we wish you every success in your NCEA exams. We bid farewell to our Year 13 students and wish them the very best wherever life takes them. To our GDC families, we thank you for your support of the school this year and wish you brilliant summer holidays. And to the entire Glendowie College community, let's hope 2021 is a good old-fashioned normal boring year!

*Mr Garry Ivill, Board Chairperson*

## MYP Parent Information Evening – 24 November 2020 (Tuesday) 7:00pm



### IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) Parent Information evening.

**Who:** Parents of Year 8 students attending Glendowie College in 2021  
**What:** Information about the MYP teaching and learning programme for Year 9 and 10  
**When:** Tuesday 24th November, 7 - 8 pm  
**Where:** Glendowie College Library



What is the Middle Years Programme?

What is a concept based inquiry learning?

What will this look like in the classroom?



## **Vacancy: Accounts Receivable Administrator**

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We are looking for an organised and enthusiastic person with great finance and administration skills, to step into this position from Term 1, 2021.

This is a permanent, part-time position (term-time only), 18-22.5 hours per week.

Duties include processing school charges and student payments, banking, providing data for financial reporting (Xero), and liaising with parents/caregivers.

If you enjoy a customer service role, are competent with computer-based systems, can show initiative, and can work independently, please email your cover letter and CV to Eliza Wong (Principal's PA) [won@gdc.school.nz](mailto:won@gdc.school.nz) by Friday, 27 November 2020.

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

## **Junior Academic Prizegiving – 7 December 2020 (Monday) 10:00am**

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The annual Junior Prizegiving ceremony will be held at the College on Monday, 7 December at 10:00am. Parents are warmly invited to attend the ceremony. It would be appreciated if parents were actually seated in the Hall by 9.50am.

Recognition is accorded to students in the Junior School who have excelled academically during 2020. Year 9 and 10 students are required to attend and be in full school uniform. The ceremony will conclude at approximately 11:15am.

Students will return to their Form classes following the prizegiving to collect their belongings and promptly leave the school for the start of the summer holidays. Auckland Transport are unable to provide buses until 3.20pm. Students can use public buses.

Students' end-of-year reports will be available on the Parent/Student Portal on Tuesday, 8 December 2020.

***Mr Gordon Robertson, Principal***

## **Subject Confirmation for 2021 Year 12 and Year 13 Students**

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We wanted to provide you with important information regarding the start of the upcoming school year. **ALL students starting 2021 in years 12 and 13 must attend the subject confirmation day on Thursday 28 January 2021.**

Students will meet with their house dean to confirm their subjects for the year. This is crucial, as some students may have a clash of subjects or may not have met the prerequisites to gain entry into their preferred subject.

Students who attend on this day will be given priority and gain entry into an alternative subject of choice, and they will be ready to start on timetable the following week.

Students who do not attend on this day, will be followed up. However, they risk the likelihood of subjects becoming full and therefore have limited subject choices remaining.

Please arrange to be in Auckland at this time. Further information and reminders will be sent out at a later date. Thank you in advance for helping us create the best opportunities and timetables for our students.

***Mrs Joanne Fraser, Deputy Principal (Student Services)***



## Junior Assessment Information

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We would like to clarify the procedure for the upcoming end of year junior assessments. There are no longer 'Junior Exams' for year 9 and year 10 students which assess work from throughout the entire school year.

Instead, junior students will be completing MYP assessments in their subject areas, on their current topic, as they have done throughout the year.

If your child(ren) has/have any questions or concerns about what is involved, please ask their subject teachers for more information.

*Mrs Joanne Fraser, Deputy Principal (Student Services)*

## School Payments

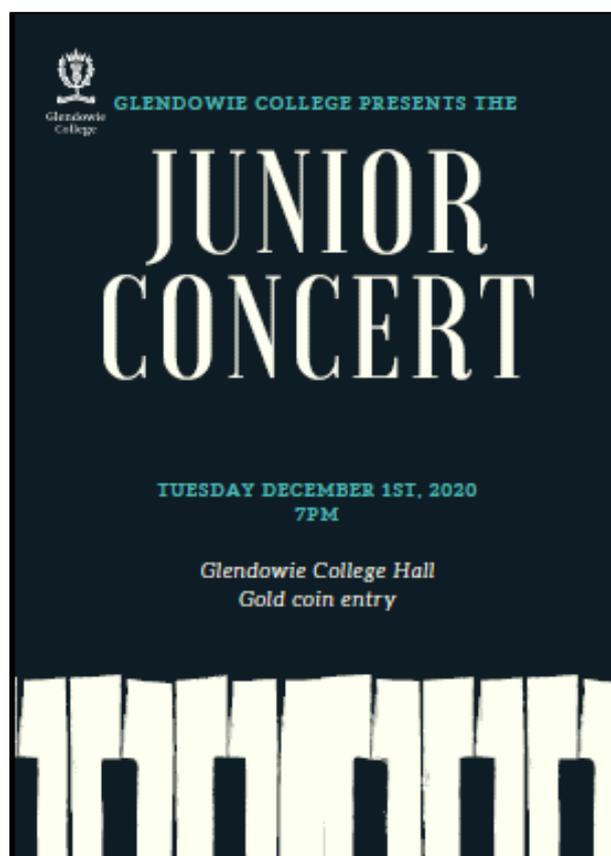
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1. As we approach year-end, we would ask that you please check the Portal for any outstanding balances on your school account. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Bernadette Hyde on [hyd@gdc.school.nz](mailto:hyd@gdc.school.nz) or visit the Accounts office between 10am and 4pm.
2. Statements will be sent out again in the last week of November. Please check your SPAM/JUNK folder if you do not receive your statement as it may have dropped into one of these folders.

*Ms Lisa Davis-Miller, Business Manager*

## Junior Concert – 1 December 2020 (Tuesday) 7pm College Hall

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## Encore Theatre Production of 'Cinderella' – Emma Herbert (11VIS)



Tickets are now available for the Encore Theatre Collective production of 'Cinderella' at the ASB Waterfront Theatre, which features one of our students, Emma Herbert (11VIS).

Emma has been rehearsing every week since February to perform in July. However, Covid and various lockdowns saw the production postponed to December 2020. Emma has put in so much hard work and we would love her to receive support from her peers and teachers.

There are 4 performances from 18 to 20 December 2020. Over 50 Auckland schools are represented in the production which features 105 children and young adults.

For tickets, please click the following link:

<https://www.asbwaterfronttheatre.co.nz/encore-theatre-collective/2020/rodgers-hammersteins-cinderella/>

## Auckland Girls' Choir



"We would like to thank the school for allowing their students, Zoe Paterson (10KAR) and Zoe Clark (11HRD), to take time off from school to participate as choristers in the Auckland Girls' Choir's performance at the War Memorial Museum during the Armistice Day Memorial Service on Wednesday 11 November, commemorating and remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice in defending the freedoms that we enjoy today.

We are proud of your students and grateful for the school's support of their efforts!"

**Ms Jeanette Chan, Auckland Girls' Choir**





# glendowie news

## 2020 Seniors Prizegiving

A very successful Senior Prizegiving took place on 9 November 2020 (Monday) to recognize the top academic students in each subject as well as overall year level winners. Students were also recognized for their service and leadership within the school through a number of special awards. A record number of students received Scholarships from New Zealand Universities.

A huge thanks must go to Mr Andrew Lile for his time, effort and special skills in producing the quality musical performances on the night. Special thanks also to Mrs Hewetson and Mr James for organizing the ceremony.

Congratulations to all prize and Scholarship recipients!



**Irene Xue & May Gan**  
Dux (Joint)



**Joshua Lay**  
Amith Cup & Top Scholar in Year 12  
Andrea Boyd Memorial Cup



**David Yuan**  
Top Scholar in Year 11  
Timothy Wells Memorial Cup



**Kelly Fernandes**  
Victoria University of Wellington  
Victoria Tangiwai Scholarship



**Sheida Mahmoodzadeh Namin**  
University of Otago Academic Excellence  
Entrance Scholarship



**Emily Griffith & Kahu Hema**  
Taku Huarahi Taonga



(L to R) **Irene Xue, Emily Zou, May Gan**  
University of Auckland Top Achiever  
Scholarships



**Nina Harding**  
The Edward van Boheemen  
Service Cup



**Avinaash Krishnan & Meghana Bandlamudi**  
Maddock's Memorial Cup Winners

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Glendowie College Development Foundation Trust Scholarships               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— The Māori Pasifika School Leavers Scholarship</li> <li>— The Glendowie College Development Trust Service Scholarship</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Emily Griffith Laura Oh
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peter McKenzie Scholarship</li> </ul>	Ryan McKay
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Hoysted Scholarship</li> </ul>	Liam Bartlett
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Gillian Rae Cassey Memorial Scholarship</li> </ul>	Sasha Barrett-Garnier
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award</li> </ul>	Liam Jessiman
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Victoria University of Wellington Victoria Tangiwai Scholarships</li> </ul>	Kelly Fernandes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University of Canterbury Go Waitaha Canterbury Scholarship</li> </ul>	Ethan Cleland, Hayden Crocker, Magdalen Gibson, Robert Ivill, Zoe McFarlane, Keely O'Grady, Avigail Richardson
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University of Canterbury Hiranga Scholarships for Academic Excellence</li> </ul>	William Beauchamp, Zoe McFarlane, Nathan Sherman
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University of Canterbury College of Business &amp; Law First Year Award for Excellence</li> </ul>	Ethan Cleland
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University of Canterbury Auaha Scholarship</li> </ul>	Adam Jonkers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University of Otago New Frontiers Excellence Entrance Scholarships</li> </ul>	Stephanie Gough, Cody Holley, Kira Seaman, Ella Wake
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship</li> </ul>	Meghana Bandlamudi, Sofia Hammer, Flynn Struckmann
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University of Otago Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship International</li> </ul>	Joao Tompson da Silva Konno
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University of Otago Māori Entrance Scholarship</li> </ul>	Kahu Hema
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University of Otago Academic Excellence Entrance Scholarship</li> </ul>	Sheida Mahmoodzadeh Namin
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarships</li> </ul>	May Gan, Irene Xue, Emily Zou
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University of Auckland Faculty of Science High Achiever Undergraduate Entry Scholarship</li> </ul>	Emma Taylor
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship</li> </ul>	Sally Paing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Auckland University of Technology Significant Student Scholarship</li> </ul>	Macayla Lock
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waikato University Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement</li> </ul>	Madeline Thompson

## SPECIAL AWARDS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dux (joint)</li> </ul>	May Gan, Irene Xue
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maddock's Memorial Cups</li> </ul>	Avinaash Krishnan, Meghana Bandlamudi
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General Excellence in Year 13</li> </ul>	Sean Gibbs, Irene Xue
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leadership Trophy</li> </ul>	Nelson McKenzie
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Edward van Boheemen Service Cup</li> </ul>	Nina Harding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Past Pupils Trophy</li> </ul>	Matthew Bilby
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Deans' Cup</li> </ul>	Laura Oh
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Pride Shield</li> </ul>	Nelson McKenzie
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hooper Cup</li> </ul>	William Shen
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diligence Cup</li> </ul>	Kishan Maisuria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Rotary Club of Auckland East Cup</li> </ul>	Abhaya Puthigae
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>M A Grove Memorial Trophy</li> </ul>	Ryan Lock
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Timothy Wells Memorial Cup – Top Scholar in Year 11</li> </ul>	David Yuan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Andrea Boyd Memorial Cup – Top Scholar in Year 12</li> </ul>	Joshua Lay
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University of Auckland Faculty of Arts Award</li> </ul>	Alyssa Peters
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Mike Pero Award</li> </ul>	Sean Gibbs, Matthew Bilby, Adam Jonkers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amith Cup</li> </ul>	Joshua Lay
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taku Huarahi Taonga</li> </ul>	Emily Griffith, Kahu Hema
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Head Boys Cup</li> </ul>	Avinaash Krishnan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Head Girls Cup</li> </ul>	Meghana Bandlamudi

A full list of the Senior Subject Prize-winners maybe downloaded [here](#)

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## Leavers' (Year 13's) Farewell Morning Tea



On 10 November following the Year 13's last-ever assembly before going on study leave, Glendowie College Alumni organised a morning tea with scones, jam and cream. It was an opportunity for students and teachers to bid a final farewell to each other. The Alumni wishes all students the very best for their upcoming exams and future endeavours.

We look forward to keeping our newest Alumni in touch with school happenings and hearing their news in return. All students, staff, parents, board members and school supporters are invited to join the Alumni. To receive newsletters and notifications of events, please click on the following link to join the mailing list:

<https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/GlendowieCollege/alumnisignup.html>



## 1970s Decade Reunion

Having been postponed due to the second lockdown, the 1970s Decade Reunion finally took place on 7 November in spite of torrential rain and a trans-Tasman rugby match (which we won't talk about!). A fun night was had by all who came, and it was great to see so many alumni catching up and enjoying each others' company. Attendees also got to travel back in time thanks to a slide show with many photos from the decade.

Thanks to everyone who supported the event, Mrs Sharon Hewetson (Deputy Principal) and Mrs Margie Cooper (Staffroom Supervisor) for their help, and Mr Gordon Robertson (Principal) for also attending.

Stay tuned for details of the College's 60th Anniversary event early next year.



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## Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Ceremony

Former Glendowie College students, Jodie Dickins, Alexandra Green, Jessica Nielsen and William Roberts, recently attended a Gold Duke of Edinburgh Presentation Ceremony at the Vodafone Events Centre – BNZ Theatre in Auckland. More than 120 recipients were presented their award by The Governor-General, Her Excellency the Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy. Sarah Hillary delivered a speech to the award recipients congratulating them for achieving the award and highlighting that the experiences and knowledge which they have gained completing the award will stand them in good stead for years to come.

Congratulations to Jessica, Jodie, William and Alexandra for receiving their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.



*Ms Fiona Smith, Gold Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator*

## Kids Voting 2020 – Te Pōti a Ngā Tamariki Referendum Results

In September, Year 10 Social Studies students participated in the Te Pōti a Ngā Tamariki – ‘Kids Voting 2020’. This Electoral Commission initiative provided students with the opportunity to investigate political party policies and the two referendums, and cast their votes.

It also enabled us to show the students how our electoral system works and to engage them in discussion about the government. The learning links with our Middle Years Programme to provide students with the educational opportunities to understand the important role that they play in society. Research suggests that voting is a lifelong habit, so the earlier young people start to vote, the more likely they are to keep voting.

It is always interesting to compare the results of the Kids Voting - from intermediate and secondary schools nationwide, with the General Election. Kids Voting saw the Labour Party win with 53.3% of the vote, with National in second place with 17.3%. In the General Election, there was a similar theme with 50% of the vote to Labour and 25.6% to National. Kids voting on the referendums saw a resounding majority of 73% voting ‘Yes’ for the End of Life Choice Act, and 53.7% voting ‘Yes’ in the Cannabis Law Reform Referendum. At the next General Election, many of our current Year 10 students will be old enough to vote. We hope that this experience and the ensuing discussion about the importance of participating in the voting process will compel them to be involved citizens in our democracy.



*Photo: 10Teal students participating in Kids Voting - Te Pōti a Ngā Tamariki*

*Ms Michelle Simpson, Assistant Faculty Leader Social Science*



## Auckland Junior Volleyball Championships

48 girls' teams from across Auckland played 3 days of volleyball last week. Our Junior Girls A team showed great teamwork and improving skills to finish with 4 wins and 4 losses. Our win over Albany Junior College was the most exciting as they were ranked 13 places above us!! We also beat Macleans College, Papatoetoe High School and Botany Downs College. We are looking forward to seeing what the volleyball future holds for these girls and Glendowie College!

Team Members are Tyra Naea (Captain), Amy Tupuola, Taylor Nassau, Jemma Stiles, Felicity Thompson, Brooklyn Alovili, Nevada Davoren Kaukasi, Rikki Teura, Mia Staples, Ella Morgan and Lily Smith.



*Mrs Lydia Brown (Coach), Miss Kylie Jorgensen (Assistant Coach) and Ms Chelsea Ferguson (Assistant Coach)*

## Parents' Association

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	5ft to 6.5ft \$52.00
	Delivery \$18.00
	Removal \$15.00

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Trees can be collected from School on Sunday 13th December 10-12 noon.  
Alternatively, you can have your Christmas tree delivered to your home (\$18.00) on the 10th or 11th December. Removal after Christmas can also be arranged (\$15.00).

A percentage of each sale will go to Gendowie College School to raise funds. Please place your order before 1st December to secure your tree.

To order your Christmas tree go to this web address...  
<https://tinyurl.com/Glendowietrees>

To order, please click this link: <http://tinyurl.com/Glendowietrees>



## 2021 Parents' Association Members



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 Members about life at Glendowie College. Many hands make light work!

No applications are required, simply email: [gdcparents@gmail.com](mailto:gdcparents@gmail.com) to join us in 2021!

**Sara Haddon, Parents' Association Chairperson**

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