



Ngā mihi o te Kirimete me te Tau Hou

Seasons Greetings for Christmas and the New Year

This is the last newsletter for the year, so it provides an opportunity to reflect back on 2020 and look forward to 2021. I must confess to looking at the newsletter which Richard Dykes sent out at this time last year, but 2020 has been so significantly different that I was unable to plagiarise him.

First of all, congratulations to everyone for making it through this year. The pandemic has meant that at a personal, school, national and international level, many plans and schemes have not happened. During Level 2 and 3, the school focussed on assessments and teaching rather than the more holistic view of education and learning both inside and outside of the classroom. Term four has allowed events that were deferred to occur, such as the leavers' concert and sporting competitions. The events this term have reinforced how much we enjoy and value each others' company.

The pandemic has had a significant effect on our school finances. We are only expecting 32 International students next year compared with our usual 90-100. The Board and I are, however, expecting a larger intake of International students in 2022. So, we have trimmed budgets for 2021 and decided to run at a deficit next year. We do not want any impact on our teaching and co-curricular programmes and also want to maintain opportunities for our students. The collection of parent donations will be crucial next year.

The plans for the Campus Vision have also had to be revised due to the current circumstances. The Science Block (Dykes Building) is due for completion, on schedule, in January. Plans for the Learning Centre are being finalised this week and it is hoped that the development of the centre in the Hammer Block will begin mid term one. However, plans for the Student Wellbeing Centre (guidance, deans, careers, nurse etc) and the Whare Wananga have been put on hold. Ministry funding originally earmarked to supplement the school's contribution to these projects will now go towards improving shade, shelter and seating in the communal student areas between the old gym and Student Services and between the Dykes and Eddy Blocks.

The school has also been working on Strategic Plans for 2021. We want to consolidate the 2020 goals with an emphasis on making learning more inclusive and developing the essential skills, attributes and key competencies which students will need for their future. The goals are:



Upcoming Events

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

January

- 28 Subject Confirmation
(Year 13, 9:30am-12:30pm)
(Year 12, 1pm-3:30pm)
- 28 Powhiri Training
(9:30am-3pm, Ruapotaka Marae)
- 29 Peer Support Leaders Training Day (9am-3pm, Selected Year 12 & Year 13 students, M1)
- 29-1Dec North Island Club Rowing Championships (KR2)
(All Day, Lake Karapiro)

February

- 1 Auckland Anniversary Day
(school closed)
- 3 First Day – Year 9 Students' and All New Students in 2021
(8:30am International Students congregate at Reception, 8:45am Year 9 and all new students assemble in Hall)
- 4 All Year Levels commence
(school commences at 8:40am with house meetings, and school finishes at 3:20pm)
- 5 Normal School Day (Day 2)
- 8 Waitangi Day
(school closed)
- 11 Parents' Association Meeting
(7pm-8:30pm, Staffroom)
- 15 Swimming Sports
(Sacred Heart College)

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



- **Junior Curriculum – Delivering the IB MYP**

This will include being fully authorised as an IB school, implementing a Year 10 community project and trialling interdisciplinary units. We want our programme to be rigorous, inclusive and flexible to meet student needs. The college will also examine the role of the ALP programme in the MYP context.

- **Year 11 Programme**

With NCEA Level 1 no longer being offered by the school with the exception of Numeracy credits, the college is developing rigorous and flexible school-based programmes in all subject areas. The purpose is to better prepare students for NCEA Levels 2 & 3 and NZ Scholarship as well as manage their workload and wellbeing over the three years of senior school.

- **Wellbeing Framework**

The priority is to develop student skills and knowledge to support their hauora by promoting values and wellbeing. This is both at the school-wide level and through the year level wellbeing programmes we run. It is important that both students and staff have strategies to manage stress and help keep themselves well. This year has highlighted this need.

Have an enjoyable summer break. If you have the opportunity to go away on holiday, take advantage of what New Zealand has to offer. Keep safe and I look forward to seeing you next year.

Noho oro mai
Gordon Robertson
Principal

Subject Confirmation for 2021 Year 12 and Year 13 Students

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)



School Administration Office



The school administration office (Reception) is now closed and will re-open at 9:00am on Wednesday, 27 January 2021.

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

The Encore Theatre Collective production of
RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S
CINDERELLA
ASB WATERFRONT THEATRE

Tickets available at
asbwaterfronttheatre.co.nz

Music by
RICHARD RODGERS
Book & lyrics by
OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II
Adapted for the stage by **TOM BRIGGS**
From the teleplay by **ROBERT L. FREEDMAN**

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Starring Glendowie College Student
Emma Herbert

18-20
DEC

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/>



GDC Water Polo Team

GDC Junior A Water polo team won their grade over the weekend, and are the gold medalists in their division. Congratulations!

JUNIOR B BOYS/MIXED CENTRAL CHAMPIONSHIP							
Teams	Played	Win	Draw	Loss	For	Against	Points
Glendowie A	5	5	0	0	51	14	10
Avondale	5	4	0	1	33	13	8
Mt Albert Boys	5	2	1	2	24	28	5
Sacred Heart B	5	1	1	3	19	29	3
Auck Grammar B	5	1	1	3	19	30	3
Selwyn Mixed A	5	0	1	4	11	43	1



Peter McKenzie Scholarship 2020



Ryan McKay (13MCB) was presented with the 'Peter McKenzie Accounting Scholarship' for 2020 at a St John's Rotary breakfast on Thursday, 19 November 2020. The scholarship for \$2,000 is awarded to a student who intends to pursue a career in Accounting.

The trust fund was set up by Deloitte in conjunction with the Lion Charitable Trust in memory of Peter McKenzie, who was a partner at Deloitte and a member of the St John's Rotary Club.

Ms Noeline Doherty, Mathematics Faculty



2020 Junior Prizegiving

The 2020 school year concluded with the Junior Prizegiving. This was a very successful occasion where our top academic students in each subject were recognised along with the overall year level top scholars. A number of special awards were also presented. Congratulations to all our prize winners!

Our special guest speaker was Genesis Su'a-Tariau, former Head Prefect in 2016. Genesis is now in his 4th year of a Bachelor of Law/Health Science Conjoint Degree at the University of Auckland. He is also involved with his local church in Glen Innes and working part-time for the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon. His family also came through the college, his mother was Head Prefect in 1995.

Genesis spoke about some of his personal challenges that he faced and how important school is to help you find out who you are. He used a tale of a man, his son and a donkey to give the message that if you try to please everyone else, you might not please yourself. You have to be true to what is important to you.



Frank Ison
Top Scholar Year 9 Cup



Zoe Paterson
Top Scholar Year 10 Cup



Lahar Serai
Winner of The New Zealand Pride Cup



Sora Endo
Winner of The Music Shield & The Hauora Cup



Megan Cartwright
The Rothbart Cup, The Groves Cup and Junior Languages Cup



(L) Montgomery White (Year 9) & (R) Nathaniel Snook (Year 10)
The Diligence Awards

The Cup and Special Award recipients were:

The Groves Cup – <i>The most outstanding all-rounder in Year 10 for academic, activities and service.</i>	Megan Cartwright
The New Zealand Pride Cup – <i>For a high level of pride in school community and country.</i>	Lahar Serai
The Rothbart Cup – <i>For displaying significant entrepreneurial ability.</i>	Megan Cartwright
Top Scholar Year 9 Cup	Frank Ison
Top Scholar Year 10 Cup	Zoe Paterson



The Cup and Special Award recipients (continued):

Junior Leadership Cup <i>For showing the greatest leadership in the junior school.</i>	Mason Brown
The Trenwith Cup <i>1st in Year 10 English.</i>	Luke Gordon
Junior Mathematics Cup	Ruohan Wang
The Year 10 Social Studies Prize <i>For all round excellence in Social Studies and a high level of engagement with current social issues.</i>	Abimbola Dawodu
The Hauora Cup <i>Best Boy in Physical Education.</i>	Sora Endo
Miss Griff Trophy <i>Best Girl in Physical Education.</i>	Taylor Nassau
Junior Art Cup <i>Most Promising Junior Art Award.</i>	Francisca Gates
Music Shield	Sora Endo
Graphics Cup <i>Overall effort in Year 10 Graphics.</i>	Anthony Shen
Junior Languages Cup	Megan Cartwright
The Gibb Cup <i>– Year 9 Social Studies Inquiry Work Winner.</i>	Ryan Bennett
Speech Cup – Year 10	Jorja Kane
Diligence Award – Year 9	Montgomery White
Diligence Award – Year 10	Nathaniel Snook
Lino Nelisi Junior Reading Award	Taleisha Dunn

A full list of the Junior Subject Prize-winners may be downloaded [here](#).

Mr Gordon Robertson, Principal

Year 10 German Cultural Club

On Tuesday 24 November, a group of Year 10 German students attended an after school cultural excursion to Der Metz in Kohimarama. They travelled by bus on a rainy afternoon and were greeted warmly by their German speaking hosts who had a table ready for them. The students were able to order their afternoon tea in German and interact in an authentic environment. Thank you to Der Metz for the warm welcome. We thoroughly enjoyed the visit!



Ms Anna Vincent and Mrs Sarrah Shapley, Languages Faculty



Year 10 Art in 'Kumeu Art Prize' Competition

The work of four talented Year 10 Art students was submitted to the recent 'Kumeu Art Prize' Competition. Xixi Gates (10GRY), Grace Lynch (10COM), Alexander Bavin (10GLT) and Emma Bass (10KAR) submitted their portraits in acrylic paint which they created as part of their class work this year. Their work was shortlisted and displayed in the month-long exhibition at the gallery. They are to be commended on their terrific success and brave demonstration of community engagement.



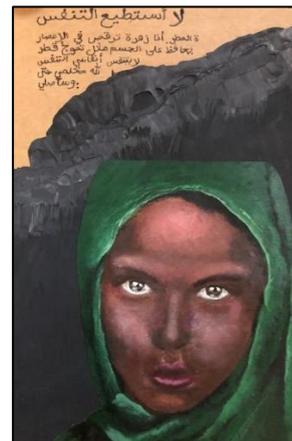
Xixi Gates



Emma Bass



Grace Lynch



Alexander Bavin

Mrs Sarrah Shapley, Arts Faculty

Surfing

In weeks 6 and 7, Miss Pittwood, Ms Kockott and Ms Sutherland took 20 students to Muriwai Beach for surfing lessons. Despite the slightly temperamental weather, we still had an awesome time in the water. Thanks to Mia Hay (10GLT) for baking a cake for us all to enjoy – it was an awesome way to end the year!



Miss Jessica Pittwood, Science Faculty



Year 10 Chinese Language Class



As a Chinese culture activity, Year 10 Chinese language class students played kites. The students tried very hard along with their group members to work out how to get the kites to fly.

Miss Tantan Xu, Language Faculty

Uniform Shop Hours



GLENDOWIE COLLEGE
UNIFORM SHOP
EXTENDED HOURS FOR 2020 / 2021
21 Crossfield Road (Gate 3)
Ph: 575-9128 extension 142
Email: 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:

2020			
Thursday	19 November	Closed - Teacher Only Day	
Tuesday	24 November	8.00am – 4.00pm	
Thursday	26 November	12.30pm – 4.00pm	
Tuesday	1 December	8.00am – 4.00pm	
Thursday	3 December	12.30pm – 6.00pm	
Saturday	5 December	9.00am – 12.00pm	
2021			
Wednesday	13 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	Surnames A – L
Thursday	14 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	Surnames M – Z
Friday	15 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	Surnames A - L
Monday	18 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	Surnames M - Z
Tuesday	19 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	All students
Wednesday	20 January	12.30pm – 4.00pm	All students
Thursday	21 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	All students
Friday	22 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	All students
Monday	25 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	All students
Tuesday	26 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	All students
Wednesday	27 January	12.30pm – 6.00pm	All students (open until 6pm)
Thursday	28 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	All students
Friday	29 January	9.00am – 4.00pm	All students
Monday	1 February	Closed	Auckland Anniversary Day
Tuesday	2 February	9.00am – 4.00pm	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



Parents' Association

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



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 Glendowie College School to raise funds. Please place your order before 1st December to secure your tree.

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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 to join us in 2021! The first meeting next year is scheduled for 11 February 2021 (Thursday), we hope to see you there!

The Year 9 Parents' Information Evening for 2021 is scheduled to take place on 18 February 2021 (Thursday). The Parents' Association usually help cater for this. It is also an opportunity to meet and chat with the new parents. We would love to arrange for a few Parents' Association's members to sign up and assist with this. If you are interested, please email gdcparents@gmail.com

Sara Haddon, Parents' Association Chairperson

<https://www.facebook.com/GlendowieCollegeParentsAssociation/> or Gdcparents@gmail.com