



## Kia Ora Tātou

### Summer Tournament Week

Last week was Summer Tournament Week with students involved in Rowing, Girls Cricket, Water Polo, Yachting, and 3x3 Basketball. Special mention must be made of the 3x3 Basketball boys who played in the Senior Open National tournament finishing runners up to Hamilton Boys High School. Rebecca and Tessa McLaren finished fourth in the 'Under 16 Double A Final' at Maadi Cup gaining a North Island Secondary Schools Rowing Bronze medal.

I was fortunate to watch some of the cricket and to spend a day at Rowing's Maadi Cup. The feedback from coaches, managers and sports staff for all sports was very positive, complimenting students on their commitment, support of their team mates and the cooperative manner shown to the adults who accompanied them.

It was great that these sports could go ahead and the college is very appreciative of the people in the school community who helped and made these opportunities possible for our students.

### Summerfest

Summerfest is taking place this week although Autumnfest is probably more apt as the event had to be delayed due to the lockdown. As Matthew Veal, Board Chair, has noted in his update below, the Arts Faculty is very active in the college offering a huge range of co-curricular activities. Despite the weather not fully cooperating, students have been participating in activities from a range of musical groups, photographic competitions, painting, performances, house competitions and many more. There will be a fuller report in the next newsletter.

### End of Term Reports

Subject reports for all students will be uploaded on the portal at the end of Term 1. The college surveyed parents and staff on the reporting process last year. As a result of the feedback, there have been some changes to the timing of the reports and interviews. The report format has also been modified, so that the areas of performance being assessed and the descriptors are clearer. The first subject interviews will be in Week 4 and Week 5 of next term.



## Upcoming Events:

*Please note these events are subject to change based on the government's lockdown status announcement*

### April

- 2 Good Friday (*school closed*)
- 3 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Training (Option 2)
- 4-5 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Tramp (Option 2)
- 5 Easter Monday (*school closed*)
- 6 Easter Tuesday (*school closed*)
- 8 Taurere Whanau Group BBQ (6:30pm-8pm, Staffroom)
- 8 Parents' Association Meeting (7pm-8pm, Boardroom)
- 9 Swimming Sports (*Sacred Heart College*)
- 16 End of Term 1
- 17 Duke of Edinburgh Silver Training Day (*Bigfoot Adventures*)

### May

- 1 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Training Day
- 1-3 Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice Tramp
- 3 Start of Term 2
- 6 Parents' Association Meeting (7pm-8pm, Staffroom)
- 8-9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Journey

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



## **'SchoolPoint' Online Assessment and Homework Diary**

With end of Term 1 approaching, this is a busy time for assessments. In the newsletter of 19 February 2021, Mrs Fraser outlined 'SchoolPoint' and how parents and students can access it. As all homework and assessments are able to be viewed, 'SchoolPoint' is designed to help students organise and plan their time to meet homework and assessment deadlines. Reminders and notes can also be added. Parents are able to see what work is due and can help students prioritise their workload.

**Ngā mihi nui**

**Gordon Robertson**

**Principal**

## **Term 1 Progress Reports**

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The Term 1 Progress Reports will be available on the portal from Thursday, 15 April 2021.

## **The Glendowie College Board Update**

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Due to the recent lockdowns, the Board met on Wednesday 24 March 2021, a week later than originally scheduled.

At the start of the meeting, the Board received a presentation from Clare Jennings (Faculty Leader Arts) and Andrew Lile (Head of Music) about the activities within their area. The number of activities listed is extraordinary! The Board would like to recognise the energy and efforts of the Arts staff in enabling all of this, much of which is outside of normal school hours. We also noted that most of this is funded locally, and not by the Government, hence the significance of school donations for us continuing to be able to offer such opportunities to our students.

After Easter, the Boards of the College Kāhui Ako, or Community of Learning (CoL), will meet for the first time this year. The Kāhui Ako comprises of Glendowie College and the three local primary schools: Glendowie Primary, Churchill Park School and St. Heliers School. The Government provides some funding for this to foster closer working relationships between the schools and to help learners achieve to their full potential. This funding has provided the Kāhui Ako with six Learning Support Coordinator positions, three of which are based at Glendowie College. As a result, we are better able to identify students with learning needs and provide support structures for them.

The Kāhui Ako involvement has led to the creation of Across School and Within School leadership positions focusing on school and Kāhui Ako goals. Last month, the Kāhui Ako was awarded 400 hours of Professional Learning time over two years to work on local curriculum and related school and Kāhui Ako goals. By collaborating and sharing expertise, students' learning pathways are supported and their transition through the education system is improved. We are fortunate to have a collaborative and effective Community of Learning, which benefits all students within this community.

At the meeting, the Board approved the allocation of local funds for an upgrade of the toilet block as part of the Hammer Block Learning Centre refurbishment. The existing toilet blocks will be replaced by individual cubicles similar to those in the new Dykes Science Building. The College is mindful of feedback from students and parents regarding the toilet blocks, and noted that this as an important component of the programme to improve these facilities at the College.

**Mr Matthew Veal, Board Chair**



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## Accounts Office Hours

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Please note that the Accounts office hours have changed to 10:30am to 4pm, Monday to Friday. We accept cash, ETPOS and can also take credit card payments over the phone on (09) 575 9128 ext. 117. You can also make payments via the school portal or internet banking to the school account 12-3027-0364377-00.

You are welcome to contact me at [student.accounts@gdc.school.nz](mailto:student.accounts@gdc.school.nz) with any queries, including instructions for using unallocated credits or to discuss your child(ren)'s account.

*Mrs Andrea McComish, Accounts Receivable Administrator*

## GDC Sports Hoodies

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GDC Sports Hoodies are now available, with your surname printed on the back. If you are interested in purchasing one, the cost is \$40 payable at the Accounts Office.

*Mrs Lydia Brown, Director of Sports*

## Donate Your Old Laptop

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**Old laptop gathering dust?**

# DONATE IT!

We can repurpose your old, **working** laptop for a student who cannot afford one of their own. Can you help?

Please return your laptop to factory settings. Drop it off to the Glendowie College office with its charger and any cases you'd like to donate with it.

Contact: [rcd@gdc.school.nz](mailto:rcd@gdc.school.nz) (Mrs Richardson)

*Mrs Ruth Richardson, Kaiārahi*

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## RYDA Workshop

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RYDA is an essential youth development programme featuring a highly engaging and memorable one-day workshop which front-loads students’ understanding of road safety and gives them the tools, habits and motivation to take action and stay safe on our roads throughout their lives, both as drivers and passengers.

All Year 12 students will participate in the RYDA programme, which is scheduled for Tuesday 13 April 2021 at the ASB showgrounds. Year 12 parents have been sent an email with more information including permission forms.

Please ensure that these permission forms are completed and returned to your child's Form teacher by Wednesday 7 April 2021, and \$15 is paid either online or to the school Accounts Office by Tuesday 13 April 2021.

Thank you for your support. It's a really valuable day for the students.

*Mrs Joanne Fraser, Deputy Principal*

## Auckland Girls Choir

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Well done to Zoe Paterson (11KAR) and Reyna Paul (12THR), choristers with the Auckland Girls Choir, who will be featured in ‘Bach Musica New Zealand's Concert’ at the Auckland Town Hall.

Zoe and Reyna are two of the 40 girls selected from 29 schools to enter a comprehensive, structured music and choral training program.

## 3x3 Basketball Senior Open Runners Up

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Huge congratulations to our 3x3 Boys who were Runners Up in the Senior Open Competition at the Rebel Sport 3x3 Nationals.

3x3 Basketball – Joshua Lay (13MKA), Benjamin Cooper (13SNG), Kiran Perera (12SHH), Ralph Balazo (12DHY) and Samuel Davey (13SOE).

*Mrs Lydia Brown, Director of Sports*



## Auckland Athletics Championship

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Well done and congratulations to all the athletes who competed at the Auckland Athletics Championships on Tuesday 30 March 2021 at Mount Smart Stadium.

Emma Wright, Holly Harding, Angus Monroe, Jaxson Murphy and medalists Emma Bews-Hair (Junior Girls 100m Silver), Oscar Li (Junior Boys Javelin Bronze) and Zara Pomfret (Junior Girls 3000m Bronze & 1500m Silver).

Great performances all round!!

*Mrs Lydia Brown, Director of Sports*



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## Maadi Cup 2021



Maadi Cup, the National Secondary Schools Rowing Championships, took place last week at Lake Karapiro from 22 to 27 March 2021. Following the disappointment of the cancellation of Maadi Cup in 2020 due to Covid and more recently the cancellation of the North Island Secondary Schools Championships at the beginning of March, we were all delighted that Maadi Cup was able to go ahead with near perfect rowing conditions on the lake all week.

Maadi Cup is the largest secondary school sporting event in New Zealand and this year was no exception – a record number

of 2600 rowers entered. The competition was intense with the high number of entries resulting in a tougher route through to finals and more rowers being eliminated during the heats on day 1 and 2 of the regatta.

Despite the tougher route, all of the 21 rowers from Glendowie College showed amazing grit and determination to progress through their heats, repechages and semi-finals to qualify for a total of 16 finals. We saw a number of top 3 placings in our B and C Finals and a very close 4th from Rebecca McLaren (11HUM) and Tessa McLaren (11COM) in the 'Under 16 Double A Final', for which they received the 'North Island Championship Bronze' medal.

The Glendowie Rowing Squad represented the school with pride and showed amazing team spirit in their races against some of the top Rowing schools around New Zealand. While our rowers will welcome some sleep-ins now that the rowing season has finished, many of them are already looking forward to next season and building on this successful Maadi Cup.

For anyone who is interested in joining the Rowing team next season, a 'Learn to Row' programme will begin in July. Sign-ups will be taken in Term 2, please look out for more information.

**Alice Henry, Rowing Manager**



## Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) – Ucase

Young Enterprise Group UCase is looking for a mentor who is an expert in IT, 3D print and willing to guide the product prototype-customised phone case!

If you are an IT expert and are able/willing to spare some time to mentor UCase, please email Kieran Smith, our Production Manager, at [18081@gdc.school.nz](mailto:18081@gdc.school.nz).

**Jenny Byun (12KHN)**



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## PI ( $\pi$ ) Day in Mathematics

Following the 'International Pi Day' on 14 March 2021, some of our junior Mathematics students researched into the value represented by the symbol  $\pi$  (pi) known to most as 3.14. This number has puzzled Mathematicians for nearly four thousand years... generating more interest, consuming more brain power, and filling more waste baskets with discarded theories than any other single number. You will never find an exact value for  $\pi$ ! It was great to see so many students getting involved and taking their own 'sweet' approach to celebrating. We look forward to an even bigger and better 'Pi Day' next year!



*Ms Harriet Tidman, Mathematics Faculty*

## Year 13 History Bay of Islands Trip



'Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua'. The Year 13 History students have been walking backwards into the future, while exploring our past on their 3-day trip to the Bay of Islands. The journey began with a visit to New Zealand's oldest stone building – the 'Stone Store' in Kerikeri. The 'Kerikeri Mission Station', established in 1819, was one of the first places in New Zealand where Māori invited visitors to live among them.



Students were honing their historical research skills to gather evidence about the early contact period, especially the relationship between Māori and Pakeha. Next stop was the beautiful Rangihoua Bay, where Samuel Marsden preached the first sermon in New Zealand on Christmas day in 1814. The following day saw students up at sunrise to take part in sailing a traditional heritage vessel, The R. Tucker Thompson, in the stunning Bay of Islands. A highlight of the trip was climbing the rigging of this impressive ship! We sailed into Kororareka, once deemed the 'hell hole of the Pacific', for its grog shops, prostitution and lawlessness. Students explored 'Pompallier Mission', 'The Russell Museum' and 'Christ Church' to gather evidence for their inquiry. The afternoon was spent at 'Te Kōngahu Museum' of Waitangi which weaves together the stories and taonga which bring to life the history of Waitangi and Aotearoa New Zealand's founding documents. This museum offers multiple perspectives in an attempt to achieve an authentic and accurate representation of events which have shaped Aotearoa.

The trip was a great opportunity for students to be historians and gather their own evidence to use in their upcoming assessments. Education outside the classroom is a valuable and rewarding experience for all involved and we are grateful that this year we were able to go on this fantastic adventure.

*Ms Michelle Simpson, Social Sciences Faculty*



## Geography Field Trips

It has been great to see our Geography students out and about on field trips after a year of no trips in 2020. Year 11 recently visited Auckland Zoo and Year 12 had three fun-filled days in the Tongariro National Park. The Geography students are to be congratulated for their excellent conduct on these trips. We are looking forward to more exciting excursions across all year levels in Terms 2 and 3!

### Year 11 Geography Zoo Trip

Year 11 Geography students recently visited Auckland Zoo to support their investigation of palm oil as a global geographic topic. They had an education talk and visited the species whose habitat is most at risk from the creation of palm oil plantations – the orangutan and siamang.

The new Auckland Zoo enclosure has some of the oil palm trees which are at the centre of this geographic topic. Thanks to Lizzy Lockhart from Auckland Zoo for her engaging and informative talk. Students are now applying their knowledge to evaluate the best solution to the palm oil issue in their end of unit assessment activity.



### Year 12 Tongariro Trip

On 17 March, the Year 12 Geography students, Mrs McKay, Ms Tomlinson and Mr Van Aswegen set off on our 3- day field trip to the Tongariro Volcanic Centre (TVC) to learn more about the natural environment. During the trip we gained a valuable insight into the TVC and the processes that formed and modified it, learnt about its characteristics and people's perceptions on the land through experiencing it for ourselves.

We stayed at the Park Hotel, which has a spa and a conference room. The hotel also provided our meals including packed lunches for the second day. We were lucky to have stunning weather throughout the trip, and were able to experience the land through walks to Soda Springs, the Taranaki Falls, the Mangatepopo Valley and the Mounds/Western Foothills. We also visited the Whakapapa Visitor centre for a scavenger hunt and had an engaging talk by a DOC speaker talking about human use and perspectives on the TVC. Lastly, we went to the 'Top of the Bruce and Tokaanu' power station to further explore human

use of the land. Thank you to all the teachers who made this trip possible, it was a lot of fun and a valuable experience for us all!

By Sophie Glasgow-Palmer (12GEE)

**Ms Linda Tomlinson & Mrs Melissa McKay, Social Sciences Faculty**





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## Parents' Association

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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](mailto:gdcparents@gmail.com) to join us in 2021. Our next meeting is scheduled for 8 April 2021 (Thursday) at 7pm in the Boardroom, we hope to see you there!

Sara Haddon, Parents' Association Chairperson

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## 'The Girl on the Bridge' – Charity Fundraiser for 'Voices of Hope'



**Date & Time:** Wednesday 12 May 2021 – 6:30pm

**Venue:** Silky Otter Cinemas, Orakei Bay Village

**Tickets:** \$30 includes popcorn (concessions available)  
RP16 - Content not suitable for children

To raise awareness of the mental health crisis facing NZ and raise much needed funds for the 'Voices of Hope' charity, which campaigns for better services for all New Zealanders, and supports those suffering from mental health issues and their families.

For more information and tickets, please visit this link: <https://sites.google.com/view/girlonthebridge>

For enquiries, please email Helen at [helen.bernasconi@gmail.com](mailto:helen.bernasconi@gmail.com)

## Laptop Donation

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