



Kia Ora Tātou

We have just got used to Year 12 and 13 being back at school and they will be going on study leave next week. To meet specific needs some subjects will continue to run workshops after study leave begins. The two weeks they have been back has been very useful in helping students to identify where they are at with regard to gaining NCEA, which specific standards and subjects to target, entry requirements for specific tertiary course and what to do to gain merit or excellence endorsement. Looking at our tracking data, the vast majority of students have applied themselves well.

It is great to have some certainty as to when Year 9 and 10 students will be back at school. They will be coming back to school next Wednesday. We all appreciate the challenges online learning brings, so to have the consistency of learning in a classroom is a positive.

Term 4 is also the time of year when we recognise Arts, sporting, and academic success through the various award ceremonies. Unfortunately, the restrictions on gathering sizes have made it impossible to hold these ceremonies. Nevertheless, it is important that students' performances, abilities, leadership, and sense of service are recognised. Included in this newsletter are links identifying those students who have received various awards.

On Monday evening, selected parents and students will be invited to a virtual Prizegiving where those students receiving the top sports, Arts, academic and leadership awards, as well as Scholarships, will be acknowledged. A copy of this will be made available on the website after the event.

In the last newsletter, the four Head Prefects were named. Congratulations to the students who have been appointed House Prefects. They have been identified by staff and their peers as potential school leaders. Each house has eight prefects who will have designated responsibilities.

Despite the impact the pandemic has had on our daily lives, our students have still achieved some amazing things. The commitment of many students is a real joy to witness. This pandemic has been the most significant event in my lifetime (about four student lifetimes) and while we have all struggled at times our students will get through it.

Information outlining the rest of the year for the Year 9, 10 and 11 students is being shared. Year 11 students have examinations in selected subjects this coming week and it is important that they keep applying themselves to guarantee entry into the Year 12 subjects they have chosen.

Talking with senior students, being able to meet up with friends and socialise with them has been important and has helped their wellbeing. This aspect plus getting used to routines of being at school learning will be good for our Year 9 and 10 students. It will be great to see them again.



Upcoming Events:

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

November

- 15 Senior Virtual Prizegiving
- 16 Year 12 & Year 13 Study Leave
- 16 Year 13 Graduation Event
- 17 Year 9s and Year 10s Return to School
- 17-19 Year 11 Exams
- 22-24 Dec NCEA Exams
- 24 Year 11 Arts Evening
(Cancelled)
- 24 Board Meeting
(6pm-9pm)
- 26 Teacher Only Day

December

- 2 Taurere Whanau Meeting
(Cancelled)
- 3 Year 11s Last Day School
- 8 Board Meeting
(6pm-7pm, Boardroom)
- 10 Year 9s and Year 10s
Last Day School
- 13 2022 Prefects Day
- 14 School closed

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



Parents' Association

Later in this bulletin there is a message from Sara Haddon who is resigning from her role as Chairperson of the Parents' Association. Having liaised with Sara for the past four years, I truly appreciate her dedication and the works she has undertaken to fundraise for the college. Her energy and enthusiasm are contagious, and she is one of the most organised people I know.

Also leaving the Parents' Association are Megan Hollister, Treasurer, and Lisa Barker, Secretary. Megan is now a member of the college Board. Both have held their responsibilities ably, always working in the best interests of the college. All three will be missed and have been a pleasure to work with.

I encourage you to become involved when the Parents' Association meet next year. With some degree of normality returning next year, an active Parents' Association will not only raise funds for the college but will provide social opportunities for parents.

Ngā mihi nui
Gordon Robertson
Principal

Changes to Term 4 Calendar

Due to the disruptions and Covid 19 related restrictions around holding large events such as prizegivings, the following school events have had to be adjusted in Term 4.

- The Teacher Only Day scheduled for 25th November is now occurring on **26th November (Friday)**.
- The last day for **Year 11's is now the 3rd December (Friday)**.
- The last day for **Year 9 and 10's is now the 10th December (Friday)**.

Ms Trudy Gibb, Deputy Principal

Year 11 Examinations

These will take place in Week 5 - Wednesday 17 November to Friday 19 November and all students are expected to attend. Students will be on study leave for these three days and will attend school only for their examinations. There will be an extended form time on Tuesday 16 November for Year 11 students to go through exam procedures. If your child is unwell during the exam period, please keep them at home and contact your House Dean.

Mr Andre Worsnop, Deputy Principal

Year 11 Students in Year 12 Classes

When Years 12 and 13 students start exam leave on Tuesday 16 November, Year 11 accelerate students will be expected to study in the library or D1L during their timetabled Year 12 classes, unless another arrangement has been made with their teacher (such as a tutorial or revision session). On the day of their Year 12 examination, students are only required to attend their exam, not timetabled classes.

Mr Andre Worsnop, Deputy Principal



Years 12 and 13 Unexpected Event Grades (UEGs)

UEGs have been a hot topic in recent weeks and there are, understandably, a few questions about how they work. NZQA has stated that they expect students to attend examinations unless there is a COVID-related reason not to attend. That could be a personal, family or school reason.

- Where the student attends the examination, the better of the unexpected event grade or examination grade (including a blank script SNA) is automatically awarded.
- Where the student is unable to attend the exam, the UEG is automatically awarded.
- Parents/caregivers do not need to contact the school to request a UEG (or derived grade) or to provide a reason for non-attendance.
- A student's Record of Achievement will only show a final grade for a standard - there is no distinction between a grade earned through a UEG process or by sitting the exam.
- Many UEGs have already been made available on the portal. Others will be in place by Tuesday 16 November, except for some portfolio subjects.
- Students could use UEGs to work out where best to focus their efforts in exam preparation.

There are no unexpected event grades for New Zealand Scholarship. If students are unable to attend the Scholarship examination, they will be ineligible for an award. For further information, please visit this link [Unexpected Event Grade Information \(NZQA\)](#)

Mr Andre Worsnop, Deputy Principal

Vacancy – Science Laboratory Technician

We are seeking an experienced Science Laboratory Technician to work in the Science Faculty, supporting curriculum delivery and managing the Science Laboratory. The College opened a new Science building in 2021 which includes a state-of-the-art Laboratory. This is a permanent (term-time only), part-time position for 25 hours per week.

Main duties include:

- Preparation of equipment, materials, and reagents for student experiments.
- Organisation and maintenance of the laboratory, inventories, and equipment.
- Ensuring Health and Safety requirements are followed.

We are looking for someone who:

- Has a Science qualification and experience in handling chemicals.
- Has strong organisational skills, shows initiative, and can work independently.
- Enjoys working with young people.

A copy of the job description and an application form may be requested by emailing won@gdc.school.nz

If you are interested in the position, please email your application form, cover letter and CV to Eliza Wong, Principal's PA, via email won@gdc.school.nz by 4pm, 19 November 2021 (Friday).

Sports Fees Payment

Could all parents/caregivers please make sure that all sports fees are paid. Thank you.

Mrs Lydia Brown, Director of Sports



Prizegiving and Award Announcements

It is the time of year when we celebrate students' success and achievement. This year we will be announcing our award recipients on the Glendowie College website and on social media.

Next Monday 15 November, we will hold an online Senior Prizegiving for those students who are recipients of special awards. Parents of students who are award recipients will receive an email to register for a link to this event. The online awards presentation will be made available to view on the college website on Tuesday 16 November.

All students who have won a trophy or cup with their award will be able to collect this from the hall on Tuesday 16 November at an allocated time. Students will have an opportunity to be photographed with their award.

The following award recipients can be viewed on the college website via links below:

[Arts Award recipients](#)

[Sports Awards recipients](#)

[Subject Academic Award recipients](#)

Mrs Sharon Hewetson, Deputy Principal

YES Celebrations 2021



Despite a challenging year, we celebrate our Young Enterprise successes as 'Juntos' received the 'Cultural Excellence' award with Gabriela Almeida Preuhs (CEO of Juntos) being acknowledged as one of the three EY individuals of the year for her leadership as a CEO!



And... we are super proud to share that 'IMPLEAT' received the 'Most Creative Thinking' award and were announced the Auckland East Company of the Year!



We wish the directors of 'IMPLEAT' (Simon Fink-Jensen, Jordan Eliahu and Beren Eskildsen) all the best for the Young Enterprise Nationals in December this year.

Ms Pritika Harduar, Liaison Teacher for Young Enterprise Studies





School Prefects 2022

Congratulations to our school prefects for 2022.



Otis McKenzie
Head Boy



Abhi Puthigae
Head Girl



Sophie Campbell-Patston
Deputy Head Girl



David Yuan
Deputy Head Boy

Rūaumoko

Lewis Azzopardi (12THR)
Jessie Butland (12DHY)
Simon Fink-Jensen (12THR)
Emma Goodall (12THR)

Bailey Hood (12THR)
Oshaani Khetarpal (12DHY)
Danielle McComish (12DHY)
Kieran Smith (12THR)

Tangaroa

Harper Johns-Kerr (12THM)
Phoebe Longson (12THM)
Will Massam (12SHH)
Lara Nielsen (12THM)

Joel Sheed (12SHH)
Lexie Sheed (12THM)
Eden Webster (12THM)
Brandon Yiu (12SHH)

Tāwhirimātea

Nathan Bilby (12NAI)
Yvonne Bu (12NAI)
Josh Calvert (12VIS)
Amelia Clark (12VIS)

Naomi Hay (12VIS)
Emma Herbert (12VIS)
Angus Monro (12NAI)
Jono Sayal (12NAI)

Tāne Mahuta

Samara Bayliss (12GEE)
Nia Fepuleai (12GEE)
Sam Gerrard (12HRD)
Neal Grayson (12KHN)

Gia Jeffery (12GEE)
Jenna McLaren (12KHN)
Oliver McNae (12KHN)
Sophie Strang (12GEE)



'Chinese Bridge' Speech Competition



This year, sixty-eight secondary school students from across Auckland competed for Chinese proficiency in the annual 'Chinese Bridge' Speech Competition. Seven students from our school participated in the competition. They prepared for the competition well and achieved great results:

Year 12 students: Kaythi Finn was awarded the First Prize and the Outstanding Performance Prize. Dan Nguyen and Eden Wood were awarded the Second Prize. Jenna McLaren was awarded the Merit Prize.

Year 10 students: Frank Ison was awarded the Third Prize.

Year 9 students: Emily Clark was awarded the Second Prize. Nhu Truong was awarded the Merit Prize.

Congratulations to our amazing students.

Ms Tantan Xu, Faculty of Languages

Parents' Association Update

Farewell to the Parents' Association Chairperson, Treasury and Secretary

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gordon Robertson, David James, Andre Worsnop and the various Parents' Association members, Board members and administration staff who have supported the Parents' Association during my leadership over the past years.

After attending one meeting four years ago I unexpectedly became the new Chairperson. I am proud to have led a fabulous team of forever expanding parents in organising a number of memorable events and fundraiser highlights. These have included 'Fun Runs', 'Gordon's Angels', 'The Big Wine Out' quiz event, staff dinners, guest speaker Nigel Latta, and more recently the 'Comedy Night'.

During my time, we have designed and planted the new Quad, introduced new ticketing systems, hosted some large events, created new relationships with a range of local businesses for sponsorship and gone paperless. A huge thanks to Megan Hollister, who has been in the Treasurer role for over 5 years. Megan has been present at every event, both behind the scenes and onsite. Thanks also to our Secretary, Lisa Barker, for always attending our meetings to record the details over the 2 years in her role.

The Parents' Association is an important part of the College and does a great job in connecting the College and the community, as well as fundraising. Many friends have been made and many wonderful experiences shared, as well as some interesting discussions in our Parents' Association meetings with management and Board members about topical issues. Over the past 4 years, we have raised a large amount which has been put towards replacing the college sound system in the hall and purchasing plants for the Quad upgrade. I look forward to supporting the ongoing Parents' Association team in the future. Remember, being part of the Parents' Association is a shared and fun responsibility drawing on each of our strengths, and you are part of a great team. Come check them out in 2022.

Sara Haddon, Parents' Association Chairperson

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



Physio Rehab Group

The Physio Rehab Group know that remote schooling can be difficult. With the end of year exams, assignments and sports students may suffer increased stress which can contribute to pain and injuries.

Because we are unable to open our in-school clinic, the Physio Rehab Group are offering treatment for fully vaccinated GDC students in our main clinic located at 239 West Tamaki Road, Wai O Taiki Bay.

Under ACC there will be NO surcharge for GDC students.

As your local physiotherapists, the Physio Rehab Group wanted to extend this gesture of goodwill to enable students to get their aches and injuries sorted.

To redeem, just mention this offer for GDC students when booking over the phone.

Please phone 09-528 8171 or email adminglen@physiorehabgroup.co.nz

Noho ora mai

Jennifer Wills, Physio Rehab Group