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Message from the Principal

Living in a historical moment

I hope this newsletter finds you well and adapting to your new way of life for the foreseeable future. Over

the last 48 hours I have been wrestling with the content and message for this newsletter, as we enter into the adjusted school holiday time. As per my previous message, the Ministry of Education has made the decision to bring school holidays forward, beginning on 30 March and running through to 14 April inclusive.

I would like you all as a community to be assured that, as Glenfield College had been proactive earlier in the term with the onset of Covid-19, a significant amount of preparatory work has been organised to ensure that, as Term 2 begins, 'Remote Learning' can be launched in earnest. The one challenge that we are working through is to ensure that all students have access to a computer so they are kept busy and up-to-speed with the rest of the student body. Mr. David Keenleyside did an outstanding job sourcing 17 desktop computers for families on Tuesday / Wednesday of last week, and we still have other stock available. The key moving forward is that we ask if you know of any families who would like to take up this offer, please email us as admin@gc.ac.nz.

Please do not be surprised if you or your child/ren has contact from a staff member (Mentor, Form Teacher or Dean) in the next two weeks as we monitor the physical and mental well-being of our student body. We often talk about Glenfield College being a family and families pull together in time such as these. The pastoral care systems of Glenfield College are something we are very proud of and we will be calling on these as we move forward.

Therefore, to assist you all we will be providing some information during the second week of the holidays with regards to what 'Remote Learning' will look like and what a typical school day / week at home will be. Some keywords that are important to reflect on as we prepare for this are structure, routines, self-managing, motivation and physical and mental well-being.

As per my heading above, if I had to sum up what we are currently experiencing it would be that we are living through a historical moment in time. The key is how we address this and keep our outlook and approach a positive one. As a school we will be keeping in contact and sending out communications twice a week that will be both informative, as well as providing tips and challenges for you to participate in.

I genuinely believe there could be a range of real positives that come out of this lockdown that lead to us all reconnecting, being more understanding, caring and patient with those around us.

Mā Maruwehi, Ka Rāhiri
With Pride and Respect
Mr Paul McKinley
Principal





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Term Dates for 2020

Term 1: Wednesday, 29 January to Friday, 27 March

Term 2: Wednesday, 15 April to Friday 3 July

Term 3: Monday, 20 July to Friday, 25 September

Term 4: Monday, 12 October to Wednesday, 9 December

Important Dates to Note This Term

- * Term 2 begins via Remote Learning on 15 April
 - * Lockdown to end (currently) on 22 April
 - * ANZAC Day to be observed on 27 April
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Farewell to staff

At the end of Term 1 we say farewell to the following staff members:

Gail Colliar (HOD Physical Education)

After seven years at Glenfield College, Gail leaves us to take up the position of Deputy Principal at Whangaparaoa College. We wish her all the best in her new role.

Horowaitai Roberts-Tuahine (HOD Maori)

Horowaitai leaves us at the end of term to pursue further opportunities. Again, we wish her all the best with her future endeavours.

Seidah Karati (maternity cover for Dance)

Seidah will take up a new position at McAuley High School at the beginning of Term 2 as we welcome back Ms Wilson. We wish Seidah well in her new role and thank her for looking after Ms Wilson's students so well in her absence.

Download the School App

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Helpful Resources: Coronavirus



School TV: Coronavirus *A Guide for Parents*

School TV has a report on Covid-19, you can view it [here](#)

Dr Lucy Hone & Dr Denise Quinlan,
Conference Convenors of WENZ and Co-Directors of the
New Zealand Institute of Wellbeing and Resilience



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