

## School Newsletter Week 5, Term 2, 2024

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## Message from the Acting Principal

Mātai ki te rangi, homai te kauhau wānanga ki uta, ka whiti he ora.

Look beyond the horizon, and draw near the bodies of knowledge that will take us into the future.

The above whakatauki is the guiding kaupapa from the refreshed New Zealand curriculum. This expresses the centrality of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and its principles, and New Zealand's vision for education.

It is a curriculum designed for all ākonga, ensuring their right to belong and flourish through high-quality learning experiences.

Today our staff have been involved in professional development looking at this new curriculum and sequencing knowledge-rich curriculum. We had excellent discussions about the next steps in our subject areas and shared best practice. It is busy but exciting times as we revamp our programmes to ensure they are more inclusive for engagement and success for all akonga. We thank you for your understanding and support so that our teachers can participate in professional learning in the teacher-only Accord days.

This week a large group of students have been sitting the NCEA co-requisite Numeracy and Literacy Common Assessment Activities. These exams test students in reading, writing and numeracy. They are a co-requisite for students' NCEA certificate. Students have five years to undertake this test and multiple opportunities in a year. Therefore, teachers select students to take the test based on their readiness. A big thank you to Kristina Smith for her leadership and organisation of this. If your child did sit these exams, results are due to be published on the NZQA portal on or near 5 August.

This week we celebrated Samoan Language week, enjoying the sharing of culture from some of our young Pasifica students. Thank you to Whaea Anezka for leading the Pasifica group this year.

It was excellent to have so many parents come in and meet our teachers at the recent Year 9 and 10 Parent-Teacher interviews. Having conversations about your child's learning journey is so valuable and we enjoy any opportunity to welcome whanau into the school. We look forward to welcoming you to two upcoming events being the Whānau Hui on Thursday 6 June, and Year 11 - 13 Parent-Teacher interviews on Tuesday 25 June.

Finally, a message about online safety. We do, at times, end up dealing with incidents or relationship breakdowns between students that have been fuelled by social media posts. As parents, we would like to encourage you to take the time to talk to your child about the damage that online bullying can have on the mental well-being of young people and what is meant by a digital footprint. With young people spending ever-increasing time online outside of school hours, it is important we teach them to be safe and kind.

Please see the excellent Parents Toolkit provided by Netsafe which has a plethora of resources to support you with these conversations at home: [Netsafe Parent Toolkit](#).

We are now half-way through the academic year for our Senior students. We encourage them to give their best in the classroom, working hard both at school and at home to complete assessment work to the best of their ability. As always our teachers are here to help and we encourage students to attend Learning Hub on Tuesdays and Thursdays if they need additional support.

I wish you all a wonderful long weekend - let's hope the weather improves!

Michelle Cleaver  
Acting Principal



**First in Subject Award for Nate Carroll**



On 8th May, Nate Carroll (Year 12 student) flew to Wellington with his parents and Mrs Cleaver to accept his 'First in Subject' award in NZ for Music presentation at parliament. Congratulations to Nate for such a wonderful achievement!

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## Mother's Day Breakfast



On 10th May, we celebrated the role that mothers and significant female role models play in the lives of our youth at our annual Mother's Day Breakfast. It was a memorable morning for students, mothers and grandmothers. Special thanks must go to everyone who worked so hard behind the scenes including Rusty

Anderson, the Prefects, Rena Foolchand (flower arrangements), John Bonneywell (photos) and guest speaker, Renée Tourell.

## Congratulations, Mr Tod!



On 4th May, Mr Tod was awarded the Ian Goodwin Award for Services to Officiating for his work as a Technical Official at the local and international level over many years at the NZ Basketball Awards Ceremony in Wellington. He was also recognised for his 40 years of service to the basketball community. Congratulations on this incredible award - you are a true legend and this award could not have gone to a more deserving recipient!

## YES Business Studies Pitch



Earlier today our Level 3 Business students completed their business pitches at North Shore Junction. We were truly impressed with the students' manaakitanga and the strong sense of whanaungatanga they developed within their groups. They showed creativity, teamwork and dedication throughout their pitches. Exceptional work by all our teams, including Heritage Folios, KawaKawa Skin Scrub, For The Culture, Élite Dance, Sweet Bites, Guttermax, O' Furbish TimberCraft Studios, and Mahurutanga Scents. We are excited about their remarkable achievements and look forward to their bright and promising futures!

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## Business Studies Market Day



Yesterday at lunchtime our Business Studies students showed off their skills at the annual Market Day. Their teamwork, creativity and dedication were truly outstanding. Many groups sold out and were very popular. Congratulations to Marley Edwards, Jewel Bowen, Kisha Apdian, Dan Rhevo, Blake Hilditch, and Gabriel Dimitrov for their exceptional contributions. They demonstrated our school values of pride, respect, and manaakitanga. We are proud of all the students for fostering an entrepreneurial and innovative spirit, making this event a resounding success. Please click [here](#) to see photos from the event.

## Cross Country Results



### Year 9 Girls

1st Place: Kayleigh Limu

2nd Place: Danica Ferguson

3rd Place: Aurelia Brockelsby

### Year 10 Boys

1st Place: Hemi Boisen

2nd = Trey Church & Malakai Miles

3rd Place: Mason Read

### Year 9 Boys

1st Place: Coben Riches

2nd Place: Thomas Nyugen

3rd Place: Axel Renolayan

### Senior Girls

1st Place: Tiana Davis

2nd Place: Charity Elejan

3rd Place: Anchelle Tolica

### Year 10 Girls

1st Place: Teyla Cheeseman

2nd Place: Lily Mata

3rd Place: Lily Olsen

### Senior Boys

1st Place: Jacob Freestone

2nd Place: Travis Atkinson

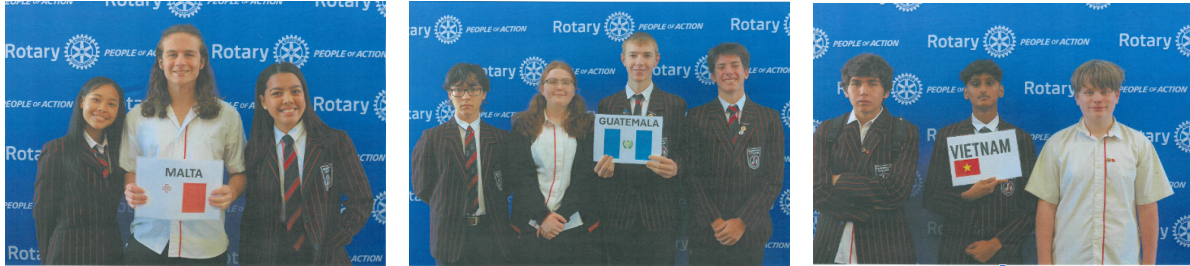
3rd Place: Nyle Gill

## Maths Olympiad at The University of Auckland



On 11 May, Mr Shen took five students to the annual Maths Olympiad. The students spent two hours and tried some extremely difficult questions. More than 100 students came from high schools all over Auckland. The students were Sophie Wood, Rose Oborn, Horatio Dobson, Sree Abhilash and Mateo Larraquel.

## MUNA



On 24th and 25th May, 10 senior students attended the Model United Nations Assembly event (MUNA) run by Rotary. This is a huge student conference consisting of over 100 teams from schools all across Auckland. Glenfield College represented Malta (Cleo, Kisha, and Jack), Vietnam (Carlos, Ryan, and Brandon), and Guatemala (Alice, Jacob, Hayden, and Marvin). Each team had to prepare and present two speeches on the topics of women's equality, climate change and territorial sovereigns, as well as respond to specific questions and participate in dialogue with other teams while accurately representing their assigned country.

During the first day, students from different assigned countries enjoyed the time to mingle and share their different insights into the remits and amendments they plan to implement that align best with the interests of their nation. One of Glenfield College's team represented Malta, a non-permanent member of the Security Council, paving the way for them to participate in discussions for the responsibility of maintaining international peace with other influential countries. From the meeting of regional blocks, and the presentation of speeches, it was an interesting and remarkable experience. Through this event, students were able to express political discourse, fostering knowledge of international relations and strengthening the stability of the esteemed assembly of the United Nations while still upholding its core goals.

In continuation of the assembly on the last day, the keynote speaker, Chris Carter, a former member of the parliament and a United Nations member who went to Afghanistan as part of his job, expressed the fulfilling role in addressing the humanitarian crisis that he had witnessed firsthand. Needless to say, he emphasized that the "challenge" itself was what made the UN job rewarding to accomplish, inspiring the students to pursue the path that may seem difficult but empowering toward the future of our nations.

The event ended after the awarding, and students left the venue with a new perspective of international relations, interesting memories with fellow delegates, and learnings to build upon, serving as a gleaming hope for empowered students or as Chris Carter would call "the leaders of tomorrow".

# Samoa language Week & Young Free and Pacific Event



On 23rd May, seven senior girls had the opportunity to attend the Young, Free and Pacific (YFP) event. YFP is a transformative day that brings together young Pacific students from all across Auckland for workshops, talanoa and food. The theme for the event was, 'We may not have it all together, but together we have it all.' They got to meet inspirational Pacific leaders like Dame Valerie Adams, participate in Pacific art and dance workshops and bond with other Pacific students.

Luchi - Year 12 student has this to say about the event:

"This day made me feel encouraged to be my true self. I learnt the importance of Pacific patterns in art and their meaning. The highlight of my day was hearing from the motivational Pacific speakers."

This week was Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa/Samoan language week. We had a school-wide quiz about Samoan language, culture and food. The Pasifika group organised to sell Samoan food at school and performed a Samoan traditional dance. Thanks to whaea Anezka Hoskin for supporting these events.



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## Mother's Day Music Concert at Glenfield Library



On 14th May, six of our music students performed at the Glenfield Library as part of the annual Music Month and Mother's Day concert. Well done to the following students for such a memorable performance - Billy Dickson, Xiannah Villareal, Sam Chua, Sean Rivas, Karlos Angyang and Jave Lafuente.

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## Year 11 Geography Trip to Piha



On 10th May, a group of our Year 11 Geography students travelled to Piha with Ms Buddle. Geography research was conducted in groups, with students collecting data along the Piha River. The students research is about water and environment quality, so water was tested at the mouth of the river, the mid-section in amongst the native forest and at the beautiful Kitekite falls.

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## Level 1 Pantomime Performance



On 16th May, our Level 1 Drama students performed a Pantomime in the Kaipatiki Theatre. Here is what Francesca Wilkinson had to say about it:

"The pantomime performed was a series of extremely funny fairy tales. These included Red Riding Hood, Hansel and Gretel and Rapunzel. We have dedicated much time and energy into the rehearsals for this performance and as a result of our continuous efforts, it was a very rewarding experience. Although we were nervous to begin with, seeing the audience's reactions to our plays made us feel like our many days of hard work had paid back. Not only have I gained confidence in performing onstage in front of an audience, but I have also formed many new friendships with my Drama classmates, and created memories which I will cherish throughout my life. I would like to express my gratitude to Mrs Ogden for directing our pantomime and allowing us this exciting opportunity."

Francesca Wilkinson - Year 11 student.

Please click [here](#) to see more pictures from the evening.

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## Hillary Challenge



On the 18th and 19th of May, eight students from Year 12 travelled to Taupo to participate in the Hillary Challenge. Here is what Jacob Freestone had to say about it:

"We endured six hours of mountain biking, running and orienteering with students competing well, displaying hard work and determination in a tough competition. We enjoyed this event, especially the mountain biking aspect. We would like to thank Mr Anderson and Mr Feast for looking after us and giving up their weekend to give us the opportunity to participate in this competition."

Written by Jacob Freestone - Year 12 student.

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## Pink Shirt Day



On the 17th of May, Glenfield College took a stand against bullying by celebrating Pink Shirt Day. This day originated from Canada in 2007, where students stood up for a classmate by wearing pink shirts as the latter got bullied for wearing one. Their action grew into a movement we now know as Pink Shirt Day that continues to raise awareness about bullying and ensure that kindness and inclusivity remain all over the world. We participated in such a movement as we would like to promote being an upstander rather than a bystander.

Our Wellbeing Prefects, together with Mrs Ogden, prepared fundraisers and activities that raised awareness and engagement throughout our school. On the day, students and teachers wore their best pink outfits to school, followed by students coming together on the parade grounds at lunchtime and writing positive messages for everyone to see. 'Notes of Kindness' were also given out by Pink Shirt Day Fairies, these notes were written by students and teachers for people they appreciated. All together we raised \$909.72 which will be donated to the Mental Health Foundation.

Written by Raven Pili - Year 13 student.

Please click here to find out more information: <https://mentalhealth.org.nz/our-events>

## YES Business Challenge Workshop



On the 16th and 17th May, the YES Business Challenge Workshop was held in the Kaipatiki Theatre. Mr McLeod was super proud of the Year 10 and Year 11 Commerce students. A few standouts were

Sree and Mia who were awarded the leadership awards and Aiden who was awarded the hero award. Thank you to all those involved and all of the help behind the scenes.

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## Year 9 & 10 Parent-Teacher Evening



On 14th May, we held our annual Year 9 & 10 parent/teacher interviews. This was an opportunity for parents and whānau to meet with their subject teachers to discuss any concerns or queries they had. It was so great to have so many of our families come into school and connect with their child's learning.

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## Hillary Outdoor Challenge





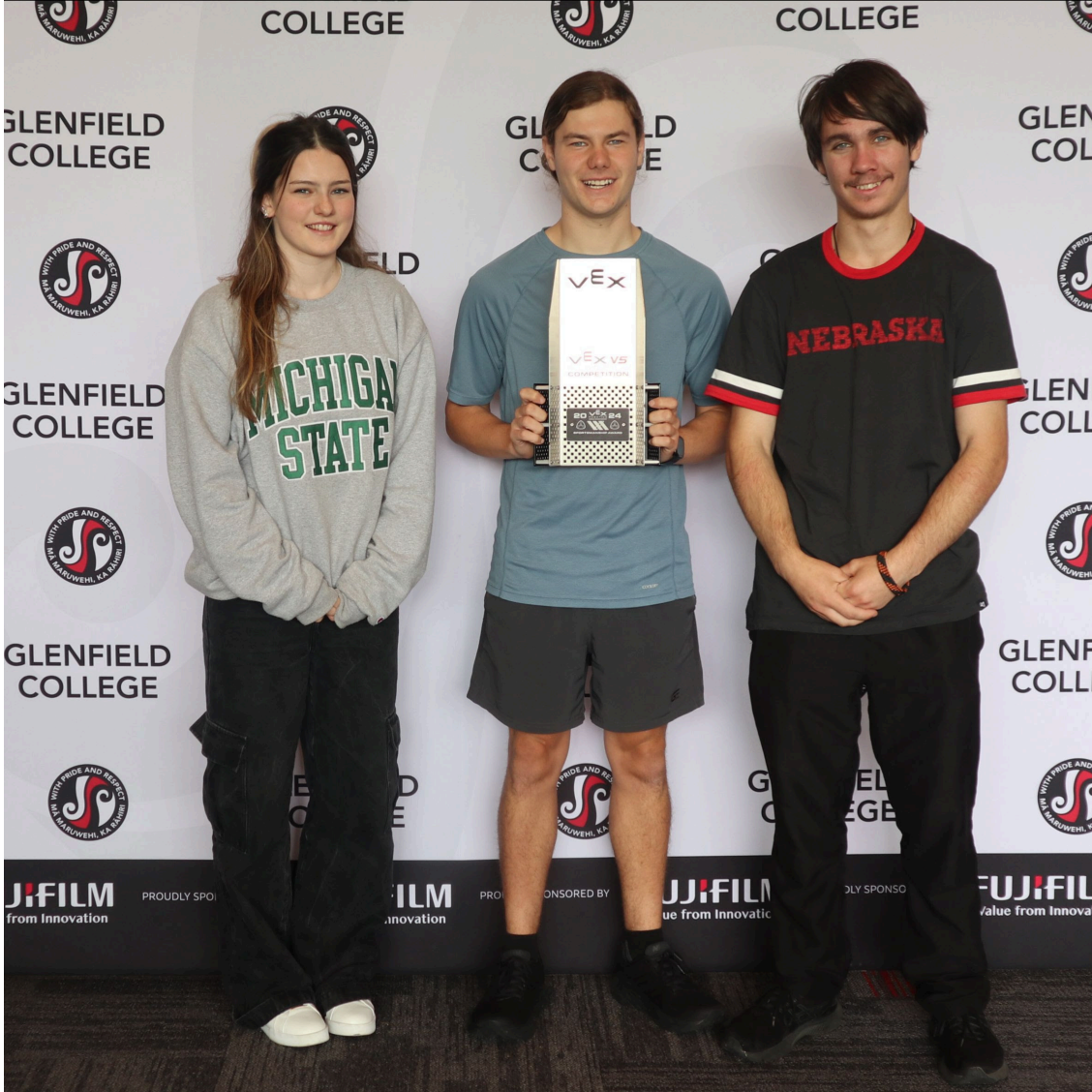
During the holidays some of our students got to attend Hillary Outdoor Challenge. Here is what Bella had to say about her experience:

My experience at Hillary Outdoors was incredible. I've always been one to take every opportunity for camps and school activities - I've never enjoyed my time as much as I did at Hillary. I did so many new things there in five days that I would have never imagined doing. My all-time favourite activity was caving, I never knew the thrill and adrenaline I'd get from crawling through wet dark caves and tiny squeezes. What I loved most about the caving was the fear and doubt I'd get while working my way (and occasionally getting stuck) in tight spaces if you never have any down points in an adventure, it's hard to see the good ones. Other activities we did at Hillary were a handful of team-building exercises such as Alcatraz, canoeing, rock climbing, abseiling, bush bashing, trapezing, and a beautiful four-hour hike through rocky mountains down to cold rivers. We built so much leadership and confidence through this trip with the help of our instructors. They were perfect at making our team work together to find solutions ourselves, rather than taking over to get where we needed to be. Overall 10/10 would do it again.

Bella Battye - Year 11 student.

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## Robotics Trip to Dallas, USA



Congratulations again to the Robotics team for such an incredible achievement.

Pictured above: Serena Gazzard, Sam Legg and Luke Oborn with the Sportsmanship Trophy.

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**School Nurse (part-time) required**





## School Nurse

Glenfield College is a co-educational secondary school with a roll of approximately 700 students. Applications are sought for a Registered Nurse in our Student Wellbeing Centre to assist our First Aid provider.

This new role is part time (12 hours per week), term-time only, start date negotiable. Hours of work are negotiable, but would be best over three days. There is scope for this role to increase in the future.

Terms of employment, including remuneration, are as per the Support Staff in Schools Collective Agreement 2022-2024.

The position will include tasks such as:

- Ensuring the Student Wellbeing Centre is a welcoming safe space for students;
- Assessing all students who require medical treatment, making referrals where required;
- Monitor and administer medication and health plans;
- Promoting all available health services, liaising as required;
- Reviewing new students health records to identify health needs;
- Identify and refer any at risk students;
- Assist students to make responsible decisions regarding their own health;
- Assist with medical emergencies;
- Maintain and update register of all visits;
- Working with the other members of our Wellbeing team to deliver holistic wellbeing services and support to our students and staff;
- Maintain accurate details within our Student Management System;
- Provide support for team members, as required.

The successful applicant will have:

- A current practicing certificate;
- Empathy, tolerance and diplomacy;
- The ability to remain calm and in control;
- A proven history of working with young people;
- Attention to detail;
- The ability to work both independently and collaboratively as a team;
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills – verbal and written;
- Excellent computer skills;
- A can-do attitude;
- The ability to maintain confidentiality per College policies, procedures & MoE guidelines.

You must be eligible to work in New Zealand to apply for this position. Appointment is subject to a satisfactory police vet.

Please contact the Principal's EA, Gillian Hayward: [g.hayward@gc.ac.nz](mailto:g.hayward@gc.ac.nz) for an application pack.

Applications close on 31 May 2024.



## School Lunches



# Order Lunches

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3. View the menus & click to add items to the cart.



4. Go to Checkout & pay.

5. Collect your lunch at 1.30pm from Quad Kitchen.

**THANK YOU** for your ezlunch order.

Curious to see what's on the menu? Go to <https://ezlunch.co.nz/schools> and search Glenfield College to view a sample menu or click here If you would like any help, please get in touch. 8am – 4pm weekdays 09 475 5287 0800 EZLUNCH [hello@mykindo.co.nz](mailto:hello@mykindo.co.nz)

## Important Dates to Note

6 June - Level 3 ESOL Trip - Tiritiri Matangi

Whānau Hui

11 June - Level 1 History trip - Rangitoto College

12 - 14 June - Level 3 PE Camp

13 & 14 June - Ngā Mānu Korero 2024 Speech Competition

19 & 20 June - Level 2 & 3 Drama Performance

20 & 21 June - Level 2 PE - Tough Guy & Gal Challenge

25 June - Blood Drive - Donations Day

28 June - Matariki - School closed

1 July - CoL Conference - School closed

5 July - End of Term 2 - 12.30pm finish

22 July - First Day of Term 3 - Day 6

22 - 26 July - Services Academy - Bush Craft

25 July - Glenfield Intermediate Visit

26 July - Wairau Intermediate Visit

29 July - 9 August - Lumino Dentists

30 July - Pōwhiri for new students

31 July - Open Evening - 6pm - Kaipatiki Theatre

7 & 8 August - Year 9 Enrolment Interviews - 4-6pm

## There is numeracy...



In Visual Arts, when using reflections, rotations, and enlargements to create a design.



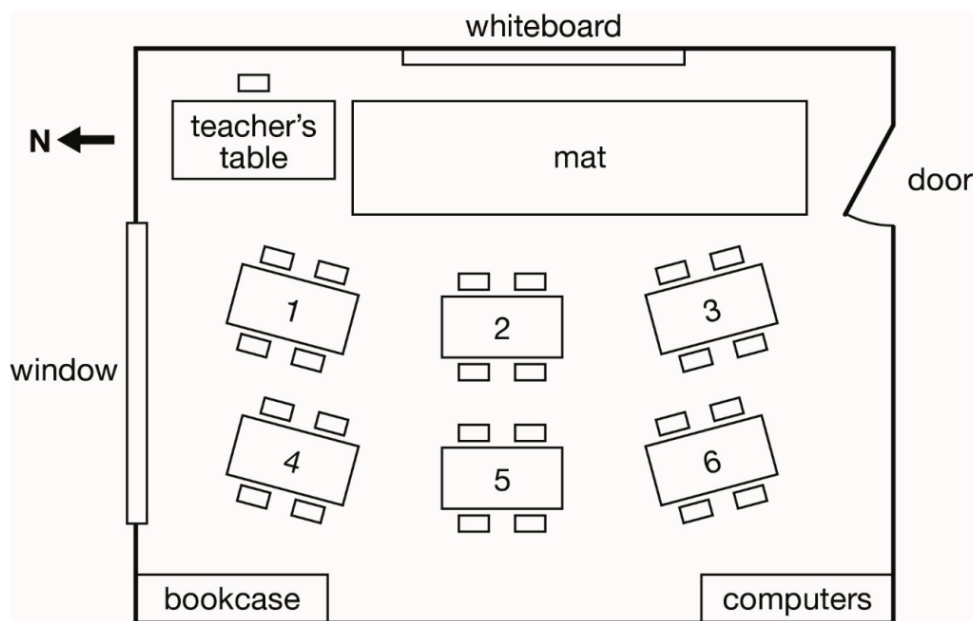
In English, when understanding statistics in a piece of reading.



In PE, when measuring out distances for races, estimating and calculating speed of the runner.

### Geometry and Directions

This is a plan for a classroom. It shows the direction of the north. The teacher's table is located in the front corner of the classroom. Four students sit at each of the six tables as shown.



True or False:

- The door is located near the south-east corner of the classroom.

Answer: True

- Looking from the teacher's table, facing the back of the room, the computers are in the back right corner of the classroom.

Answer: False

Activity for you to do:

Design a plan with your child and label the direction of the main features of the room and come up with two questions based on the activity above.



There is still time to donate towards our Relay for Life fundraiser. Please scan the QR code below to make a donation:

## Permission to drive a car to School

If you drive a car to school, you will need to see Mrs Newton to collect a permission slip. You will then be issued with a pass to put into your car. Here is the permission slip link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/>

If you have any questions, please phone the office on 09 444 9066.

## School Communications

Please ensure we have up-to-date contact details. You can do this by updating them on the [Parent Portal](#), or by sending us an email [admin@gc.ac.nz](mailto:admin@gc.ac.nz).

Please keep up to date with College events via our online calendar below. This will be updated as information comes to hand.

If you have any questions about our College communication, please feel free to contact me at [admin@gc.ac.nz](mailto:admin@gc.ac.nz).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Click [here](#) to view  
the school calendar

## Sports Report





Winter sport is in full swing as we reach the halfway point in Term 2.

Thank you to all our amazing volunteers for giving up their time to allow our students to represent GC. Most of our teams are through their grading rounds and will start competition in the next week or two. Good luck and remember to support each other and enjoy yourself.

Please send your team photos to [s.dove@gc.ac.nz](mailto:s.dove@gc.ac.nz)

Thank you to the teams below for your pictures and keep them coming in.

To follow @glenfieldcollegesport click below



To see the latest sports fixtures click below



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## Students Wanted - U14 Rugby League Team

Glenfield Greyhounds is seeking more players for their U14 Rugby League Team. If you think you might be interested in this, please email Coach Benny at [coachbenny685@gmail.com](mailto:coachbenny685@gmail.com).

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**LEARNING HUB**  
**课后补习**



**WHAT 内容**

- 完成作业
- 找老师提问
- 向同学请教

**WHEN 时间**

- 周二和周四
- 放学后直到 4:30 结束

**WHERE 地点**

- 图书馆

# do you need help with...



understanding  
on your own

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homework  
with others

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assessments  
with teachers

## Learning Hub

School Library | Tues & Thur | 3.15pm - 4.30pm

