

School Newsletter Week 2, Term 4, 2024

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Message from the Principal

Whāia e koe te iti kahurangi; ki te tūohu koe, me he maunga teitei

Pursue that which is most precious to you; should you bow your head, let it be only to a lofty mountain.

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

This week, we welcomed our students back for a term filled with opportunities to excel, strive for greatness, and be celebrated for their achievements. The whakataukī above speaks to the pursuit of excellence and the importance of resilience in reaching new heights, which is particularly fitting as we honour outstanding accomplishments across many areas during our ceremonies this term.

I would like to express my deep gratitude for the unwavering support you, our parents and whānau, continue to

provide to both our school and our students. Your effort in ensuring students arrive on time, prepared with the correct uniform and a mindset ready for learning, contributes immensely to their ability to make the most of the rich educational opportunities available at Glenfield College.

A heartfelt thank you also goes out to our Deans and Heads of Departments. Our middle leadership group at Glenfield College is made up of an exceptionally dedicated and talented cohort of teachers. Their commitment to fostering an environment of care and academic growth is critical to the success of our students. They are, in turn, supported by teachers and support staff whose passion and hard work ensure that students are given every opportunity to succeed.

Last week, we held our annual Sports Awards, a night dedicated to celebrating the commitment, leadership, and outstanding performances of our students. Special thanks to Mr. Tod and Mr. Lacey, our Sports Director, for organising this event and for their ongoing leadership in a vital aspect of school life. The students recognised at Tuesday's ceremony have indeed excelled in their respective fields, and I extend my warmest congratulations to all who took to the stage. We were privileged to have Tara Vaughan as our guest speaker. Tara, who won gold in the women's K4 at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, shared her inspiring experiences and insights into the opportunities that sport has provided her, motivating our young athletes to pursue their own dreams.

This week, we turned our attention to celebrating the achievements of our Arts students, recognising their talents in Visual Arts, Dance, Drama, and Music. This event was another fantastic opportunity to come together as a community to acknowledge the incredible artistic talent we have at Glenfield College. A special congratulations goes to Jave Haven Lafuente, our Dux Artium for 2024.

We would like to invite you to join us for our Senior Academic Prize-giving, which will take place on Wednesday, 30 October. This event marks the final celebration of the year for our Senior students, where we will recognise their academic accomplishments and contributions across various domains. The presence of family and whānau to witness these achievements makes the occasion even more special. To our Senior students, who will soon commence exam leave, remember that while the end is near, the journey is not yet complete. Many of you are already well-positioned with your NCEA Level 1, 2, or 3 credits, but the upcoming examinations provide an opportunity to earn course endorsements and demonstrate proficiency across various assessment modes. Your teachers have worked diligently to prepare you for this moment, and now it is your turn to embody the values of self-management and aspiration and implement a rigorous study plan to achieve personal excellence in the external examinations.

Our junior students have not been forgotten, and they too will be recognised at their own prize-giving at the end of the term. Additionally, they have their junior camps to look forward to. Our Year 9 and 10 students are currently preparing for their junior examinations, which commence on Friday, 1 November.

Finally, to our Year 13 students and whānau, congratulations—you are almost at the finish line! I hope that your time at Glenfield College has been one you will remember fondly, one that has equipped you with a solid foundation upon which to thrive in the wider world and one where you have forged lifelong friendships. Onwards and upwards!



Rakesh Govind
Principal

Arts Awards Success

DUX ARTIUM

JAVE LAFUENTE



Last night we celebrated our annual Art Awards. The lively event was hosted by Arts Prefects, Joselee Katiyo, Micha Hall and Jave Lafuente. The night combined awards and trophies across Visual Art, Drama, Dance and Music, highlighting the incredible talent, hard work and dedication of our amazing students.

A massive thank you to the senior Arts teachers for the enormous amount of work they put into their relevant subject areas; Nicole Patterson (Visual Art), Jordyn Ogden (Drama & Dance) and Tomasz Kus (Music).

Another big thank you to the Theatre Tech team who made this event with lots of moving parts possible.

The night culminated in the announcement of our most prestigious award, the Dux Artium; this goes to the top Arts students across all subject areas. The 2024 Dux Artium went to Jave Lafuente.

Another big congratulations to all award winners and performers and thank you to all who came to support the Arts. Please click [here](#) to see more photos.

New Staff Member Welcomed

This term, we welcome Chris Brehmer as our new Counsellor as Mr Campbell takes a period of extended leave. Mr Campbell will return during Term 2, 2025. Chris is excited to be part of the Glenfield College whānau and looks forward to working alongside our students.

Sports Awards Success



On Tuesday, 15th October, we held our annual Sports Awards in the Kaipatiki Theatre. Congratulations to Sportsman of the Year, Nicolas Bacon and Sportswoman of the Year, Jewel Bowen. Thanks to all the staff, parents, coaches and volunteers who made up the large crowd. It was a special night filled with so much sporting success. Please click [here](#) to see more photos from the evening.

New Students Welcomed



This morning we welcomed our new staff and students who have joined us since last term with a traditional pōwhiri.

Business Studies Success





On Tuesday, 22nd October, Kiersten Fernandez and Kisha Apdian won the prestigious Young Enterprise Programme Social Enterprise Award for the entire Auckland North Region. Additionally, Kisha has earned the esteemed Individual Deloitte Award, which recognises her outstanding contributions to Business Studies throughout the year. This remarkable recognition proves her entrepreneurial success, innovative thinking and commitment to community support. In addition to this, Horatio, Kisha, Cleo, Mateo and Kiersten received their UOA Pursuits Certificates at the assembly on Wednesday.

Spirit Week





This week, our Year 13's celebrated "Spirit Week". As part of this, they dressed up in their pyjamas on Wednesday, "throwback to the 80's" on Thursday and dressed up in Halloween costumes on Friday.

Job Vacancy - Student Wellbeing Receptionist

A position has become available in our Student Wellbeing Centre. Please click on the link below for more information:

<https://www.gc.ac.nz/glenfield-college/job-vacancies/>

Leavers' Dinner



On Friday, 18th October, a number of our Year 13 students attended the annual Leavers' Dinner at McHugh's of Cheltenham. This was a chance for both students and staff to say their farewells whilst enjoying each other's company. Speeches of thanks were given, a video of the students over their years at Glenfield College was shown and numerous photos were taken.

Glenfield College Health Community Survey

Our promise at Glenfield College is to inspire and empower students through excellent teaching and an inclusive environment embodied by the school values. Every two years we consult with the school community on how we should implement Health Education. We value your feedback. Please click on this link to fill in the survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScv_gekS5fLs2eI-6xkVK7jEWpwCarh-kutKLwzD9VhM04Czw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

Important Dates to Note

28 October - Labour Day - School Closed

30 October - Senior Prizegiving

31 October - NZQA Admin Day for Year 11-13 students

1 November - Junior Exams Start

2 November - Robotics Tournament

5 November - NZQA Exams Start

6 November - Year 9 Enrolment Evening - 4-6pm

18-22 November - Junior Camp

21 November - Whānau Hui

29 November - NZQA Exams Finish


5 December - Junior Prizegiving Practice

6 December - Junior Prizegiving

End of Term 4

Literacy & Numeracy Corner

There is literacy...



In Mathematics and Statistics,
when making sense of word
problems and explaining answers.



In Science, when using
formal and technical
language in a lab report.



In Drama, when reading and
rehearsing lines from a script
for a performance.

Literacy, including strong reading and writing skills, is essential for high school students because it forms the foundation for all learning. Students studying History, Health, Geography, PE, Science, and Biology need good reading and writing skills to be successful. These skills enable students to think critically, understand complex concepts, and express their ideas clearly.

In today's world, being able to communicate effectively is crucial for success in both higher education and the workforce. Discerning readers can distinguish between authentic texts and AI-generated fake news. Social media and the internet are full of misinformation - it is our job to teach our students to read and think critically to avoid being misled by this misinformation.

Literacy also promotes creativity, problem-solving, and emotional intelligence, helping students become well-rounded individuals who can navigate life's challenges confidently. Investing in literacy now sets students up for a brighter future.

Please encourage your children to read over the summer holiday. Research has shown that good readers who continue to read over the summer, become stronger readers, do better in their school work, and achieve success quicker than non-readers.

Resistant readers should also be encouraged to read. Libraries are free, are in every suburb, and provide books to all levels of readers.



Money

Ian could buy this item on hire purchase. (See advertisement below).

DVD cash price \$849.95

OR

hire purchase \$140 deposit and \$7.52 weekly for 2 years

Which option should Ian choose - pay the cash price or place it on hire purchase? Explain your decision.

Possible Solution:

$$\text{HP} = 140 + 7.52 \times 104$$

$$= 140 + 782.08$$

$$= \$922.08$$

A difference of \$72.13

Ian could choose to pay cash because it is cheaper or he could hire purchase as he may not have all the cash needed at the time and he can pay the goods off.

School Policy Reviews

As previously notified, we use the services of SchoolDocs to manage our school policies, updating them to reflect current legislation.

The following policies are up for review this term and parents are invited to have their say:

- Managing Income and Expenditure (Board)
- Financial Conflicts of Interest (Board)
- School Donations and Student Activity Payments/Attendance Dues and Other Income
- Expenditure
- Asset Management and Protection (Board)
- Property Planning and Maintenance
- Prevention of Bribery, Corruption, Fraud and Theft

To review, log on to the SchoolDocs website using:

<https://gc.schooldocs.co.nz/Logon.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

Login: gc

Password: Kaipatiki

Netsafe Resources



As our children spend more time online, it's important parents and whānau help them stay safe. Now is a great time to talk to them about how we use the internet and digital technology. Netsafe has created an Online Safety Parent Toolkit and introduced a new Webinar Series to give you all the information you need to talk about online safety with your children.

Parent Toolkit

<https://netsafe.org.nz/parenttoolkit/>

Netsafe Webinar Series

Each month Netsafe offers a new webinar on a different key cybersafety issue. Join their webinars to learn more about keeping your family safe online and share these links with friends and whānau.

Scam safety for the whole family

Date and time: 19th November @ 7.30pm

Register here: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

During the summer holidays, children love staying connected with friends and family, often through chatting online and through online gaming. It's also a great time for parents to score deals on new and second-hand Christmas gifts or gear up for the summer fun. But online scams can quickly ruin those plans. Netsafe is here to help with a free presentation for parents on how to keep your family safe from scams over summer.

Body image and social media

Date and time: 10th December @ 7.30pm

Register here: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

This webinar for parents will explore some insights from the research and provide practical tips and tools to give parents, and young people, more control over what and who they see as they consume social media content and use social media channels.

Health and Safety

A reminder to our community that students driving to school should have registered their cars with us, and have signed permission from you as parents to drive. Students are not permitted to carry passengers. Where space

allows, the shared driveway at the top of the school can be used for students to park their cars. A reminder to please drive safely in and out of this driveway, turning only left onto Kaipatiki road at the end of the day.

Left Turn Only



For health and safety reasons, there is no right to turn out of the car park. Please turn left and go down to the roundabout to come back up Kaipatiki Road.

School Lunches

Glenfield College does not have a tuckshop onsite, however, students can order from a comprehensive menu at ezlunch and this will be delivered to the front reception. Please note that students are not permitted to get food delivered by any other means.



Order Lunches

new to ezlunch?

Quickly create an account to order lunch now.

1. Scan QR code to create a new account.
2. Enter your details to get started.
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. If you would like any help, please get in touch. 8am – 4pm weekdays 09 475 5287
0800 EZLUNCH hello@mykindo.co.nz

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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Click [here](#) to view

Sports Report



On Tuesday, 15th October, we celebrated both team & individual sports achievements over the last 12 months. The ceremony was well attended accompanied by many more friends and family there to support. Over 50 trophies were presented to acknowledge MVPs, most improved players, and their contributions to students' respective sports.

Additionally, this year three Glenfield College Blue's awards were given out for students reaching high-level representative honours in their respective sports.

The highlight of the evening was a Q&A session with special guest Tara Vaughan, fresh from her Paris 2024 Olympic Gold Medal, in the K4, 500m canoe sprint event.

Angelo & Jewel, our sports prefects, did a wonderful job MCing the event, and asking the questions to Tara, as she shared some of her experiences, from school sport to the podium in Paris.

Congratulations to all award winners, and thank you to all those who have supported Sport throughout 2024.

The major award winners were as follows:-

- Student Coach of the Year - Angelo Bohol
- Outstanding Individual Performance - Jewel Bowen
- Coach of the Year - John Bonneywell
- Outstanding Improvement by a Team - Girls Hockey
- Team of the Year - Netball Team 1
- Sportsman of the Year - Nicolas Bacon
- Sportswoman of the Year - Jewel Bowen

Blue's Awards:-

Jewel Bowen x 2 - North Harbour U18 Rugby, NZ U18 Pasifika Rugby, Akarana U18 Rugby League

Nicolas Bacon - North Harbour U20 Basketball

Myah Grey - North Harbour U18 Rugby

To follow @glenfieldcollegesport click below



To see the latest sports fixtures click below





LEARNING HUB
课后补习

The logo features a white silhouette of a human head in profile, facing right. Inside the head, there is a red network of interconnected nodes and lines, resembling a neural network or a complex system. The entire logo is set against a black background with a white border.

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



homework
with others



assessments
with teachers

Learning Hub

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

