



Glenfield College newsletter

Te Kura o Kaipatiki

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From the Pen of the Principal

> Keeping You Informed <



*Ted Benton
Principal*

NCEA Results 2010 - Innovations in 2011

Our 2010 results showed further improvement on previous years and we exceeded our decile in pass rates at Level 2, Level 3 and for University Entrance. Our Level 1 pass rate was below our decile but we allow all Year 11 students to enter a full course and do not stop students from entering, a practice clearly used in many other schools and reported in the media recently. We are more certain than ever that students will do as well here in our school as they would anywhere. The advantage that we offer is that our modest size means that each individual is well known and his or her needs can easily be identified and met. It also affords students plenty of opportunity to get involved easily in a wide range of school activities from sports to the performing arts and never be denied that opportunity due to the pressure of numbers.

This year we have put our Year 10 students into an NCEA environment where they collect points for every assessment during the year and for their exams at the end. There is a graduation level and graduation with Merit and Excellence, all designed to motivate and engage them and prepare them for 2012. All Year 10s able to graduate will do so at our Junior Prize Giving at the end of the year.

>> Introducing the 2011 Head Students



Head Boy, Simon Thomas is a product of Marlborough Primary School, Glenfield Intermediate School and Glenfield College. Simon is a top academic with the potential to be Dux in 2011. He has played cricket for five years, 1st XI Cricket for three years and 1st XI Hockey for five years at the college, also captaining the team for the last two years. Simon plays the clarinet and saxophone and has been a member of the Concert Band

for five years. He also plays in the Jazz Band and Woodwind Ensemble. In 2012, Simon hopes to be at Auckland University studying Engineering looking to specialise in Biomedical Engineering.



Head Girl, Michaela Porteous is a product of Glenfield Primary School, Glenfield Intermediate School and Glenfield College. Michaela is a very able student and has also involved herself fully in the wider life of Glenfield College. She has played hockey for all five years in the 1st XI who won the North Harbour 1A title last year. She has also played netball for five years, the last two in Team 1, volleyball for five years and tennis for

four years. Michaela hopes to attend Auckland University next year to do Primary Teacher training.



Deputy Head Boy, Grayson Hauraki is a product of Bayview Primary School, Glenfield Intermediate School and Glenfield College. Grayson is very capable academically and balances this with his sports, in particular, rugby which he has played every year of his time at the college, captaining the 1st XV for the past three years. Grayson has also played volleyball and basketball for the school. He hopes to join the Navy in 2012 as

an Engineering Officer, gaining an Engineering degree and Officer Training as he progresses.



Kim Lai-Tra attended Windy Ridge Primary School, Glenfield Intermediate School and Glenfield College. Kim is also a top academic and a passionate dancer. She has taken Dance as a subject throughout her five years at the college and has been part of the winning Hip Hop and Bollywood groups as well as the Jazz group. Kim has been in Stage Challenge and played netball for four years and soccer for two. She has also taught

Dance and Origami to local primary school students in the GLG (Glenfield Liaison Group) after school programme. Kim hopes to study Contemporary Dance at Unitec next year.

Year 9 Enrolments for 2012

Term 2: Thursday 7th July, Tuesday 12th July

Term 3: Tuesday 2nd August, Thursday 4th August

Enrolment begins 4:00pm and finishes 8:00pm in the school office.

A student wanting to enrol must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

NOTE THAT THIS IS A REQUIREMENT FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION: Enrolment application must be accompanied by either a NZ birth certificate or passport. If the student holds a residency or a student visa domestic, please ensure this page is photocopied together with the front page.

What you need to bring:

- A photocopy of your Year 8 school report
- A photocopy of your birth certificate or passport

Head Boy - Science Whiz

In January 2011, Simon Thomas attended the National Rotary Summer Science Forum held at Auckland University and supported by AUT University. There were 162 participants from all over New Zealand of the best and brightest young people who had a proven aptitude for Sciences and were about to start their final year of schooling. Simon was one of only two chosen from the attendees to be sponsored to attend the London International Youth Science Forum in July and August this year. He flies out on 21st July to join the best and brightest young Science students from all over the world to continue his journey of discovery in Science. This is a real honour for Simon and Glenfield College.

1st XV Rugby Takes on the Best

Deputy Head Boy, Grayson Hauraki has led the college 1st XV for three years now and in 2011 the team is taking on the best in North Harbour in the 1A competition. Having come second in 1B in 2009 and winning it in 2010, the team this year is learning what its like to compete at the top. The team has had one win so far against Mahurangi College and has gained a huge amount of self belief from their performances against Massey High School, Westlake Boys' High School and Takapuna Grammar School. The goal is to win enough games to stay up in 1A all season and to narrow the margin against the top schools. The exposure at this level also means a better chance of North Harbour selection for the better players. Coach Che Muller, a former student and Glenfield Rugby Club stalwart and his team are doing an excellent job!



Senior Black Sox - (Softball)

Pita Rona has now made the New Zealand Senior Men's Black Sox team to tour the USA and Canada from 18th June to 9th July. He joins his father Brad as a Black Sox after being in the wider squad last year and a Junior Black Sox. The team will compete in a number of tournaments while away and to warm up, Pita goes to Brisbane to join an Australian Club side in a tournament for four days prior to heading to the USA. Pita is a utility player who pitches and plays short stop. He has batted at 310 for the season with his Northcote Premier Men's side.



Open Afternoon

Saturday 6th August

Time: 1:00-4:00pm

**Come for a school tour,
see the facilities and meet
the staff**