



Mr E A Benton
Principal

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers
Tena Koutou Katoa

Welcome and Welcome Back!

A warm welcome to all families new to our school in 2012. I look forward to working with you in the education of your children over the years that they are with us. Welcome back to all other families.

NCEA Results and 2012 Goals

The 2011 NCEA results did not match the great results of 2010, which is always a disappointment but at our size there will be variations as each year level comes through. The numbers of students gaining level endorsements were very pleasing, particularly at Level 1 and the top of Level 2, and the Level 2 pass rate was very good. There is always room for improvement and we are constantly reviewing outcomes and processes and making changes that we think will better meet student needs.

Our goal for 2012 is to see more students who have been falling just below a 'Pass' in Levels 1 to 3 of NCEA, take their learning more seriously all year long and get over the line. We need your help to get the message across to students of all levels that their schooling is extremely important. It is an opportunity that must be taken, to get the best grades and qualifications possible so that they can enjoy a fulfilling career and life. Some do not take the business of education seriously enough and seem to think that all will be alright without it. This attitude will not be tolerated. It is unacceptable and we expect every student to give their best.

We are paying particular attention this year to supporting our Years 9 and 10 students to be organised for learning and to develop good habits that will assist their learning from now on. Students are being asked to commit to a six point learning code that is a given for engaged, motivated students but a reminder for others who too often lose books and notes, have no pens or paper and fall behind. We expect students to be at school, in class and on task at all times, to not distract others, to have the correct books and equipment for each lesson, to record all homework in the school diary and do it, to complete all classwork and to keep class notes up to date, to store all loose hand-outs in an organised manner and to retain all their books for a least that year. This is the first step towards being a successful student and I ask you to support your child in this too by ensuring that they have the necessary books and equipment and checking up on them. The process of revising or studying for assessments follows on from being an organised learner, but unless they have kept up to date and retained their work, this is almost impossible.

Evening for Parents of New Students

Parents and caregivers of Year 9 students and new students at other levels are invited to come along and meet the staff next **Tuesday afternoon, 21st February from 4:00pm to 5:00pm**. This is a chance to put a face to a name and get to know each other which is very important as we work together in the education of your child. A letter to new parents only is enclosed.

Athletics Sports - Thursday 23rd February

We are one of the few secondary schools which continues to have whole school Athletic Sports. We see the day as an important part of our Health and Physical Education calendar and we expect all students to participate in at least three events as part of engaging in healthy activity. It is good for them. It is also an opportunity to build positive relationships between staff and students and amongst students themselves in a more relaxed environment. As long as the students continue to embrace the spirit of the day and have a go, we will continue to do this. Please ensure that your child comes to school on that day ready to participate.

Glenfield Community Expo (Supporting Families)

All schools in the Glenfield area have combined to organise an afternoon of information for families in our area on **Friday 2nd March in our Kaipatiki Theatre from 2:00pm to 5:00pm**. A huge range of community agencies that support families and children will be here for you to talk to. You may be missing out on valuable help without knowing it. (See the enclosed flyer). **School finishes at 1:30pm on this day.**

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ABSENCES

Please contact the Student Centre on 444-9066 ext 813 or email the attendance administrator on absences@gc.ac.nz to report your child's absence.

Database Update

Please inform the school if the contact details that we currently hold for you have changed in any way. Your child can hand in a note from you to the Student Centre, or you can send an email to reply@gc.ac.nz alternatively, please call the school office on 444-9066.

What you need to know about the Student Centre?

- Entry through the door on the left side of the Administration Block.
- Payment Centre is there.
- Services provided for parents and students:
 - Late sign-in to school
 - Early sign-out from school
 - Lost property
 - Information to reach your child

Important Dates

February 21st	Staff/New Parents Evening
February 23rd	Athletics Day
March 2nd	Glenfield Community Expo
April 5th	Last day of Term 1
April 6th	Good Friday
April 23rd	Term 2 begins

Choi Kwang Do Martial Art North Harbour



Our Teen/Adult classes provide a safe non-competitive and non-contact environment to learn a self defence martial art. Have some fun, grow in confidence and keep active while learning a valuable life skill. There is no sparring as we prefer defensive drills and no locking out of joints to maintain health and wellbeing. All fitness and ability levels are welcome to this family martial art. Contact Tracey on 027 408 6839 or visit www.choinorthharbour.co.nz for more information.

Electronic Newsletters

The school has started emailing newsletters to parents. If you have recently changed your email address, please inform the school by emailing to reply@gc.ac.nz stating your child's name. The newsletter will also be available on our webpage www.glenfieldcollege.school.nz.