

Message from Dave Bagwell, Acting Principal

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers
Tena Koutou Katoa

We have had a very good start to the school year. The clear focus for all students now is on achieving academically with many senior students about to sit their first NCEA assessments for the year. Students in the junior school will also be facing their first assessments of the year.

Student success is not possible without a strong partnership between home and school and here are a few ways to ensure you know what's going on:

- Check the homework diary of your son/daughter and ask to see the course outlines given out for each subject. This will tell you when assessments are due. The NCEA assessment calendar is available on our school website. The school assessment calendar will be published on our website soon which gives an overview for all subjects.
- Access our parent portal from the school website. This will give information on pastoral issues including lateness, uniform and attendance as well as up to date assessment information (see overleaf for access details).
- Contact us directly. Phone the school or email us if you have any concerns. Most teachers' email addresses have the same format: initial.surname@gc.ac.nz. My email address is d.bagwell@gc.ac.nz

Top Scholarship Results

Congratulations to our top three scholarship recipients at NCEA level 3: Danielle Anderson (Dance), Alexander Holly (Geography) and Seung Min Lee (Calculus). Scholarships are awarded to the top 2% of students in each subject in the country and also attract a financial reward.

Athletics Day

Another great school event was celebrated on Thursday 20th February. All students competed in at least three events and many competed in much more than this. See our website for a range of fantastic photos from the day with the emphasis on House Colours and fierce competition! The sports champions at each level will be announced at our school assembly this Friday and then published on the school website.

School Day

Just a reminder to all parents that students must arrive at school by 8:40am (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday). Students must go straight to Tutor Group or if they are late (arriving after 9:00am), they must sign in at the Student Centre. On a Wednesday, the first lesson is at 9:05am and so students must arrive by 9:00am. Thank you for your support in ensuring a punctual start to the day.



Sports News

The Sports Department welcomes all students and parents back for another exciting year of sport. Last year we had a great sporting year and hope to make 2014 an even better year with increased participation. We have new activities on offer this year like climbing, archery and surfing.

In addition, the Sports Department is involved in the North Harbour Sport Coach Support Initiative (CSI) project. This is a project that supports and develops coaches and umpires in secondary schools.

To make 2014 a successful sporting year, we are looking for coaches, managers and umpires (students or parents) for the different codes that we offer, especially in our traditionally sport codes like Rugby, Netball, Basketball and Soccer. But also in other sports we are always looking for coaches and managers.

We offer our sports volunteers; keen athletes, support and coach development opportunities in their respective sport codes.

For more information, please contact the Sports Coordinator, Ms Kristel Leijten on 444-9066 or email k.leijten@gc.ac.nz



HOMESTAYS URGENTLY WANTED

Glenfield College is hosting two groups in March 2014. The first group is from Japan due March 10th to 20th and they need **single placements**. The second group is from Thailand due March 16th to April 4th and they need **double placements**. Homestay payment is \$250 per week per student. If you would like to register, please contact:

Mrs Linda Airey
Phone: 444 9066 ext 620,
Mobile: 021 2803313

Email: Lairey@gc.ac.nz



Deputy Head Boy 2014 is Brandon Stevenson. Brandon attended Glenfield Primary School, Rosmini College and joined Glenfield College as a Year 11 student. He played Basketball U17, Open Boys Basketball and Senior Tag in previous years, and coached the Glenfield Primary School Basketball last year. Brandon plans to

study Architecture and Interior Design at Auckland University.



Deputy Head Girl 2014 is Jessica Curtis. Jessica attended Glenfield Primary School and Glenfield Intermediate before coming to Glenfield College. She played Hockey and Netball and last year, coached the primary and intermediate schools' Netball. She is involved in the YMCA-Raise Up programme, PSSP (school based programme), afterschool coaching and is a senior student support

person. Jessica plans to study ECE and primary school teaching.

Important Dates

FRI 28 Feb VEX Nationals	MON 5 May First Day of Term 2
TUE 11 Mar Sports Registration	THU 22 May Cross Country
THU 13 Mar Polyfest	FRI 30 May Teacher Only Day
WED 19 Mar Community Expo	MON 2 Jun Queen's Birthday
TUE 8 April Report Night	TUE 3 Jun Assessment Week
THU 17 Apr Last Day of Term 1	MON 9 Jun International Week

Glenfield Liaison Group Community Expo

Wednesday 19th March, 2:00-5:00pm

An opportunity to talk with staff from over 30 organisations with information to support your children and families. There will be entertainment from the Glenfield cluster schools and refreshments on sale. Entry is free and spot prizes through the afternoon.

Parent Portal

Please register by email to reply@gc.ac.nz from your preferred email address stating your child's name.

Absences Please phone the Attendance Office on 441-9773 or 444-9066 ext 909 or send an email to absences@gc.ac.nz. You are required to report your child's absence and provide a note explaining the reason on your child's return to school. The school requires a medical certificate for any absence of over three days.

Sustainability Group - Parent Help

Parent help is always welcome - if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mr Guy Wishart on g.wishart@gc.ac.nz or phone 444-9066.

