

***Message from Dave Bagwell, Acting Principal***

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers

**Year 10 Graduation and the National Certificate Of Educational Achievement (NCEA)**

**Some reminders about how Year 10 Graduation and NCEA works:**

- At the end of Year 10, students can graduate with excellence, graduate with merit or graduate. This means that all the class assessments and school exams in Year 10 count towards the graduation certificate. Students in Year 10 will get a progress report on this at the beginning of Term 2.
- The graduation certificate is both good preparation for NCEA and, with continued progress, a good predictor of success in NCEA Level 1 (students who graduate with excellence in Year 10 usually go on to achieve NCEA Level 1 with excellence, those who graduate with merit usually go on to achieve NCEA Level 1 with merit etc).

**NCEA Facts**

NCEA Level 1: Requires 80 credits at Level 1 (students MUST also achieve Literacy and Numeracy)

NCEA Level 2: Requires 60 credits at Level 2 (students MUST also have Level 1 Literacy and Numeracy)

NCEA Level 3: Requires 60 credits at Level 3 (students MUST also have Level 1 Literacy and Numeracy)

University Entrance: See Curriculum Handbook (this is available on the school website [www.glenfieldcollege.school.nz](http://www.glenfieldcollege.school.nz))

**Certificate Endorsements**

To achieve an excellence endorsement requires 50 credits or more at excellence.

To achieve a merit endorsement requires 50 credits or more at merit.

**Subject Endorsements**

To achieve an excellence endorsement in a subject requires 14 credits at excellence (with at least 4 internal and 4 external credits).

To achieve a merit endorsement in a subject requires 14 credits at merit (with at least 4 internal and 4 external credits).

For fuller information on NCEA please see our 'Curriculum Handbook' on our website.

For further information about the requirements of Year 10 graduation or NCEA at any of the three levels, please contact the Dean of the year level:

Year 9 Dean: Mr Sinclair, [j.sinclair@gc.ac.nz](mailto:j.sinclair@gc.ac.nz)

Year 10 Dean: Ms Gray, [s.gray@gc.ac.nz](mailto:s.gray@gc.ac.nz)

Year 11 Dean: Mr Filby, [g.filby@gc.ac.nz](mailto:g.filby@gc.ac.nz)

Year 12 Dean: Mrs Card, [t.card@gc.ac.nz](mailto:t.card@gc.ac.nz)

Year 13 Dean: Mr Tod, [a.tod@gc.ac.nz](mailto:a.tod@gc.ac.nz)

**Teachers' Paid Union Meeting - Early Finish At 12:30pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

As permitted under the PPTA Collective Agreement, the teaching staff at Glenfield College will be participating in a Paid Union Meeting on the afternoon of Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April.

All students are expected to attend classes in the morning through until 12.30pm. Should you wish your child to have supervised work here at school until 3:10pm (normal school hours), please phone the Student Centre on 444 9066 ext 904.

Please note that school buses will run at 12.30pm.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



## Sports News

The summer sport season is almost finished and we had a great start this year with teams competing in Athletics, Baseball, Cricket, Futsal, Orienteering, Tag, Tennis, Volleyball, Waka Ama and Waterpolo. More than 300 students registered for different sports and we are looking forward to our winter sport season. It is still possible to register for winter sports this week.

The Sports Department applied for funding to offer a wider variety of sports as a survey from last year showed that 40% of the students who did not play sport were interested in Archery. The funding request was approved and we now have 70

students registered for the 6-Week Beginners' Course.

To make 2014 winter season successful, we are looking for coaches, managers and umpires (students or parents) for the different codes that we offer:

- Basketball coach for our Girls team
- Rugby manager
- Hockey umpires
- Badminton managers
- Table Tennis coach and manager

Glenfield College 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. 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](mailto:k.leijten@gc.ac.nz)

## Careers Update

Auckland University visited our seniors this week. Sixty students came in their lunch time to hear valuable information about course selection and scholarships for 2105, and the application and enrolment process. Further information can be found at <https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/for/future-undergraduates.html>

By the end of Term 1, our students will have had lunchtime visits from Massey University, AUT University, Otago University, Unitec and Victoria University. Next term we will have a range of employers and training providers visiting the Careers Department at lunchtime. Some of them will also be running workshops in particular subject classes.



## Music

On 19<sup>th</sup> March Glenfield College Music students visited the Whittaker's Music Museum on Waiheke Island. This privately owned and operated museum of musical instruments houses a wide range of antique instruments (most of the instruments are over 100 years old) such as pianos, organs, harpsichord, dulcitone, harmonicas, piano accordions plus other rare instruments. One of the most precious and interesting items in the Whittaker's collection is the 9 Foot Concert Grand Piano once owned by the famous Polish pianist, Ignacy Jan Paderewski. He visited New Zealand in 1897 as part of his world concert tour and subsequently sold his Bechstein (the piano) to a local family which then owned the instrument for three

generations.

Students enjoyed a lively and informative presentation which focused on the history of each instrument and the musical period for which it was designed, as well as the music performance by the two owners, Lloyd and Joan Whittaker.

The Music Department has places available to learn clarinet, saxophone, trumpet and trombone. Students interested please see Mr Kus at school or email [t.kus@gc.ac.nz](mailto:t.kus@gc.ac.nz) or phone 444 9066 ext 734 for details.

## Important Dates

Important Dates		Parent Portal	
TUE 8 April	Report Evening	MON 5 May	First Day of Term 2
THU 10 April	Paid Union Meeting	THU 22 May	Cross Country
THU 17 Apr	Last Day of Term 1	FRI 30 May	Teacher Only Day
FRI 18 Apr	Good Friday	MON 2 Jun	Queen's Birthday
MON 21 Apr	Easter Monday	TUE 3 Jun	Assessment Week
FRI 25 Apr	Anzac Day	MON 9 Jun	International Week

## Parent Portal

Register by email to [reply@gc.ac.nz](mailto:reply@gc.ac.nz) from your preferred email address stating your child's name.

## Report Evening – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Parents are encouraged to attend the Report Evening, where they will get a verbal update from staff and an opportunity to discuss any concerns. Booking times for the report evening are now being made using the internet.

Bookings will be opened on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. You will need a current email address to book this way.

If you do not have a current email address or do not have access to the internet, please ring the school office on 444 9066 during school hours and one of our staff will make the bookings for you. Bookings confirmation sheet will be sent home with your child.

### Online booking instructions:

The booking timetable is called School Interviews and can be accessed through a link on the front page of the school website, [www.glenfieldcollege.school.nz](http://www.glenfieldcollege.school.nz), or by entering [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) into the address bar. Before doing this, it would be helpful to know your child's subjects and teacher names. These can be found on your child's interim report.

When you access the School Interviews website you will need to enter the code **59652** to access the Glenfield College staff in order to make bookings. When you have entered the code, you need to enter your details and then choose all the teachers you wish to speak with. Teachers are found by selecting one of your child's subjects and then opening the teacher drop-down box. You can then choose the teacher. Repeat this process until all teachers are selected.

If you know a teacher's name but not the subject, you need to choose 'All' from the subject box. A list of all teachers will appear in the drop-down box.

When all teachers you wish to speak with have been selected, they will be presented on screen with their booking times. Choose your times and then exit the site. You will receive an e-mail to confirm your booked times.

You may alter or cancel bookings by re-entering the School Interviews website.



### Glenfield Community College

We are enrolling now for Term 2, 2014 which starts on 12<sup>th</sup> May and ends on 4<sup>th</sup> June. Our office is open Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 3:30pm. Visit us on <http://gcc.co.nz/> or find us on Facebook .