

Message from Ted Benton, Principal

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa.

Junior Exams:- A reminder to all parents of students in Years 9 and 10 that they have exams from Wednesday, June 18th to Friday, June 20th with school finishing for all students at 12.30pm on Friday, June 20th. We have spoken to the Year 9 students about how to prepare for these exams, reminding them about the importance of having an up-to-date set of notes to study from, about having their Maths and Science workbooks to refer to and about how to study. You can expect to see them doing some study at home. If not, remind them that they should be doing some study and talk about ways to do this. I gave each one of them a sheet on "How to Study". These exams are as much about learning about the process of preparing for and sitting the exams, as about assessing what has been learnt to date. They provide exam practice in preparation for NCEA exams in the years ahead.

Y10 Graduation:- A reminder to parents of Year 10 students that all significant assessments undertaken by students in all subjects generate points which count towards a Graduation Certificate at the end of the year. "Excellence" grades earn more points than "Merit" and so on and some assessments are worth more points than others. This means that assignments being done in a student's own time with a due date are likely to count towards final points and the Junior Exams will also count, as will the exams at the end of the year. In this way we hope to better prepare students for the NCEA environment that they will face in Years 11-13.

Sustainability:- We are continuing to take practical steps towards operating sustainably as a school. We are very proud of the way in which our students have adopted the recycling procedures that we have put in place and the way in which some give extra time to processing that waste and others to working in the gardens about our school, improving our environment through planting and maintaining it. Next steps, which are funding dependent, are our plant nursery, worm farm to process food waste and even more costly, solar power. Any contacts and bright ideas for funding would be much appreciated.

Staff changes:- Matua Rangiheuea leaves us at the end of this term to head off to Wesley College near Pukekohe and Mr Clarke leaves early in Term 3 for Tangaroa College in Otara. Both staff have faced long daily commutes from South Auckland for years and that is their only motivation for seeking change. We wish them well in their new jobs close to home as we search for replacements.

Year 8 Visits:- We have Glenfield Intermediate and Wairau Intermediate Year 8 students visiting us on Monday 23rd and Thursday 26th. We would love some parent volunteers to help prepare lunches for them for both, or either of these days. If you are able to help out, please contact Gillian Hayward on 444 9066 or g.hayward@gc.ac.nz.

Glenfield College is on Facebook!



'Like' our page – Glenfield College Official – to keep up-to-date with happenings in and around the school.

Know how to contact your child's Dean. They are your first point of contact with matters relating to your child. You can phone the school on 444-9066 or send an email:

Year 9 Dean: Mr Sinclair on ext 744, j.sinclair@gc.ac.nz

Year 10 Dean: Ms Gray on ext 724, s.gray@gc.ac.nz

Year 11 Dean: Mr Filby on ext 718, g.filby@gc.ac.nz

Year 12 Dean: Mrs Card on ext 735, t.card@gc.ac.nz

Year 13 Dean: Mr Tod on ext 750, a.tod@gc.ac.nz

Important Dates

TUE 3 Jun	Assessment Week	WED 25 Jun	Pasifika Parent Evening (In the school staffroom)
MON 9 Jun	International Week	THUR 26 Jun	Wairau Intermediate Yr8 Visit
WED 11 Jun	French U20 Rugby Team Visit	FRI 27 Jun	Kapahaka Festival Westlake Boys
WED 18 Jun	Junior Exams begin	MON 30 Jun	Assessment week for seniors
FRI 20 Jun	Junior Exams end	FRI 4 July	Last Day of Term 2
	School finishes at 12.30pm	MON 21 July	First Day of Term 3
FRI 20 Jun	School Ball (Years 11-13)		
MON 23 Jun	Glenfield Intermediate Yr 8 Visit		

Absences

Please phone the Attendance Office on 441-9773 or 444-9066 ext 618 or email the attendance administrator on absences@gc.ac.nz to report your child's absence. This email address is now available on the school website for your convenience.

Parent Portal

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

The University of Auckland

Parent Information Seminar – Monday 23 June 2014 – 7.30pm

Secondary School students and parents are invited to an information evening hosted by the University of Auckland. Hear about the undergraduate programmes, entry requirements, scholarships, campus life and much more.

Please arrive between 7pm to 7.30pm. The seminar runs from 7.30pm to 9pm

Located at:

Westlake Boys High School Auditorium,
30 Forrest Hill Road
Forrest Hill

Please register your attendance online – www.auckland.ac.nz/parentseminar.

Enquiries to spo@auckland.ac.nz