

***Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers***

Tena koutou katoa.

**Senior Entrance Exams:-** These exams commence this Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup> and run through to the following Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Just a reminder that while these exams are practise for the end-of-year external exams, they also serve as indicators as to what subjects a student may or may not choose for 2015 and they provide evidence of possible outcomes should a student be unable to sit the November exams.

During this exam time, senior students are only expected at school when scheduled for an exam, otherwise they should be at home on study leave, not out and about. They need to be at school by 8.45am for morning exams (9am–12pm) and by 1pm for afternoon exams (1.15pm–4.15pm).

Junior students carry on with normal classes during senior exams, but will finish at 3.10pm next Wednesday, Aug 13<sup>th</sup>, as opposed to the usual 2.30pm finish on Wednesdays.

**Academic Counselling/Interviews:-** It is the time of year once more to prepare to make good decisions about future pathways and courses for 2015. Tutor teachers will work with students in their Tutor Groups about raising their awareness of possible pathways, likes and dislikes, strengths and weaknesses and appropriate courses for the year ahead. The Careers Counsellor and Deans will also assist with such work. We encourage you as parents/caregivers to also involve yourselves fully in supporting your child to make appropriate choices. Finally, there is the opportunity to come in with your child for an appointment with our specially trained staff on one of the following days to help make the best course decision for 2015. The course should be achievable, challenging and appropriate to the student's chosen pathway/s.

Tuesday September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Thursday September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Year 12 students (returnees) and parents/caregivers.

Year 11 students and parents/caregivers.

Year 10 students and parents/caregivers.

Interview times will be sent out to you well in advance of these days.

**Mentoring:-** We are fine-tuning our mentoring system as we go along and one of the developments is to use the 8am to 9am slot on Wednesday mornings for this purpose. For a number of years now we have held staff professional development sessions in this time and while we will continue to do this on about half the Wednesdays, the others will be used by teachers to meet some of the students whom they mentor by appointment. A particular focus for staff between now and early November will be those senior students who are at risk of not doing as well as they could do this year. If your son/daughter is asked to attend an appointment with their teacher mentor between 8am and 9am on a Wednesday, we expect them to attend. We will notify you and them of the appointment and you will certainly hear if they fail to show. The mentoring is aimed at helping the student to raise their achievement so it is very important.

**Glenfield Has Talent:-** Every two years the local cluster of schools has come together to showcase the talents of our area at the Bruce Mason Theatre in a show of song, dance, music and Kapa Haka. Our Kapa Haka, music and dance groups will once again be involved in this event on the evening of September 17<sup>th</sup>, with rehearsals all day on that day (see the following advertisement for ticket sales).

**Mid Term Break:-** Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> is our mid- term break long weekend. There is no school on that day.

***Ted Benton***

Principal

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](mailto:j.sinclair@gc.ac.nz)

Year 10 Dean: Ms Gray on ext 724, [s.gray@gc.ac.nz](mailto:s.gray@gc.ac.nz)

Year 11 Dean: Mr Filby on ext 718, [g.filby@gc.ac.nz](mailto:g.filby@gc.ac.nz)

Year 12 Dean: Mrs Card on ext 735, [t.card@gc.ac.nz](mailto:t.card@gc.ac.nz)

Year 13 Dean: Mr Tod on ext 750, [a.tod@gc.ac.nz](mailto:a.tod@gc.ac.nz)

### Important Dates

FRI 8 Aug	Senior Entrance Exams	MON 15 Sept to FRI 19 Sept	Assessment week
WED 13 Aug	Senior Entrance Exams conclude		
MON 18 Aug	Mid-Term Break	MON 22 Sept	Year 10 Academic Interviews (no Year 10 classes today)
MON 1 Sept to FRI 5 Sept	Tournament week (Girls Hockey)	FRI 26 Sept	Last day of Term 3
TUE 9 Sept	Year 12 Academic Interviews (no Year 12 classes today)	MON 13 Oct	First Day of Term 4
THUR 11 Sept	Year 11 Academic Interviews (no Year 11 classes today)		

#### Absences

Please phone the Attendance Office on 441-9773 or 444-9066 ext 909 or email the attendance administrator on [absences@gc.ac.nz](mailto: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](mailto:reply@gc.ac.nz) from your preferred email address stating your child's name.

#### Glenfield College is on Facebook



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

# GLENFIELD HAS TALENT

17<sup>th</sup> September 2014

7pm

Bruce Mason Theatre  
Takapuna

A night not to be missed as schools within Glenfield showcase their fabulous talent

Tickets \$9.95

Tickets on sale from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August

At Ticketmaster

Booking Fees may apply



## Stop Sore Throats Hurting Hearts



Rheumatic fever starts with a sore throat and can lead to heart damage. Every time your child has a sore throat, get it checked straight away.



[hpa.org.nz/rheumaticfever](http://hpa.org.nz/rheumaticfever)

Healthline 0800 611 116