

School Newsletter

2 December 2014

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa

Junior Exams:

We were pleased with the attendance and conduct of the junior students in their recent exams. With your help, they took the exams seriously and it is through doing this that they all gain the maximum benefit from the process. While school based exams are not as high stakes as national NCEA exams, they are an important indicator of a student's knowledge and understanding to date, relative to their peers and the national curriculum level, as well as providing valuable practice in the process of preparing for and sitting exams.

A student who achieved mostly "Excellence" and "Merit" grades is above average and should have little difficulty succeeding at the next year level providing they remain engaged at school. The more "Excellence" grades, the further a student is above the average. A student who achieved mostly "Achieved" grades is about average and will need to continue to apply himself/herself really well in the coming year to maintain those grades and pass. Students who achieved more "Beginning" and "Developing" grades than any others are below average and really need to raise their efforts in the coming year if they wish to improve.

Junior reports which contain these results will come home with students on the last day of school, next Wednesday, December 10th.

End of year 2014:

We want to draw your attention to changes to the school day over the week ahead, specifically earlier finishes.

Friday 5 December	Year 9 will be at school from 8.45am until 2.00pm. School uniform required. Year 10 have a trip to Long Bay from 8.45am till 2.30pm. Mufti for the beach.
Monday 8 December	Year 9 will be at school from 8.45am until 2.00pm. School uniform required. Year 10 have a trip to Bethells Beach from 8.45am till 2.30pm. Mufti for the beach.
Tuesday 9 December	Years 9 and 10 are at school from 8.45am until 2.00pm. They have an awards ceremony in the morning and a sports House competition in the afternoon. They come to school in uniform and bring their PE gear.
Wednesday 10 December	Prize-giving for the junior school. All come in correct school uniform.

2015 Year's Start Dates:

Wednesday 28 January	Year 12 and 13 Course Confirmation - check our school website after 23 January for a list of students required to attend.
Thursday 29 January	Newly enrolled students at all year levels and Senior Support Students of Years 12 and 13. Students to be at school by 8.45am and assemble in front of the school office.
Friday 30 January	Day One of 2015 begins for the entire school at 8.40am, finishing at 3.10pm

Best wishes for the coming festive season and holidays.

Ted Benton
Principal

Auckland University BEAMS Trip

A group of Year 10 Maori and Pacific students spent the day at Auckland University attending lectures in Business, Engineering, Architecture, Medicine and Science. The day was hosted by Te Ara Tautika - Equity Office. There were 12 schools in attendance each day and the programme ran for a week. Our students participated with enthusiasm and good humour. They showed their gratitude with a stirring Haka, and were joined by other students from schools far and wide.



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

See above

Absences

Please phone the Attendance Office on 441-9773 or 444-9066 ext 909 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.

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