

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa

Congratulations to our World Champion Robotics Team!



From over 11,000 teams worldwide in 33 countries came 450 of the best teams to Louisville, Kentucky, USA just over a week ago to find the best. They found the best team in us, Glenfield College 2918A won the supreme “Excellence Award” for team work. We are extremely proud of and humbled by their achievement. The team of Jason Collingwood, Taryn Kemp and Levi Chapman deserve huge accolades but above all, the biggest accolade must go to Mr Dave Aston whose passion for Robotics has carried it through to this level. This is a stunning achievement which once again proves that students in our school can achieve anything. You can’t get higher than World Champions.

The picture shows a very tired team on their arrival back in Auckland last Wednesday. They appeared on TV3 news that night.

Copy this link onto the internet address bar to view the clip from TV3:
<http://www.3news.co.nz/nznews/kiwis-sweep-top-robotics-awards-2015042218#axzz3Y4cone93>

Mentoring

A reminder that all students from Year 10 upwards are having their progress towards their 2015 academic goals watched by their mentor at least fortnightly. Where necessary, the mentor will meet with students to support them to keep on track but you can also monitor your child’s progress through the **Parent Portal** where you can see the results from recent assessments, attendance record and pastoral records. You are welcome to talk to level Deans, mentors and subject teachers at any time simply by requesting that they contact you. Teachers can’t contact you while teaching nor can you get them, but they can call you back.

Year 9 Report Night

Parent of Year 9 students have an opportunity to come in and talk to your child’s teachers on **Tuesday 5th May, in the Library, between 5:30pm and 7:30pm**. You should book your times through School Interviews. Please refer to the booking instruction sheet attached.

Winter Sports

These are getting under way now. Competitions start this week. If your child is not involved but you want him/her to be and they grudgingly agree, please contact our Sports Coordinator immediately. Mrs Leitjen can be contacted on 444 9066 ext 625 or email k.leitjen@gc.ac.nz

For all those who will be following our sports teams around this winter, I look forward to seeing you on the side-lines. Remember that our behaviour on the side-lines needs to be exemplary so that our students who are playing are not encouraged in the slightest to behave badly by criticising referees, abusing opposition and so on. Referees are volunteers without whom there might be no game and after all, it is only a game. Please also ensure that your child has the correct playing strip and other necessary equipment for each game.

Commitment to a team is for the season. This means each practice and game for the full season. It is really important that students who sign up for a team and make that commitment, see it through. It is totally unfair to a team when people take the attitude that missing the odd game is no problem. It is. Learning to see things through to the end is vital learning for our teenagers. In that, we need your help.

Ted Benton
Principal

Important Information for Parents and Caregivers

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 Senior Manager: Mr Bagwell on ext 706, d.bagwell@gc.ac.nz

Year 10 Dean: Mr Sinclair on ext 744, j.sinclair@gc.ac.nz

Year 11 Dean: Ms Gray on ext 724, s.gray@gc.ac.nz

Year 12 Dean: Mr Filby on ext 718, g.filby@gc.ac.nz

Year 13 Dean: Mrs Card on ext 735, t.card@gc.ac.nz

Careers Counsellor: Mr Tod on ext 704, a.tod@gc.ac.nz

Guidance Counsellor: Mrs Sullivan on ext 748, m.sullivan@gc.ac.nz

Payment Centre

The centre is open from **10:00am to 2:30pm, Monday to Friday**. PE uniform is now available for purchases. Second hand uniforms are also available for sale. Students can make payments during interval and lunch times. For any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Kilroy, the School Bursar on 444-9066 ext 612 or email j.kilroy@gc.ac.nz

Wednesdays - Bell times

On Wednesdays, school starts at 9:00am and finishes at 2:30pm. Bell times can be found in the Student Diary and the school website.

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

This provides parents up-to-date information about students' achievement, attendance and pastoral record. To receive your log-in information, please send an email to reply@gc.ac.nz and type in the subject area 'PARENT PORTAL – CHILD'S NAME'.

Student Centre

Communications to students at school can be made through the Student Centre to avoid disruption in classes and learning. Phones or devices will be confiscated if being used without permission during class time.

Sick Bay

If students are sick for any reason and need to be sent home, the school nurse will contact parents directly.

Dates and Events

Tue, MAY 5	Year 9 Report Evening
Tue, MAY 5	Year 9 Science Zoo Trip
Thu, MAY 14	Levels 2/3 English Trip
Wed, MAY 20	Year 10 Tree Planting
Fri-Sat, MAY 22-23	MUNA
Wed-Thu, MAY 27-28	Year 12 Drama Performance
Mon-Fri, JUN 8-12	International Week
Mon-Fri, JUN 8-12	Services Academy Trip
Wed-Fri, JUN 17-19	Junior Midyear Exams
Mon-Fri, Jun 22-Jul 3	Lumino Visit (Seniors)
Fri, JUL 3	Last Day of Term 2
Mon, JUL 20	First Day of Term 3
Tue-Thu, JUL 28-30	2016 Enrolment Evenings
Thu, JUL 30	Careers Expo
Fri-Wed, AUG 7-12	Senior Entrance Exams
Mon-Fri, AUG 31-SEP 4	Tournament Week



Photo on the left is the Robotics Team receiving their Excellence Award in the USA, and on the right, Glenfield College commemorated ANZAC DAY last Friday. To view more photos, go to <https://www.flickr.com/photos/129130977@N02/sets/>

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www.glenfieldcollege.school.nz

Year 9 Report Evening
Tuesday 5th May
Time: 5:30pm to 7:30pm

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 at 9:00am on Thursday 30th April and will be closed on Tuesday 5th May at 10:00am.**

You will need a current e-mail address to book this way. If you do not have a current e-mail 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.

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, or by entering www.schoolinterviews.co.nz into the address bar. **Before doing this, it would be helpful to have the Term 1 initial report with you so that you know your child's subjects and teachers' names. This was posted home last term.**

When you access the **School Interviews** website you will need to enter the code **3PSYV** 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.