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## School Newsletter 1 July 2015

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# School Newsletter

July 2015

Keeping you up-to-date with the latest news at Glenfield College

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

Tena koutou katoa. Greetings all

### **Reports**

Mid-year reports are in the mail. In these reports you will find a summary of your child's achievement to date, along with some suggestions for improvement from subject teachers. Involvement in the wider life of the school is also shown, as is attendance. Hopefully these reports are a catalyst for congratulations and affirmation where warranted or a discussion and support to make the required improvements.

We do worry about some students' lack of belief in their own ability to learn which can lead them to give up and do little when we know that they are capable of much more. Together we need to bolster their self-belief and reaffirm that we believe that they can cope with the level of learning and succeed at it. Positive affirmation goes a long way towards getting these students going again. There is plenty of time left in 2015 for students who may have struggled to date, to get going again and turn their year into a success.

All of the information contained in these reports is available to you at any time through the Parent Portal.

We are seriously considering not having this form of written report in the future because you can keep up-to-date with all your child's achievements, involvement in school life, attendance and so on as often as you like through the Portal. We are looking to provide more regular updates on students' effort and attitude towards each subject as well. I want you to feel that you can contact individual subject teachers, mentors or deans at any time if you have concerns and equally expect staff to contact you the moment they have concerns. If almost all parents are using the Portal and communicating with us as often as needed, you will be more informed than any six-monthly report can provide. On leaving, students can request their record of learning from NZQA and a Testimonial from us which covers their school record.

Later in Term 3 I will be asking you about your use of the parent portal to see how close we might be to leaving six monthly written reports behind. If you are not using the portal please send an email to [reply@gc.ac.nz](mailto:reply@gc.ac.nz) and type in the subject area 'PARENT PORTAL – CHILD'S NAME' and you will be contacted by email with your login details.

### **Goals/Mentoring Day**

On Tuesday, 28 July 2015 we are holding our second day this year where parents of students in Year 10 and above are asked to come in and meet with the student's mentor. The purpose of this day is to review each student's progress towards their goals so far this year and, if necessary, to reset goals. Discussion about what now needs to be done to reach those goals will also be an important part of the meeting as we move into the business end of the school year. Pencil that day onto your calendars. We were delighted to

see so many of you at the first day in March and would love to see more of you this time. Where parents take a keen interest in their child's education, the child does well.

You will once again be asked to book an interview time with your child's mentor on that day. Bookings can be made online at [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) after 21 July 2015. The code is **49Y9M**. Further information is included with your child's report.

**Please note that there are no classes for Year 9 students on 28 July 2015.**

***Ted Benton***

Principal



## NCEA

A reminder that NCEA fees are due by **31 July 2015.**

**Domestic students \$76.70**  
**International Students \$383.30**

Financial Assistance is available for families receiving a benefit or Community Services card holders.

For more information, see <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/publications/newsletters-and-circulars/assessment-matters/fees-and-financial-assistance-for-2015> or Mrs King in the Student Centre

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**Where:** Glenfield Community Centre,  
Room 1,  
Cnr Glenfield Road & Bentley Ave (by  
Glenfield Mall)

**When:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 6:30pm – 8pm

**What:** Youth-focussed consultation on Auckland  
Transports proposed new public transport network  
for the North Shore to be implemented in 2017

**RSVP:** **Phone/txt 027 531 3123** (Sonia Nerheny)  
**FREE Snacks** will be provided

Auckland Transport will be there on the night to take  
your feedback and answer any questions you may  
have.



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## Important Information for Parents.....

### PLEASE NOTE:

Academic Mentoring is on **28 July 2015**.

There is **no school for Year 9 students** on this day

## Dates and Events

### ***Term 2***

**Fri, JUL 3: Last Day of Term 2**

### ***Term 3***

**Mon, JUL 20: First Day of Term 3**

**Tue JUL, 28: Mentoring Interview Day**

**Tue-Thu, JUL 28-30: Year 9 2016 Enrolment Evenings**

**Thu, JUL 30: Careers Expo (in the Theatre)**

**Fri-Wed, AUG 7-12: Senior Entrance Exams**

**Mon-Fri, AUG 10-14: Services Academy Trip**

**Mon-Fri, AUG 31-SEP 4: Tournament Week**

**Tue, SEP 8: Year 12 Academic Interviews**

**Tue-Wed, SEP 8-9: Dance Concert**

**Thu, SEP 10: Year 11 Academic Interviews**

**Fri, SEP 11: Sports Photos**

**Mon, SEP 21: Year 10 Academic Interviews**

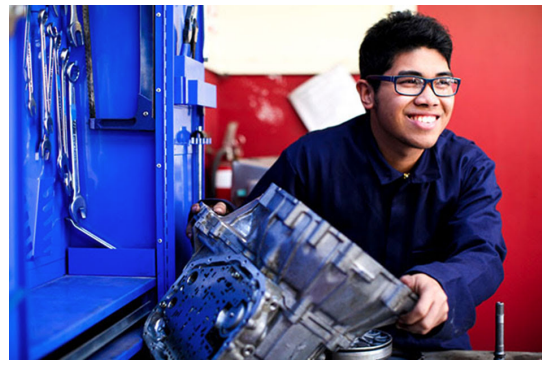
**Tue, SEP 22: Whanau Prize-giving**

**Wed-Thur, SEP 23-24: Year 13 Drama Showcase**

**Fri, SEP 25: Last Day of Term 3 - 12.30pm finish**

## Glenfield College in the Technology Department...





**Click on this link to view**  
photos of the happenings around the school

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/129130977@N02/sets/with/72157652914849084>



## What you need to know about the Student Centre

Services provided for parents and students:

- \* Late sign-in to school
- \* Early sign-out from school
- \* Lost property
- \* Messages/lunches to reach your child

Entry is through the door on the **left side** of the main office block.  
You will see a blue sign on the building wall.

## 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

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](mailto:reply@gc.ac.nz) and type in the subject area 'PARENT PORTAL - CHILD'S NAME'.

## Sick Bay

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

## Payment Centre

The Centre is open from **10:00am to 2:30pm, Monday to Friday**. 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](mailto:j.kilroy@gc.ac.nz)

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