



Newsletter - Week 10 Term 2 2018

Upcoming Events

- Friday 6 July
 - Friday 6 July
 - Monday 23 July
 - Monday 23 July
 - Wednesday 25 July
 - Monday 30 July
 - Thursday 9 August
- Last Day of Term 2
 - Principal's Assembly
 - Term 3 Starts
 - Mid Year Reports Go Home
 - Student Led Conferences
 - Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm
 - Rhythm Interactive Show

Kia Ora, Faka-lofa Atu, Talofa Lava, Malo e lelei, Namaste, Sawatdi, Kia Orana, Salaam, Ni Hao, Mingala ba

And just like that we are at the end of Term 2. My apologies for the lack of newsletter in Week 8. I spent 3 days down in Wellington where my Dad was being inducted into the Wellington Sports Hall of Fame. It was a wonderful event and a humbling experience to see all the amazing athletes that he now sits along.

We are now half way through the school year and I encourage you all to have a rest over the next 2 weeks. We have worked extremely hard so far this year and I am proud of everything we have achieved. The engagement from you the whanau has been wonderful to see. I have really appreciated the continued support you have offered the school. The teachers have been absolute superstars and the continued effort they put in to ensure the learners are receiving the best possible education makes me very proud. Lastly and most importantly the effort all of our learners have put in to achieve their goals and their willingness to strive for excellence makes for one very proud principal.

Have an amazing holiday and I look forward to seeing us all build on the success we have already achieved.

Student Led Conferences

A reminder that we have Student Led Conferences in Week 1. The booking sheets are now open. A reminder that all bookings are now done online.

Go to: www.schoolinterviews.com.au The booking code is h77xq

You can also contact us here in the school office and we can make a booking for you.

If you have any issues please let us know so we can assist.

Mid Year Reports

On the first day back your child will come home with their mid-year report. Please take the time to read this and bring any questions you may have to the student led conferences.

Visitors to School

A friendly reminder that ALL visitors to the school MUST sign in at the office. Even if you just want to drop off lunch it is expected that you go through the school office. We need to know who is on site at all times. It is your child's safety that we are trying to protect. Please don't be offended if a staff member asks you to report to the office.

Attendance

A couple of weeks ago we had the police sweep operation where the police visited families whose children had less than 80% attendance. Some families were on the list because they do not notify the school of their child's absence. A reminder of the ways you can contact us here at school to report an absence.

- Phone on 5286325
- Email at office@glentaylor.school.nz
- Text on 021 0264 6873
- Using the School App

We will continue to refer people to the Attendance Officers for any learners whose attendance is under 80% without approved reasons.

School App

We now have 139 users. We are using this as our main form of communication so please make sure you download it if you haven't already. You don't want to miss any important messages.

Staff Changes for Term 3

There are a few changes to the staff at GTS for Term 3.

Sadly we farewell Miss Liu who will be heading to Wellington, Whaea Pene who will be taking up a position at Dawson School and Vino who will be a stay at home dad.

Although there is sadness at these people leaving we also have some exciting news as we welcome Mrs Faalili back from maternity leave and will resume her role in Room 13. We also welcome Mrs Tania Botha who has been appointed. Mrs Botha originates from South Africa and has been teaching in Taiwan. She is very experienced and we look forward to her joining the team. Mrs Botha will be teaching in Room 10. Miss Litchfield who has been working in Room 10 will be moving to Room 1 and taking over from Miss Liu for the remainder of the year.

I want to thank all those leaving for all their hard work here at GTS and remind them that they are always part of the GTS whanau!

We also wish Mrs Simkin luck as she heads off on her sabbatical. She is travelling around the world looking at schools who use Play Based Learning. We look forward to finding out what she learns on her return in Term 4.

A Message From Glendowie College

Dear Parents,

Glendowie College expects to accept a small number of out-of-zone year 9 students next year. A recent NZ Herald incorrectly implied that we will be taking no out-of-zone students in 2019.

The article should have stated that we have reduced out-of-zone enrolments. In 2018 we only took out-of-zone students with a sibling at the college or whose parent(s) had attended the college. The college takes a small number of out-of-zone enrolments to balance student numbers, and to keep families (siblings) together.

If you are out-of-zone for Glendowie College and want to apply to enrol your child at the college, please collect an enrolment pack from our reception and return the application form by Wednesday, 5 September 2018.

Nga Mihi

Chris Herlihy