



# Glenfield Intermediate School

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## Principal's Letter

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Last Thursday we welcomed a number of distinguished guests to school to officially open one of New Zealand's first Confucius classrooms. Internationally there are over 500 Confucius Institutes and classrooms in 87 countries. The following dignitaries attended the opening: Chinese Ambassador Zhang Limin, Mr Li Yong, Deputy Consul General for China. Mr Peter Wang, Education Consul, Embassy of the People's Republic of China. His Worship the Mayor, Mr Andrew Williams, Mr Chris Marshall, Deputy Chair, Glenfield Community Board. Representatives from Auckland University Confucius Institute. Board of Trustee members from the cluster schools and Principals of our cluster schools.

The Confucius classroom will be a hub, a dedicated place of learning at Glenfield Intermediate School. This initiative is more than just about learning a language it is about our students becoming Asia aware and gaining an introduction to the rich history and culture of China. The award celebrates the achievements made, not only in the teaching of Mandarin, but in developing an understanding of China and the Chinese culture across the cluster. The award will not only enable the Glenfield cluster schools' to strengthen their own individual programmes but also to continue to foster avenues for working together.

A number of students contributed to the success of the occasion. I would like to acknowledge their high level of commitment. Room 37 students led the Powhiri, and blessing of the classroom, Rooms 2 and 3 sang in Mandarin with the school band providing the music. Students from Room 3 also modelled some ancient Chinese clothing. Our Prefects David Afaese and Bianca Ibarra gave a welcome speech and Sonia Wang, Fiona Fang and Alice Huang spoke in Mandarin. On behalf of the school, David Afaese gifted a piece of his Art to the Chinese Ambassador. The occasion highlighted just how talented and competent our students are.

I would also like to acknowledge the students from Windy Ridge Primary School who performed their Chinese fan dance at the opening.

I wish to advise you that Mrs Brenda McPherson has been appointed to the position of Principal at Windy Ridge Primary School. Brenda takes up the position in Week 3 of next term. It is wonderful that Brenda will be staying in the community and will continue to have a connection with Glenfield Intermediate School. Mrs Michelle Holly will be Acting Associate Principal from 2 August.

Mrs Lana Lui goes on parental leave on Friday. We wish her well. Mrs Nicky Simms has been appointed as classroom teacher for the remainder of the year.

Kind Regards

Raewyn Matthys-Morris  
PRINCIPAL

**Congratulations Glenfield**
  
**Intermediate Students**
  
**Congratulations to 28 students who took part in the the recent 40 hour famine and managed to raised over \$1,000. Well done!**
  
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**Congratulations to the following boys who are North Harbour Representative players for 2010 -**
  
**Sachin Chibba - Intermediate A Team**
  
**Cameron Jones-Moore - Intermediate C Team**
  
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**Congratulations to our Boys Hockey Team who competed last week in the Hockey Zone Day. They played four games in their pool section and came out on top with most points to win their section. They then went on to play in the first semi finals losing against Northcross 2-0, they then played Murrays Bay for 3rd and 4th. Murrays Bay Intermediate won 30-1. The boys came 4th which was an excellent result as GIS has not had a boys hockey team for three years. The boys played extremely well and although exhausted from the day, they had to find the energy to play another game that afternoon in the Winter League competition. Well done Boys you did our school proud.**

**HOMESTAYS REQUIRED FOR OUR VISITING JAPANESE STUDENTS**

We are looking for Year 7 families who are willing to homestay our Japanese sister school students from Maimatsubara Elementary School, who arrive in August. This is an excellent chance for our year 7 students who would be interested in going on the Japan trip next year, to get to know a student from another culture and share life experiences.

If you are interested in hosting a student, please leave your name and contact details at the school office, Ph: 444 6582.

**SCHOOL DONATION / TECH LEVIES**

We are now accepting payment for the 2010 School Donation of \$50 and Tech Levies \$100. These funds assist us with the operation of the school. We would like to thank all those families who have already paid.

Cash, cheque, Eftpos, Visa, Mastercard are all accepted.

