



Glenfield Intermediate School Newsletter

INSPIRE

CHALLENGE

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Principal's Letter

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Once again a warm welcome to our new Year 7 and Year 8 families who have joined us for 2016. I have been very impressed by our new students and how quickly they have settled into life at Glenfield Intermediate. I would like to take this opportunity to briefly outline our school vision, strategic goals for 2016, and the things we value.

Our School Vision is to:

Inspire – we want students, staff and the community to be inspired and inspire others

Challenge - we want students, staff and the community to be challenged and challenge others

Empower - we want students, staff and the community to be empowered and empower others

As a school we have three Strategic Focus Areas:

Student Achievement – we want every student to strive for personal excellence and enjoy individual success both academically and personally;

Future Focus – our focus is on equipping students with the necessary tools to succeed in an ever-changing world. This includes the use of devices in the classroom programme;

Community Engagement – we want to build positive and meaningful relationships with our families/whānau and the wider community.

At Glenfield Intermediate we value:

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

RELATIONSHIPS

RESILIENCE



GIS is a PB4L School

Our purpose is to encourage students to take responsibility for themselves by providing a consistent, positive approach to behaviour.

At GIS we value:

- ◆ Respect
- ◆ Responsibility
- ◆ Relationships
- ◆ Resilience

Term Dates

Board of Trustees meeting	Mon. 22 Feb 6.15pm
Good Friday Holiday	Friday, 25 March
Easter Monday Holiday	Mon. 28 March
Easter Tuesday Holiday	Tues. 29 March
Parent Interviews	Wed. 30 March 1.30pm - 7pm
Community Consultation evening	Tues. 12 April 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Term 1 ends	Fri. 15 April April - 3pm

Home/School partnership

I spoke at the powhiri about the importance of the home/school partnership. We have an open door policy at GIS so please do not hesitate to contact one of our staff if you wish to discuss anything.

BYOD

All students are welcome to 'Bring Their Own Device' to school as all our classrooms are BYOD learning environments. We have a secure WiFi network that is filtered by N4L (Network for Learning), which is provided by the Ministry of Education. We will have parent evenings for the community in the future to inform you about further developments in this area.

Cultural groups

One of our key focus areas this year is to establish as many cultural groups as possible to celebrate the diversity that we have at Glenfield Intermediate. If you, or any family member would be willing to assist the school with running performance groups for a particular ethnic group, please email Rosanne Robinson at robinson@glenfieldint.school.nz with your details.

Mark Whitford
Principal



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School Notices

Visiting the School

Parents and caregivers are welcome to visit our school. All visitors must first report to the school office on arrival so they can be signed in and issued with a visitor's pass. Please do not go directly to your child's classroom.

SCHOOL HOURS

A reminder about our school bell times. If students arrive at school after the 8.45am bell, they must report to the school office. If parents/caregivers need to pick up their child before 3.00pm, they must come to the school office to sign the child out.

8.45am School starts

10.30am - 11.00am Interval

12.30pm-1.30pm Lunch

3.00pm End of school

Absences

A reminder that the school must be notified if your child is going to be absent from school. Please inform the office before 9.15am. Failure to do this adds a huge workload on our office staff who have to contact parents/caregivers if we have not been notified of an absence. Please phone and leave a message on the Absences voicemail on 444 6582 or via our Tiqbiz App.

EASY LUNCH ORDERS



EVERY DAY

ezlunch (easy-lunch) now take your school lunch orders through their website (www.ezlunch.co.nz) until 9am and deliver it to our school at lunchtime. It's available every day. There's a full range of freshly made hot and cold meals, snacks and drinks, made by local fresh food caterers and cafe Go-deli, Constellation Drive.

The menu is [online](#). To order, go to www.ezlunch.co.nz, create an account (or use your ezlunch account from another school) and click on the items you want. It's very fast and simple to use. You can top up your account by credit/debit card (min \$20) or bank transfer and use it up throughout the year. Use the same ezlunch account for siblings at local primary schools also.

If you have any queries, call the Helpdesk 8am-4pm school days, on 0800 EZLUNCH (or 09-475 5287 if calling from Auckland or mobile) or email helpdesk@ezlunch.co.nz.

Lunches will be delivered to the School Office at approximately 12.15pm and students can collect them from the School Office from 12.30pm.

School Car Park



When dropping off/picking up students from school, please refrain from driving through the school carpark—it is not a pick up or drop off point for students. Before and after school, the car park is a busy place with buses coming and going.

Students need to be dropped off or picked up on Chivalry Road. Also if you are waiting on the other side of Chivalry Road, do not call your child over the road. All students must use the pedestrian crossing.

Thank you for your co-operation

Community Notices

Forrest Hill Milford AFC

Registrations for 2016 are open and all returning and new football (soccer) players are welcome to register at www.forresthillaafc.co.nz. Trials start early February with all details online. All players, from young to old and all skill levels welcome. Also specialised training for goalkeepers is offered in recognition of the importance of that position to any team.

Based at Becroft Park in Forrest Hill they are centrally located with easy access off the Northern Motorway.

TOUGHLOVE

Are you at the end of your tether with your troubled teen? **You can** turn it around.

A self- help programme that gives parents the support and tools to deal with unacceptable teenage behaviour-**that works!**

Find out how parents just like you have turned their families around.

Go to www.toughlove.org.nz or phone 624 4363

Beach Haven Birkdale Fun Run and Walk

Sunday March 13 – 10.30am – Shepherds Park

Put the date in your diary for a fun filled morning with spot prizes, certificates for every participant and activities for the whole family before during and after the event.

Gold coin donation raising money towards connecting our parks and making our coastal walkways **more** beautiful!!

5km and 1km Courses to choose from

Like us in Facebook – Beach Haven Fun Run