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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week we have supported Bully-Free NZ Week by reinforcing the messages of this campaign with our students. In all situations students have the choice of being a bystander or upstander. Bystanders are the people not directly involved, but who contribute to the issue by spreading rumours, telling tales or by doing nothing when things start to escalate. An upstander, on the other hand, is a person who does not join in when someone else is being bullied, they speak up and do their best to help or support that person.

At Glenfield Intermediate we reinforce these messages on a regular basis through lessons in class and at school assemblies. Thank you to all those students that supported Pink Shirt Day and their commitment to **Speak up and Stand together to Stop bullying.** 

## Sign Language Week

Last week, GIS celebrated New Zealand Sign Language Week. It was a great opportunity for students to put themselves into others' shoes and promote awareness of the deaf community. Across the week, there were a number of opportunities for students to get involved! Many students learnt to sign the alphabet and the lyrics to a number of songs, including the National Anthem. Thank you again to the wonderful organising committee who provided these opportunities for students. Check out the awesome lyric video.



## Afterschool Sports Teams

We are very lucky at Glenfield Intermediate to have a dedicated group of teachers and parents that provide many after school sporting opportunities for our students. It is essential that all students that have signed up to play a particular sport, are committed and turn up to the games. We understand that sometimes students may be unwell but it is important that this is communicated to the coach of the team (in advance where possible) so extra players can be organised. I spoke to the students about them taking personal **RESPONSIBILITY** (another of our school values) and making sure they are there so they don't let their team mates down.

## Student Safety

We still have a number of students being driven into or picked up from inside the school grounds. A reminder that students need to be dropped off and picked up from the Chivalry Rd gate. Please do not drive into the school grounds to drop off or pick up your child. We have a number of school vans and buses on site at these times, and additional vehicles in the carpark create a serious safety issue for our students.

## **GIS School Zone**

We have been working closely with the Ministry of Education and all the other local intermediate schools to design and implement a zone that is fair for our community. Our draft enrolment zone is available on our website, and we have placed advertisements in the North Shore Times to advertise the process. The community is entitled to submit written feedback or if you have any questions please feel free to contact the school office or email myself (mwhitford@glenfieldint.school.nz)





#### 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

## **2019 Upcoming Dates**

Monday, 20 May 1pm-5.30pm—Lit Quiz

Thursday, 23 May PTA Cake Sale—Room 5

Friday, 24 May School Assembly

Friday, 24 May 12noon Nominations for BOT close

Wednesday, 29 May
SCHOOL CLOSED due to
Teachers and Principals strike

Thursday, 30 May, Rooms 5 & 6 Zoo Trip

Monday, 3 June Queen's Birthday Holiday

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT'D

## Celebrating student success and progress

At GIS we celebrate student success and progress in a variety of ways. Each Wednesday I ask teachers to send me students from their class that have produced a piece of great work, achieved success, or simply just been working incredibly hard. I enjoy discussing learning with this group of students when they share their work with me. They are always very proud of their achievements.

Congratulations to these students who were on the Principal's Honour Roll for outstanding effort and achievement in class.

Darius H, Rm 1	Elizabeth T, Rm 1	Una L, Rm 2	Flynn P-O, Rm 2
Isabella W, Rm 2	Zab P, Rm 2	Stevie D, Rm 3	Micha H, Rm 3
Connor P, Rm 3	Kaden E, Rm 4	Queenie Q, Rm 4	Johnny X, Rm 4
Caitlin H, Rm 5	Kaya L, Rm 5	Zion H, Rm 5	Merlyn S, Rm 5
Aurelia S, Rm 5	Marius N, Rm 6	Levi T, Rm 6	Freedym W, Rm 6
Julius H, Rm 7	Bianca A, Rm 12	Grace S, Rm 12	Tashiana M, Rm 12
Meleseini T, Rm 13	Meya S-P, Rm 13		

At school assembly, teachers nominate students to receive a Principal's Award based around our school values. Congratulations to the following students who received a Principal's Award for Excellence at Week 2 assembly.

Vlada K, Rm 1	Sofia S, Rm 1	Una L, Rm 2	James N, Rm 2
Sarah A, Rm 3	Emily B, Rm 3	Emma S, Rm 4	Jacob F, Rm 4
Olivia A, Rm 5	Mary F, Rm 5	ZhengYu Z, Rm 6	Nicole M, Rm 6
Riya S, Rm 7	Jacob P, Rm 7	Louise C, Rm 12	Hernaldo H, Rm 12
Hannah B, Rm 13	Tanushri D, Rm 13	Hamish S, Rm 35	Jane Z, Rm 36
Seth G, Rm 36	Zak H, Rm 37	Brooklyn B-H, Rm 37	Ruben A, Learning Hub
Marius N, Learning Hub	Ruman U, ESOL	Arzu B, ESOL	Curtis N, Hard Tech
Aizekiel L, Hard Tech	Aurelia S, Hard Tech	VJ T, Hard Tech	Henkrik C, Hard Tech
Noah R, Performing Arts	Jay S, Performing Arts	Zab P, Performing Arts	Sumi W, Performing Arts
Gemma P, Food Tech	Rhian B-A, Food Tech	Christian M, Food Tech	Paige H, Food Tech
Nguyen B, Food Tech	Boston A, Visual Art	Meleseini T, Visual Art	Jamie M, Visual Art
Eli P, Visual Art	Stevie D , Kapa Haka		

Mark Whitford **Principal** 

#### **SCHOOL NOTICES**

# Parent Education Event Wednesday 19th June

The Kaipatiki Kahui Ako is delighted to host an evening with Kathryn Berkett. Kathryn is a mother of two adolescents, with a Masters in Educational Psychology. In January Kathryn spoke at our annual teachers' conference around building resilience in our students. Kathryn was inspirational, so much so, that the principals wanted to ensure that our community has an opportunity to hear Kathryn's messages. There are two different sessions depending on the age of your child/ren.

Come to one or both! The first session "The Early Years – Ages 5-9" is from 5.30 – 7pm and the second session "The Adolescent Brain" starts at 7.30pm and ends at 9pm. **And the best part is that it is FREE to attend.** SEATS ARE LIMITED so please contact the school office to confirm your attendance. Link to Flyer