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Issue 3



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The term is in full swing and the students are busily working on their learning goals and making great progress towards achieving them. I have been impressed with their level of commitment and focus towards their learning.

Learning Conferences

Learning Conferences are happening on the 11th and 12th March. This is a great opportunity where parents are able to discuss their child's learning goals in detail with them and the classroom teacher. This is an important part of the process for our students so we can all work together to ensure they achieve their goals.

Parent Hui

On Wednesday 11th March we have our first community consultation evening. The focus of the evening is to look at our Home Learning Programme for 2020, and the way it will operate for families. There will also be a discussion around what success looks like for the students. If you are planning to attend this evening, please click on the following link - [Parent Consultation Evening](#).

CoronaVirus update

There has been much media coverage on this topic. You may be wondering what Glenfield Intermediate School is doing to plan and prepare for an event like this.

The Ministries of Education and Health have been providing excellent communications to school principals on this issue for the last few weeks.

Here is the current advice to us all:

Everybody should follow the following basic principles to reduce the risk of getting an acute respiratory infection or passing it on to others:

- ◆ regularly washing hands (for at least 20 seconds with warm water and soap and dry thoroughly).
- ◆ covering your mouth and nose when you sneeze.
- ◆ staying home if you are sick.
- ◆ avoiding close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.
- ◆ if you feel unwell you should avoid public gatherings and events.

Teachers will be reminding students about these basic hygiene practices, but we ask that you discuss these with your child as well.

The school has supplies of hand sanitiser and tissues available in all classrooms.

Here are two links for those who wish to read more.

Ministry of Education

[\[http://www.education.govt.nz/.../novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/...\]\(http://www.education.govt.nz/school/health-safety-and-wellbeing/student-and-staff-health/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/?fbclid=IwAR1bE5cDxl-IL1L1Q088ecjmSGpRVkL2bNutrSeVFco0aIWLMlYIVbeKHFw#preventing\)](http://www.education.govt.nz/.../novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/...](http://www.education.govt.nz/school/health-safety-and-wellbeing/student-and-staff-health/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/?fbclid=IwAR1bE5cDxl-IL1L1Q088ecjmSGpRVkL2bNutrSeVFco0aIWLMlYIVbeKHFw#preventing)

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GIS School App



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

2020 Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, 11 March
3.30pm-6.00pm
Learning Conversations

Wednesday 11 March
6.30pm
Parent Information Evening

Thursday, 12 March
Classes finish at 12.30pm
Learning Conversations
1.15pm-7.30pm

Friday, 20 March 9am
School Assembly

Monday 23 March 6.15pm
Board of Trustees' meeting

24 March
ESOL Sports Day

2020 Teacher Only Days

Term 2—Friday 29 May &
Tuesday, 2 June

Term 4—Tuesday,
27 October

Principal's Message Continued

Ministry of Health

[\[https://www.health.govt.nz/.../dis.../covid-19-novel-coronavirus\]](https://www.health.govt.nz/.../dis.../covid-19-novel-coronavirus)(https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus?fbclid=IwAR1YL01NWDNMuC9x0_qPpRt2xvrCm9_4QR8BVuvKVva2tMiYYj2bst-ZIL-8)

Social Media

This is a very important issue facing our young people today. Navigating the social media environment can be a very challenging environment for some students. As a school we are constantly speaking to students to reinforce the strategies that they can use to keep themselves safe online.

Please read this message below:

Social media is one of the most used types of websites by pre-teens and teenagers. Connecting with other people can be a great thing, but it also brings many issues. Educating your child or yourself about which behaviours are considered to be cyber bullying is advisable.

So what Constitutes Bullying on Social Media?

- *Posting negative comments on pictures.*
- *Posting abusive posts on a user's wall.*
- *Using pictures or videos to make fun of another user.*
- *Using social media to stalk.*
- *Hacking an account or fraudulently making posts as though another wrote them.*

Many of the acts of bullying on social media are similar to what they would be in a real-life situation, only in digital form. The impact of the problem is also similar.

Just a reminder that there is a 13 year age limit for Facebook and Instagram. This is because younger students can struggle with identifying when they may be putting themselves in danger, usually by sharing personal details about themselves. As adults we have an ethical responsibility to role model good behaviour on Facebook because let's face it there are young children with Facebook pages!

A reminder that if you have any questions regarding any aspect of our school, now or in the future, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, Sarah Stevenson (Leader of Student Development and Wellbeing), Leanne Somerville Smith (DP) or myself.

Celebrating student success and progress

At GIS we celebrate student success and progress in a variety of ways. 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 at assembly today. They were recognised for showing Responsibility in week 5 and 6.

Charli L, Rm 1	Gurkirat S, Rm 1	Martha M, Rm 2	Veekay H-C, Rm 2
Riley M, Rm 3	Hailey L, Rm 3	Geno S, Rm 4	Maxwell F, Rm 4
Madison P, Rm 5	Scarlett P-A, Rm 5	Jamie M, Rm 6	Connor W, Rm 6
Khleo M, Rm 9	Saascha W-Y, Rm 9	Georgia B, Rm 10	Daniel , Rm 10
Ioane S , Rm 11	Jessica R, Rm 11	Emma M, Rm 12	Herene D, Rm 12
Kaleb P, Rm 13	Ryan S, Rm 13	Seth G, Rm 36	To'iHeAta U, Rm 36
Billy E, Rm 37	Zaekahn A , Rm 37	Mana K, Learning Hub	Boston T, Learning Hub
Ashiline S, ESOL	Jesiline S, ESOL	Joryll L, Performing Arts	Tanushri D, Performing Arts
Jia N, Performing Arts	Tiffany Y, Performing Arts	Eirene C, Food Tech	Alice T, Food Tech
Niharika K, Food Tech	Aliza B, Food Tech	Arianne G, Food Tech	Geno S, Food Tech
Liv A, Visual Art	Ayesha V, Visual Art	Sibo H, Visual Art	Billy D, Visual Art
Reymar S, Digital Media	Cody B, Digital Media	Hajime O, Digital Media	

Mark Whitford

Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

VEX Robotics Competition — Congratulations to Zoe, Jacob and Nate who received the Judges Award at the 2020 VRC National Championships held recently at Lynfield College. The “Judges” award is presented to a team that deserves special recognition. The Judges consider a number of possible criteria such as special attributes, exemplary effort and showing motivation throughout the competition. Well done Zoe, Jacob and Nate.



SPORTS RESULTS

Softball Zone Day Results - 25th February 2020

Final Placing - 2nd Overall

Congratulations to the boys who took part in this zone day on Tuesday. You showed the GIS 4 R's throughout the day, working extremely well as a team, supporting one another, showing great sportsmanship towards other teams and giving it everything you had throughout your 7 games.



Water Polo Results - 25/02/20

Glenfield Navy vs Northcote Orange 10 - 10	Glenfield Teal vs TNIS Green 0 - 19	Glenfield Aqua vs Northcote Red 0 - 20
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Water Polo Results - 03/03/20

Glenfield Navy vs Northcote Gold 2 - 17	Glenfield Teal vs Glenfield Aqua 6 - 6
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Pāhiketepō (Basketball) Results - 02/03/20

Glenfield Grizzlys vs AJHS Thunder	Lost 27 - 11
Glenfield Gazelles vs Carmel White	Won 24 - 11
Glenfield Great Whites vs Westminster Blazers	Lost 18 - 08
Glenfield Greyhounds vs Kristin Jade	Won 14 - 11
Glenfield Gators vs Belmont Spurs	Lost 13 - 12



Triathlon Zone Day - 2nd March 2020

Congratulations to the 3 boys teams, 1 girls team and our individual competitor in this years triathlon event.

Our students showed GIS resilience at the Triathlon zone day when the swim was cancelled and replaced with a beach dash. Each team member competed with enthusiasm, using true grit to finish their leg of the race!



SCHOOL NOTICES

Win Lunch!
FOR YOUR CHILD
AND THEIR TEACHER
FOR A WEEK

Win 2 x \$50 vouchers!
WINNER NOTIFIED
FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

JUST ORDER AN EZLUNCH, DELIVERED BETWEEN MONDAY 9TH AND FRIDAY 20TH MARCH, TO BE ENTERED AUTOMATICALLY!
Go to www.eZlunch.co.nz

The winner will be randomly selected by The Growth Collective Limited. The decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

School App

The school website now includes our School App. To ensure you receive all the latest updates/notices/alerts, please download the new App by using the link on the school website or via the QR code. These will take you to KiwiSchools Connect, download the KiwiSchools Connect App from the App Store or Play Store. Search for Glenfield Intermediate. When prompted select – Subscribe to all.



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. Notification of an absence can be done by either phoning 4446582, and leaving a message on the Absence line, via our "Glenfield Connect" on our website www.glenfieldint.school.nz.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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OPEN EVENING
Wednesday 25th March
6PM-8PM www.gc.ac.nz

GLENFIELD COLLEGE
WITH PRIDE AND RESPECT
MĀ MAI KARUWEHI, KĀ HĀHURI



Changemakers for Peace,
Peacemakers for Change



You are invited to a series of three evening workshops to support parents and caregivers of children with **positive and peaceful parenting strategies**.

The strategies and topics covered are relevant for parents of young children to parents of young adults.

The workshops focus on **mindfulness and communication** and covers areas including different stress responses and how to manage difficult behaviour.

This valuable workshop is offered to the wider Glenfield Community at no cost to parents and **bookings are essential** and prioritised on a first come first served basis.

Held at **Glenfield Community Centre** in room 2 on Thursday evenings, **7pm until 9pm**.

Dates: **19 March, 26 March and 2 April**.

All parents and caregivers welcome. For questions or to book and secure your place, please call Paula at **Glenfield Early Learning Centre** on **444 0818** or email Paula at elc@gcc.net.nz