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## COVID-19 Update - Glenfield Intermediate

We continue to follow the advice of the Ministries of Health and Education regarding the Covid-19 virus. Currently it is business as usual particularly around our core teaching and learning programmes. However, we are very aware of the containment guidelines announced by our Prime Minister, and ensuring we keep within the guidelines from the Secretary of Education.

We ask that health procedures be maintained, namely:

- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or by covering your mouth and nose with tissues
- Put used tissues in the bin or a bag immediately
- Wash your hands with soap and water often (for at least 20 seconds)
- Try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean
- Avoid personal contact, such as kissing, sharing cups or food with sick people
- Avoid handshakes, hongi, hugging, and other physical contact
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects, such as doorknobs
- Stay home if you are unwell and seek medical advice

I have met with the school cleaning company to ensure they are meeting our needs and expectations at this time.

Here are two great videos that I encourage you as parents to watch with your family. It is relevant for all of us.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2eqhw6yZk-c>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPsY-jLqaXM&fbclid=IwAR1Z2-Z2PmqmaiOzE5AyB3SpXabYVajhZ-2s-oV9In2prMt6lTT2u74QuYM>

The following changes have been made for the remainder of term 1, and will be reassessed on a regular basis.

- Full school assemblies cancelled
- Sports Camp Parent Meeting cancelled - information will be sent home
- All sports zone days (held during school time) cancelled including ESOL sports day
- ANZAC Service at Glenfield College cancelled
- Overseas Japan Trip - rescheduled for 2021

At this point in time, our Basketball and Water Polo after school competitions are still going ahead. However, these are under regular review from the organisations responsible for these competitions. If anything changes in regards to this we will inform you immediately.

Whilst writing this newsletter, it has been announced that New Zealand has its first school closure due to COVID-19. This is a possibility for all schools and we are aware of the impact for your child's learning. We are currently working on a plan for our students if this was to happen at Glenfield Intermediate.

This is a time of uncertainty for us all and I want to assure you our focus is to keep all staff and students as safe as possible. We will continue to keep you updated.

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