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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers

It is hard to believe that this is the final newsletter for term 3, and that we only have one term left for 2020. It has been a disruptive year, but I have been really impressed with the students and the resilience they have demonstrated since our latest return from lockdown. They have been really focused on their learning and have made excellent progress. As term 3 comes to an end, I encourage the students to set goals and continue to strive for excellence in term 4.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their efforts over the last three terms. Your dedication and commitment to our tamariki and community is amazing.

I hope everyone has a well earned rest and enjoys the time with family.

### Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori

Last week was Māori Language week and our tamariki celebrated Te Reo Māori in their classes and at lunchtimes. It was great to see the learning taking place and listening to the students as they practice and learn the Māori language.

### Playground

Over the last few months we have had our school playground refurbished and added some new equipment as well as new softfall and seating around the perimeter. PLAYCO have done an excellent job and the students are loving the new playground.

### Term 4 events

Several parents have been in touch with the office asking about term 4 and whether our usual events will be going ahead due to COVID-19. We are currently organising term 4 and making sure we have plans in place to cater for the different alert levels. As usual, we will keep you informed of developments.

### End of Term 3

A reminder that Term 3 finishes at 2pm on Friday 25th September. Buses will be operating at this earlier finishing time.

Term 4 starts on Monday 12th October. We hope you have a lovely term break with your children where there is no expectation of home learning!

Ngā mihi

Mark Whitford  
Principal

### 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

**Friday, 18 September 2pm**  
Term 3 finishes

**Monday, 12 October**  
Term 4 Commences

**Tuesday—Friday**  
**13-16 October**  
School Camp

**Monday 26 October**  
Labour Day Holiday  
School closed

**Tuesday, 27 October**  
Teacher Only Day  
School closed

### **IMPLICATIONS OF COVID FOR GIS - Sports and payments**

COVID-19 has been very disruptive to our entire school programme but it has really impacted on our sports programme. I know this is very frustrating for all the students and families. Below is a list of organisations that we are involved with and an update.

#### **Sports**

- Hockey - the rest of the competition has been cancelled.
- Netball - the rest of the competition has been cancelled.
- Basketball - term 3 has been suspended and it is hoped that they can resume for term 4.
- Water Polo - term 3 has been suspended and it is hoped that they can resume for term 4.

#### **Payments**

Several parents have contacted the school office asking for information regarding refunds for payments made for sports. We are waiting for the numerous associations we work with to communicate with us around refunds. There are huge financial implications for these organisations and these things take time. Please bear with us as we work through this with the organisations. Any refunds (partial or full) we receive will be passed on to the community. If you would like payments made for sport to be transferred to other items such as technology fees, please contact the school office.

### **COVID-19 Reminders**

A reminder about the key messages for our community in regards to keeping everyone safe at school. Teachers are regularly reinforcing these messages with the students:

- Good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette
- Staying away if sick (students and staff)
- Keeping the appropriate physical distance from others (in class this means no touching each other and keeping out of breathing distance)
- Cleaning and disinfecting our high touch surfaces daily
- **Please note:** At Alert Level 2 any adult that is not a staff member **MUST** do some form of contact tracing sign in and we strongly suggest you use the COVID-19 tracer app. All visitors **MUST** report to the office.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Michelle Webb, one of our Netball coaches who has been coaching our Year 7 team 3 this year. Michelle was nominated and won the Volunteer Champion for Cadbury Volunteer of the Month in August with Netball New Zealand. Michelle has won a Cadbury chocolates hamper.

### **Celebrating student success and progress**

At GIS we celebrate student success and progress in a variety of ways. Congratulations to the following students who received a Principal's Award today. They were recognised for showing Excellence in week 8 and 9.

Sibongile H, Rm 1	Madeleine S, Rm 1	Aaliah S, Rm 2	Anabelle B, Rm 2
Pranav C, Rm 3	Arnav B, Rm 3	William Z, Rm 4	Rose O, Rm 4
Jia N, Rm 5	Krishna S, Rm 6	Tian-Yu L, Rm 6	Ricco S, Rm 8
Khleo M, Rm 8	Mingyeol K, Rm 10	Bob Z, Rm 10	Rachel C, Rm 11
Lexus S, Rm 11	Pranav S, Rm 12	Marck N, Rm 12	Kepa F, Rm 13
Meleseini T, Rm 13	Will J, Rm 35	Cory E, Rm 35	Connor M, Rm 36
Katie L, Rm 36	Zak H, Rm 37	Azurik T W, Rm 37	Caleb H, Learning Hub
Georgia B, Learning Hub	Iza T, ESOL	Audrey P, ESOL	Lexus S, Science
Simon E, Science	Hailey L, Science	Olley G-T, Science	Shea W, Science
Isabell L, Science	Luey P-W, Hard Tech	Nazaaha F, Hard Tech	Saascha W-Y, Hard Tech
Georgia H, Hard Tech	Joseph W, Performing Arts	Aira A, Performing Arts	Jaidyn H, Performing Arts
Rachel C, Performing Arts	Xander M, Visual Art	Nicole K, Visual Art	Ezekiel R, Visual Art
Charli L, Visual Art	Sayuri S, Road Patrol/Travelwise	Aaron C, Road Patrol/Travelwise	

## STAFF VS THE SPORTS CAMP TEAM

Due to the cancellation of Sports Camp this week, several Staff vs Sports Camp challenges were held, ranging from Table Tennis, Volleyball, Rippa to Netball. The students loved seeing the teachers taking part, especially challenging Mr Whitford at Table Tennis.



## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Message from Auckland Transport Renumbering of GIS Bus Routes

Auckland Transport advise that the two afternoon 077 school buses will be renumbered so there will no longer be any confusion or students getting on the wrong bus.

From Monday 12 October (the first day of school term 4) the new numbers will be as follows:

- 075 : Glenfield Intermediate to Beach Haven/Bayview
- 076 : Glenfield schools to Windy Ridge.

There will be no changes to the routes or bus stops these buses use. Only the route numbers have been changed to avoid the confusion.

There is no change to the morning 077 (Verrans Corner to Glenfield Schools) school bus service.

These changes will take place from the beginning of school term 4, 2020.

To view the route maps click on the following - [NS School Map - Morning](#) - [NS School Map - Afternoon](#)

### 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" or via our website - [www.glenfieldint.school.nz](http://www.glenfieldint.school.nz).

### 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.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**YEAR 9 2021  
ENROLMENT**

To book an enrolment interview, please phone the school office: 444 9066

Students must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.  
Please bring a birth certificate/passport and the latest school report.

**BEYBLADES  
in Kaipatiki**

FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

Bring your favourite! Bring your best!  
And find out who is still standing at the end

1 October Northcote Citizens Centre  
2 Ernie-May Street, Northcote

9 October Kaipatiki Youth Development Trust  
Marlborough Park Hall, 13 Chartwell Avenue, Glenfield

10am to Noon - FREE FOR THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

For more information contact either:  
Midi Rapana - Connector Northcote  
Kaipatiki Community Facilities Trust  
027 539 8697 | [connector@kaipatikicomunityfacilitiestrust.org.nz](mailto:connector@kaipatikicomunityfacilitiestrust.org.nz)

BLADIMENTION  
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021 179 4662

**DINO HUNT  
2020**

JOIN THE GREAT DINO HUNT OF 2020.

PEOPLE BELIEVE DINOSAURS WERE OUT MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO BUT THEY WOULD BE WRONG. HIDDEN AROUND KAIPATIKI'S PARKS, RESERVE AND PLAYGROUNDS, ARE DOZENS OF SECRET DINOSAURS JUST WAITING TO BE FOUND.

CAN YOU FIND THEM ALL?  
SEPTEMBER 15TH TO OCTOBER 15TH 2020

FAMILY FUN... TOGETHER.