



# **GIS NEWS**

## **20 August 2021**

# Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I hope this letter finds you all safe and secure in your bubbles. While we were hopeful we would not return to Level 3 or higher, this was always a possibility. The staff at GIS are well prepared for this latest challenge and together we will get through this. My message to you is to focus on your family and stay safe. I know that the daily media updates can add a level of anxiety and that there are a growing number of locations of interest within our community. I am in regular contact with the Ministry of Education and will keep you informed as information comes to hand. There are some useful links on the next few pages of this newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for the ease at which they have transitioned back to Distance Learning. This is not an easy process but they have been fantastic and need to be congratulated. Likewise, the students have also adapted quickly and are engaging with the online programme.

As always, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or one of the leadership team. All the details are on the school website.

Take care and stay safe.

Ngā mihi

Mark Whitford - Principal

# Message from the Principal (cont.)

## NO DEVICE

Thank you to those parents that have replied and informed us that you would like to borrow a school device. It is not too late so if you require a device please email Mrs Somerville Smith (Deputy principal) [ismith@glenfieldint.school.nz](mailto:ismith@glenfieldint.school.nz) as soon as possible. Once we have your family on the list, we will communicate directly with you regarding getting the device to your child.



# Other messages from the Principal

## **Parent Interviews Evening**

It was nice to see many of you at our parent interviews last week. As a school we are always striving to get parents involved with their child's learning and visiting the school regularly is one way. Another way is discussing learning at home. Students have set new goals for Term 3 based on their reports and also the parent interview feedback. Please ask your child what their learning goals are for the rest of 2021 and how you can help them at home.

## **Enrolments for 2022**

This lockdown has interrupted our enrolment processes but a reminder that if you have another child, or know of neighbours that have children that may attend GIS next year, please check the school website for enrolment details. Alternatively please contact the school office for information. It is hoped that all enrolments for 2022 will be received by the 1st September.

# School TV

Today parents face a multitude of modern day challenges in raising happy, well and resilient young people. Whilst there is a great deal of information available, this can often be confusing and overwhelming for parents looking for guidance.

SchoolTV addresses this as a new online resource designed to empower you as parents with credible and sound information with realistic, practical ongoing support strategies

School TV has produced a special edition to help parents navigate these uncertain times during Covid, You can view this edition here:

[https://glenfieldint.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing\\_news](https://glenfieldint.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news)



# Mr Ellis' Lockdown Banana Bread

- 125g butter or coconut oil melted
- 3 very ripe bananas mashed
- 1½ cups desiccated coconut
- 1 cup ground almonds
- ½ cup flour (e.g. plain, spelt, gluten-free)
- 1 level teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons vanilla essence or extract
- good pinch salt
- 3 eggs whisked
- 1 banana to garnish (optional)
- pinch ground cinnamon to garnish (optional)

## INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Preheat oven to 180°C. Line a loaf tin with baking paper.
  2. In a large bowl, mix melted butter/oil, mashed banana, coconut, ground almonds, flour, baking soda, vanilla, salt and eggs. Stir until combined.
  3. Spoon mixture into prepared loaf tin.
  4. Peel and cut remaining banana in half lengthways and arrange on the top.
  5. Sprinkle with cinnamon.
  6. Bake for approximately 40 minutes or until the loaf is golden and a skewer/knife inserted into the centre comes out clean.
  7. Leave loaves to cool in tins for 5-10 minutes before removing and transferring to a wire rack.
- Very yummy slightly warmed and spread with a little butter! Store in an airtight container in a cool, dark place for up to three days, or in the fridge for up to five days.



Enjoy and stay safe!

Mr E

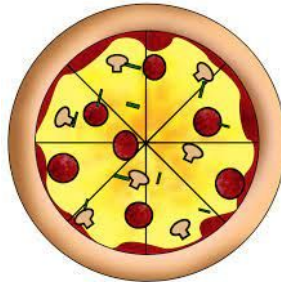
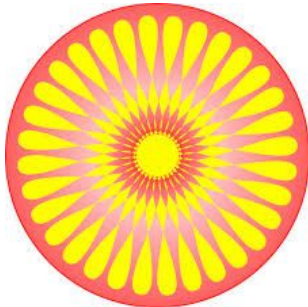
# Mrs Elscome's Easy Art Activities

There are heaps of online art activities to keep you busy, try the 'Warm Hands Project'

<https://www.pinterest.nz/pin/457185799661369656/>



Or, play the circle game. Draw as many things as you can using a circle as the base, such as a flower, a pizza, a ladybug! How many can you come up with?



# Locations of Interest

There have been a number of locations of interest in our community, please check the dates, time and locations carefully. If you have been at any of these locations of interest during the relevant time, please self-isolate and call Healthline on 0800 358 5453 for advice on what to do to help prevent the spread of Covid-19. This is free and you can call anytime, it is open all day every day.

[COVID-19: Contact tracing locations of interest](#)





# HAUORA WELLBEING

Lockdowns are hard, it is really important to look after yourself and your mental wellbeing. Here are some tips to help.

<https://covid19.govt.nz/health-and-wellbeing/mental-wellbeing/>

<https://www.education.govt.nz/covid-19/covid-19-and-wellbeing/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-coronavirus/>

<https://www.unitec.ac.nz/about-us/covid-19-activities-and-online-resources-for-kids>



# Te Reo

Each week we have a new set of kupu (words) that we try to use in the classrooms and around school. We have attached some of these kupu for you to practice at home. There will be new kupu added to these slides so keep checking for new kupu to learn.

Huge thanks to Georgia and Baylee for putting in the mahi to get the kupu together.

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1BgexLtAknRCsDA2EJH\\_7MuOSlaJ2yVkQnqfginqKU2s/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1BgexLtAknRCsDA2EJH_7MuOSlaJ2yVkQnqfginqKU2s/edit?usp=sharing)



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TE REO MĀORI**