



# **GIS NEWS**

## **14 December 2021**

# A message from the Principal

Kia ora koutou

We have come to the last formal newsletter of the year. 2021 has been a year that none of us will forget. Despite all the challenges, I can honestly say I look back over the last 11 months with a great deal of satisfaction about all that we have achieved as a school. Our students have displayed amazing resilience and have continued to strive for excellence regardless of what has happened. It has been so nice having them back at school for the last few weeks of the year and seeing them enjoy the chance to be in the classroom and reconnect with their peers and engage in face to face learning.

To the staff, our amazing, committed, adaptable and dedicated staff that have constantly explored new ideas for engaging and inspiring their students by providing powerful learning opportunities and distance learning programmes. I feel very proud to lead such a dedicated team and thank them for their hard work.

All the best to our Year 8 students moving onto high school. We hope you take some lasting memories of your time at GIS. You have been a great group of students and we look forward to hearing about your future successes. To the Year 7 students, I look forward to seeing you become our leaders for 2022.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has been a part of the GIS family this year. Your contributions, no matter how big or small, make a difference. I hope you all have a great festive season and a happy summer break.

Meri Kirihimete  
Mark Whitford  
Principal

# A message from Mrs Somerville Smith and Mrs Stevenson

Kia ora koutou

It only seems like yesterday that we were welcoming back our Year 8's and also starting the journey with our Year 7 students and their families. The year has been full of challenges but as a school we have worked together to ensure our tamariki have continued to thrive. Teachers have worked hard to maintain positive relationships with the students and their parents and we are grateful for the unwavering support that we have had from parents in supporting their children to learn from home.

As we approach the Christmas break, I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and students for their support and to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. I would also like to wish all of our Year 8 students all the best for High School and I look forward to seeing our returning students in late January 2022.

Mrs Somerville Smith

Kia ora koutou

We have reached the end of a school year like no other. Despite all of the many changes, our students and staff have persevered together and grown stronger as a result. Teachers have been challenged to adapt lesson delivery approaches to keep students engaged. Support staff have taken on additional roles and responsibilities to assist students and communicate with our families. Students have also supported one another both socially and emotionally. Parents, guardians and caregivers have been there every step along the way to support their children. It has definitely been a team approach that has allowed the school community at GIS to continue to build strong relationships and support our tamariki.

I would like to wish students, parents & caregivers, and school staff a safe, restful and rewarding summer. Hopefully we will all get the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends and take time to focus on our own wellbeing. This means we can all come back to school with a sense of rejuvenation in the new year.

Have a wonderful summer break.

Mrs Stevenson

# A message from our School Board Chair - Bridgette Ferguson

It has certainly been a year like no other and one that we could never have imagined. We know it has been hard for many of you, and your school Board of Trustees would like to acknowledge the efforts that you have put in, not just our students, but family as well. It is hard not seeing your friends, or having the stability of being taught in the classroom, but the year end results which we have seen show that you have all certainly done your best and you should be proud.

The Board would like to acknowledge the efforts of our Principal – Mr Whitford, and the Senior Management Team for their unfailing dedication and hard work this last year, and in fact all staff on our school site – we thank you. The behind the scenes work that has been carried out is a long list, and besides the actual class lessons developed and presented, we can see the building updates, the installation of outdoor furniture, the lighting improvements, the gardens etc. Some not quite as completed as we would like, but progress is being made!

With lockdown the school infrastructure costs have been minimised and with prudent management we have been able to return a positive end of year (unaudited) balance in the accounts. This has in turn enabled extra projects to be completed and we must admit the school is looking pretty good and ready for the new year.

We congratulate our students who have been presented with awards and we wish all our Year 8 students exciting and successful times ahead as you embrace the college life. We look forward to hearing of your successes. Our Year 7 students we look forward to welcoming you back in 2022 and hopefully into the classroom.

I would like to acknowledge the Board of Trustees who have had to adapt to zoom meetings and a different way of meeting this year, but it has been productive nonetheless.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees we wish you all a very merry xmas and happy new year. Safe travels and we look forward to meeting up with you all in 2022.

Bridgette Ferguson  
Chairperson  
Board of Trustees

# Prizegiving

**The End of Year Prizegiving and Graduation was shared digitally on Friday. It was a celebration of student success for 2021.**

Anniversary Cup for Academic Improvement - Emily K  
McDonald ESOL Cup for Excellence in ESOL - Emily K  
Excellence in English - Sayuki K  
Excellence in Mathematics - William Z  
Excellence in Science - Jenny Li  
Chinook Cup for Academic Excellence - Sayuki K  
Hume Family Cup - Rose O  
Chivalry Cup for School Community Service - Nadia A  
Food Technology Cup for Excellence in Food - Safiya D  
McKay Cup for Excellence in Art - Minseo K  
Materials Technology Cup - Milan E  
Music Cup for Musical Excellence - Lesina E  
Performing Arts Cup - Anabelle B  
Kapa Haka Year 7 Girl - Pearl S  
Kapa Haka Year 7 Boy - Tangaroa R  
Kapa Haka Y8 Girls - Elizabeth H  
Kapa Haka Y8 Boy - Ezekiel R

Digital Innovation Award - Riley G  
Year 8 Principal's Cup - Joseph W  
Cooksley Cup for Excellence in Sport - Jaidyn H  
McGregor Trophy for Sportsmanship - Joseph W  
Palmer-Williams Cup for Excellence in Sport - Georgia H  
Aspiring Sportsman - Jackson G  
Aspiring Sportswoman - Hannah F  
Representative Cup - Athena L  
Enviro Cup - Peyman A  
Visual Art Award Year 7 - Teyla C  
Rotary Award for Academic Achievement - Jayden W  
Digital Technology Award Year 7 - Lyall A-W  
Materials Technology Cup Year 7 - Peyman A  
Music Cup Year 7 - Amos E  
Excellence In Performing Arts Year 7 - Juah C  
Y7 Chef of the Year - Sofia D  
Year 7 Principal's Cup - Bhavya S

# Prizegiving

## **Glenfield College Scholarships 2021**

Callum S  
Anabelle B  
Tiana D

## **Year 7 Leadership Award 2021**

Dylan S  
Jonas C  
Peyman A  
Josiah M-F  
Alexandra N  
Faciliah B  
Pearl S  
Maia-Mei R  
Mia Hunter  
Bhavya S  
Elissa W  
Ashley G

## **Prefect Award 2021**

Lesina E  
Toshia M  
Elizabeth H  
Joseph W  
Rondo L  
Herene D  
Charli L  
Georgia H  
Lita S  
Jacob T  
Aaron P  
Saascha WY

# Staff Changes for 2022

We are saying farewell to the following staff members at the end of 2021.

- Miss Margie Thompson is having a change and will work part time in a number of schools.
- Miss Tracey Newton will be returning to Albany Junior High School.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to thank all of these staff members for their service to the Glenfield Intermediate community and wish them all the best.

We are very excited to welcome the following new staff to Glenfield Intermediate for 2022.

- Courtney Clark is an experienced teacher coming to us from Waterview Primary. She has a passion for the environment and is a keen drummer and tutor.
- Sabine Brooke is an experienced teacher who is currently teaching at Diocesan School and was recently at Albany Junior High. Sabine has a strength in Literacy and Social Sciences.
- We also welcome Ella Blundell who is a newly graduated teacher. She brings an enthusiasm and passion to make a difference for our tamariki.



Congratulations to our very own Mrs Monty. Shona was nominated by a parent to receive More FM's Local Hero award.

Shona was nominated for her tireless work with children from Glenfield Intermediate School during lockdown. Shona would make daily phone calls to families to check in on their well being and help students with their learning.

We have always known Shona is a very special person and it is very fitting that she was recognised for her selfless work with our tamariki.

Congratulations to Shona for winning this award.







Our start date for 2022 is Friday 4 February, we will be holding parent/student/teacher interviews this day. You can book via this [link](#) and enter the code 3bdsr

We will begin classes on Tuesday 8th February, Year 8 students start at 8.45am and Year 7 students and new students to the school begin at 10am. Year 7 and new students need to assemble outside the hall for the Mihi Whakataua by 9.45am.

An update of the organisation for the interviews and the mihi whakataua will be sent in January. The CPF traffic light setting will have a bearing on the decisions made around these events.

You can find uniform information [here](#) and a stationery list [here](#)

The school office will be open from Wednesday 26th January for any queries.



Congratulations to the following students who received Term 4 awards for their outstanding efforts this term.

Faciliah - Year 7

Jazyah - Year 8

Zhiqing - Year 8

Ricco - Year 8

Jackson - Year 7

Isaac - Year 8

Riley - Year 8

Dylan - Year 8

Mia - Year 7

Hannah - Year 7

Callum - Year 8

Sonnika - Year 8

Riley - Year 7

Anas - Year 8

Jack - Year 7

Elyse - Year 8

Elissa - Year 7

Joseph - Year 8

Nadia - Year 8

Jaive - Year 7

Andrei - Year 7

Mahi - Year 8

Anabelle - Year 8

Rose - Year 8

Dylan - Year 7

Lilly - Year 7

Zayne - Year 7

Zapf - Year 8

Julian - Year 8

Tiana - Year 8

Mariah - Year 7

Juah - Year 7

Callum - Year 8

Lara - Year 8

Nathan - Year 8

Aira - Year 8

Aaron - Year 8

Essie - Year 7

Jenny - Year 8

Prinn - Year 7

Teyla - Year 7

Aira - Year 8

# Vaccination

We know that the best defence against Covid-19 is vaccination. There are several places in our community where you can receive your free vaccination. Click this link to book yours, or find a walk in centre:

<https://bookmyvaccine.covid19.health.nz/>

If you have not completed the vaccination survey we sent out recently, you can complete it [here](#)



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New Zealand,  
**you're up**

It's never been easier to get  
your free vaccination

Don't wait. Book today at  
**BookMyVaccine.nz**

Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa  
New Zealand Government

Unite  
against  
COVID-19

# Sports



Details of sports on offer in 2022 will be sent home with class placement letters this week.

Trials for Netball in 2022 will be held on 7 March 2022, a \$50 deposit is required prior to trialling.

Basketball trials - trial date will be advised in early Term 1

# BOOST



## The Programme

The programme is run over two days during the holiday's giving year 7 & 8 girls the opportunity to try different sports and physical activities. We have coaches from different sporting codes come in and take the girls for a session. We understand not all girls want to play a sport, so we also include activities such as Dance, CrossFit, Boxing for Fitness and Spin classes, showing the girls there are other ways to be physically active.

We would love to see the Girls who like sport or want to be more active but not sure where to start or what they might enjoy doing.

There is no cost to attend the Programme, but Girls will have to apply as we have limited numbers.

**All girls aged 12 and above will have to have a vaccine pass to attend the programme.**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

9am – 2.30pm

PITA PIT LUNCH PROVIDED EVERYDAY

NORTHCOTE COLLEGE GYM

For application form: [anthyde@taniadalfoundation.org.nz](mailto:anthyde@taniadalfoundation.org.nz)

Or follow the link: <https://forms.gle/kZzkDVJdsWrkLP49A>

The very popular Boost programme for girls is back again.

This is a great chance to try out some different sports and physical activities.

There is no charge for attending but you do need to apply as there is a limit to numbers.

You can apply here:

<https://forms.gle/kZzkDVJdsWrkLP49A>



## **SPECIAL REPORT: Transitioning Back**

As lockdown restrictions are slowly being lifted to varying degrees, we are entering a time of transition and adjustment. The circumstances of this situation have significantly impacted us all. For some it has been an opportunity to reflect on what is important, whilst others have embraced the opportunity to learn new things.

Many young people may be excited at the prospect of restrictions being lifted, whilst others may be feeling mixed emotions. Reactions will differ depending on how well they cope with stress and change. Keeping a check on your child's mental health and wellbeing as they adjust to new routines, will be vitally important.

There is still a lot of uncertainty ahead of us, so focusing on the things you can control or enjoy doing, can help establish predictability and familiarity for the whole family. Adult carers need to provide young people with reassurance by acknowledging any concerns and fears they may have at this time. Consider this to be a normal reaction, however it may be best to focus more on their feelings and emotions, rather than the practicalities at this stage.

In this Special Report, we share a few ideas about how to help ease this time of transition. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

[https://glenfieldint.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing\\_news/special-report-coronavirus-transition-back](https://glenfieldint.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-coronavirus-transition-back)