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A message from the Principal / Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou

I hope this newsletter finds you and your whānau well. Winter is definitely upon us and with that comes the cold and flu season, as well as the ongoing COVID pandemic. I would like to say a big thank you to all our families for their support by keeping students that are unwell at home. This is a key strategy in protecting the students, staff and wider community from the 'bugs'.

At our most recent assembly I challenged the students about making the most of the opportunities at Glenfield Intermediate and I can say that I am so impressed with the way that the students have embraced this challenge and got involved. The level of involvement in our academic, sports and extra-curricular programmes increases week by week which is great.

A focus this term is marketing the school for 2023 and letting the community know what we have to offer. On Tuesday 9th August, we hosted our annual Open Evening for Year 6 students and parents. We had an excellent turn out and were very excited to share the wide variety of programmes on offer at GIS. I was very impressed with our current students who attended and showcased these amazing programmes. They were great ambassadors for our school and really demonstrated that they are inspired, challenged and empowered learners who live by our core values of respect, responsibility, resilience and relationships. Thank you to all the students and staff that made this event a success.

Lastly, on behalf of the school board, I would like to announce that Mr Jacob Allison has been appointed as our new Deputy Principal from the start of term 4. We are very excited to welcome Mr Allison and look forward to him joining the team at Glenfield Intermediate. Mr Allison introduces himself on page 3 of this newsletter.

Ngā mihi nui

Mark Whitford (Principal/Tumuaki)

Message from Mrs Stevenson and Mrs Syddall

Kia ora koutou

Last term our students took part in the NZCER Student Wellbeing Survey. This survey was completed by all the schools in our Kāhui Ako. The data is helping us look at trends and patterns across our cluster of schools and even more importantly look at how students are feeling. Below are some of the positive aspects students have identified as strengths here at GIS.

School-wide climate and practices

- Teachers and students care about each other 93%
- Behaviours like hitting or bullying are not OK at school 96%
- At school, we are encouraged to get on with students from different cultures 94%
- Teachers get on well with students from different cultures and backgrounds 96%

Community partnerships

- My parents, family and whanau always feel welcome at school 96%
- My parents and teachers respect each other 98%

We will now be focusing on key areas for development within classrooms and making connections with our PC4L and Mitey lessons. We are also starting a student Hauora group to get student voice and hear their valuable ideas and contributions.

Mrs Stevenson
Deputy Principal

Kia ora koutou

Our learner profile focus for the next couple of weeks is working collaboratively with others. Effective collaboration requires a lot from our learners. Developing the right skills can help collaboration thrive. Here are four key skills that support collaboration and some ways we can all work together.

1. Open- mindedness: one of the most important aspects of collaborating is being open to and accepting of new ideas. What conversations can we model for our adolescents that demonstrates this?
2. Effective communication: this includes the important skill of active listening. Encouraging adolescents to paraphrase and revoice helps them practice this skill.
3. Adaptability: the dynamic nature of collaboration often means that plans change. Being adaptable is something that comes with practice rather than a strategy that is taught. How can we provide our adolescents with opportunities where they practice managing the emotions (often frustration or anxiety) that sometimes comes with change?
4. Debating: this is often a skill that adolescents confuse with arguing. The key differences between the two is that you go into a debate prepared to have your mind changed on the basis of strong evidence. A debate is always: on point, productive, and respectful. How can we provide opportunities for discussions and debates that require our adolescents to respectfully discuss issues that are important to them?

Mrs Syddall
Acting Deputy Principal

Welcome to Mr Allison, our new Deputy Principal



Tēnā koutou e te whānau, Ko Jacob Allison ahau. I would like to introduce myself as the new Deputy Principal joining the team at GIS in term four. It is an honour and privilege to have the opportunity to lead and work alongside the staff, students and community at GIS. I am currently the Assistant Principal at nearby Bayview School where I have been teaching and leading for the past 10 years. I am passionate about ensuring that our ākonga (learners) are provided with a high standard of teaching and learning in order for them to achieve the best learning outcomes. Ultimately I want to see that our ākonga are Inspired (Whakaohoho), Challenged (Mātātoa) and Empowered (Whakamana) during their learning journey at GIS. I am looking forward to the opportunity to build positive, long lasting relationships within the GIS community.

A little bit about me

I come from a large whānau being one of 7 siblings growing up in Te Awamutu, Hamilton and Tāmaki Makaurau. I have lived in the Kaipātiki area for the past 10 years and have developed strong connections in the community over that time. I live here with my wife Bronwyn and my three young children. We love going camping together and exploring the beautiful places Aotearoa has to offer. I am an avid sports fan and enjoy playing touch rugby in the summer months. Whakawhanaungatanga and making connections with others is something that is very important to me. When you see me around the school please come and say hello and introduce yourself, I would love the opportunity to have a korero (conversation) with you.

Ngā mihi nui
Jacob Allison

Term 3 dates

Term 3 is very busy with lots of dates to remember. We have many transition events for year 6 students looking to enrol with us for 2023 and the ICAS exams are this term if you have signed up for them.

25 August - Recognising Daffodil Day - Non Uniform Day

26 August - ICAS Spelling and Science

29, 30, 31 August - School Tours

2 September - ICAS Maths

7 September - Out of Zone Enrolment Applications close

26 - 30 September - Sports Camp

Term 3 finishes 2pm Friday 30th September and Term 4 begins Monday 17 October.

Enrolments 2023

Transition for new students starting 2023

We have begun our 'transition' process for our Year 6 prospective students and their parents.

The leadership team will be providing meeting opportunities for parents at all our contributing primary schools (Bayview, Glenfield, Manuka, Marlborough and Windy Ridge) over the coming weeks.

The 'Glenfield Intermediate Travelling Roadshow' will be visiting our contributing primary schools in early term 3 to inform their communities about what Glenfield Intermediate has to offer.

We have school tours on 29th, 30th and 31st August. For more information, please contact the school office.

If you are enrolling another child, or have neighbours / whanau that are looking to enrol a child at intermediate for 2023, please contact the school office for tour details.

OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS CLOSE ON 7th SEPTEMBER 2022.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the students who received Principals Awards this week.

Dia - Y7	Neha - Y8	Mariz - Y7	Miguel - Y8	Riley - Y8	Justin - Y7	Daniel - Y8	Syed - Y8
Aiden - Y7	Abdulrahman -Y7	Ryder- Y7	Hannah - Y7	Kaylee - Y7	Emily - Y8	Nicholas - Y7	Amber - Y8
Madison- Y7	Hunny - Y7	Juah - Y8	Rahab - Y8	Danielle - Y8	Wendyl - Y8	Zaander - Y7	Yuet - Y7
Carter - Y8	Molin - Y8	Logan - Y8	Emily - Y8	Kasilitia - Y7	Kevin - Y7	Kasey - Y7	Lexie - Y7
Lazar - Y7	Shengxiang - Y7	Terrence - Y7	Olive - Y7	May - Y7	Fuli - Y7	Jayden - Y7	Jack - Y8
Sofia - Y8	Nevaeh - Y8	Althea - Y8	Olivia - Y7	Madison - Y7	Grace Y7	Aiden - Y7	Edward - Y7
Damian - Y8	Yixin - Y8	Joshua - Y8					



Congratulations!

Open Night



Huge thanks to everyone who came along to our open night and to all the students and staff who proudly showed all the amazing opportunities that GIS has to offer.



Sports

Festival of Rugby - 3rd August

We took a boys and a girls team to the Festival of Rugby. Girls competed in the Rippa competition and had 3 wins and 1 loss. The boys competed in the tackle 7's and had a win, draw and 2 losses. It was great day! Many thanks the parents that came and supported the two teams and Mrs Cameron Smith



Jackson, Cooper, Jack, Jackson, Nicolas, James, Josiah, Cullen, Nathaniel, Mason, Tangaroa, Madison, Aaliyah, Olivia, Hannah, Charlotte, Kourtneay, Pearl, Kayleigh, Arie, Sadie.

Pāhiketepōro (Basketball) Results

1/08/22	15/08/22
GIS Grizzlies vs TNIS Magic WON 39 - 8	GIS Grizzlies vs Northcote Rams WON 29 - 14
GIS Great Whites BYE	GIS Great Whites vs Belmont Spurs LOST 11 - 12
GIS Griffins vs Rosmini Warriors LOST 19 - 22	GIS Griffins vs Murrays Bay Falcons WON 4 - 47
GIS Gators vs Murrays Bay Raptors LOST 23 - 30	GIS Gators vs Westminsters Blazers LOST 11 - 41
GIS Greyhounds vs Kristin Navy LOST 12 - 40	GIS Greyhounds vs Belmont Bulls LOST 14 - 23
GIS Gazelles vs Birkdale Blitz LOST 8 - 18	GIS Gazelles BYE
GIS Geckos vs Northcross Magic WON 15 - 10	GIS Geckos vs Ponsonby Mystics LOST 12 - 30

Sports

- Girls Basketball Zone Day Results - Monday 15th August 2022

Nevaeh, Jaydah, Maddy,
Arie, Samantha, Hannah,
Kayleigh, Pearl



Well done to the girls that took part in the basketball zone day.

The team played some tough games and came away with some wins and some loses, however all team members showed fantastic sportsmanship throughout all of their games, they showed true Glenfield Grit. A huge thank you also to Rachel and Krystal who managed and coached the team throughout the day.

Hōkī (Hockey) Results

Date	GIS Guardians	GIS Gladiators
1 / 8	vs St Mary's White LOST 2 - 4	vs St Mary's Navy LOST 3 - 9
8 / 8	vs St Mary's Navy DRAW 5 - 5	vs St Mary's Navy BYE
15 / 8	vs St Mary's Navy BYE	vs St Mary's Navy LOST



Sports

Cross Country Zone Day

On Wednesday 10th August at Sanders Reserve, 10 students from each age group and gender went to the inter school cross country. They all did an amazing job and a special shout out to Kayleigh who came first in the year 7 girls. Thank you to everyone who participated in this event.



Boys Basketball Zone Day- 16th August 2022

With pride, one of our basketball team went to represent GIS in the Boys Basketball Zone day. We are proud of the mana they carried both in and off the court. They had such a tough competition with 1 win and 3 losses but they continue to train and improve themselves as players and as a team. Many thanks to the parents who came and support the team and Miss Maralit.



Jirah, John, Ken, Tangaroa, Jarrold, Cody, Blake, James and Cullen

Netball Results

Congratulations to our netball teams who are playing hard each week and starting to see some great results

Year 7 - Team 1	Year 7 - Team 2	Year 8 - Team 1	Year 8 - Team 2
Week 3 - Win	Week 3 - Bye	Week 3 - Win	Week 3 - Win
Week 4 - Win	Week 4 - Loss	Week 4 - postponed	Week 4 - postponed



Uniform

Our new polo shirts and hoodies have arrived in store at NZ Uniforms, 19A Douglas Alexander Parade, Albany. The polo shirts will replace the grey shirts and white blouses over time and the hoodie will replace the navy fleece.



Policy Reviews

We have moved our school policies onto a web based environment. You are now able to view all our current school policies on the website www.schooldocs.co.nz search for Glenfield Intermediate School and enter the **username: glenfieldint password: inspire**. These policies will be regularly reviewed and we will ask for parental input at different times. Policies are developed by the Board of Trustees and are reviewed on a regular cycle. Procedures are developed by the staff and do not require Board ratification or review.

This year our Health and Safety Policies are being reviewed.



COVID UPDATE

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR WEARING MASKS AND HELPING TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY. YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED.

Reinfection advice

The Ministry of Health updated its advice on getting infected again with COVID-19 within 90 days of a previous COVID-19 infection in light of increasing evidence that re infections can occur earlier than 90 days. The latest evidence shows that getting COVID-19 again within a short period of time can happen – but it's unclear how common it is. Reinfection is also more likely as new variants spread among the community.

You are more likely to become reinfected as your immune response from the vaccine or your previous COVID-19 infection decreases over time.

If it is 28 days or fewer since the last infection, there's no need to test.

Within 28 days, symptoms are most likely due to lasting effects of the initial infection or a different new respiratory infection. A new COVID-19 infection is difficult to diagnose within 28 days because symptoms, viral levels and test positivity may fluctuate during this time.

COVID-19-like symptoms may well be caused by other infections like the common cold, flu or a chest infection.

If a person develops new COVID-19 symptoms, and it's 29 days or more since their previous infection, it's possible that it's a reinfection with COVID-19 and they should take a rapid antigen test. If that test is positive, they will need to isolate for a second time for seven days.

For most people, illness caused by reinfection is likely to be no more severe than a first infection, but they can experience different symptoms.

If a person is not getting better, or becoming increasingly unwell, they should call Healthline on 0800 358 5453 or their doctor/healthcare provider.

Evidence on reinfections is evolving rapidly. The Ministry of Health is constantly monitoring what's happening internationally and updating their guidance to ensure it is in line with the latest public health advice.

Daffodil Day

WEEK 5

On **Thursday 25th August**, we will be participating in Daffodil Day.

Daffodil Day symbolises hope for the 1 in 3 New Zealanders affected by cancer.

On Thursday we will have a 'non uniform' day and ask students to please bring a gold coin donation. Students and staff are encouraged to wear yellow to show their support.

Your donations will go towards vital scientific research into the causes and treatment of all types of cancer, as well as providing a wide range of support services for people affected by cancer.

