



**GLENFIELD**

INTERMEDIATE

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**30 September 2022**

# A message from the Principal / Tumuaki

Kia ora e te whānau

Every fortnight at assembly I talk to the students about our school values and discuss the importance of them. We work hard to ensure that our GIS students use these values every day at school. Here is a basic summary of the key messages for our values.

**RESPECT** - Always show respect to yourself, others, property and the environment.

**RESPONSIBILITY** - Take personal responsibility for all your choices and actions. Do the right thing, be an upstander.

**RESILIENCE** - When things become challenging, don't give up and keep striving for your personal best.

**RELATIONSHIPS** - Students develop and maintain positive relationships with their peers, teachers and whanau.

I would appreciate if you could reinforce these messages with your tamariki.

Term 3 has flown by, and we have certainly managed to achieve a large number successes across the curriculum. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the students for their ongoing focus and commitment to their learning. They have certainly earned themselves a holiday, and I know they will all come back ready for the new challenges that await them in Term 4.

To the staff, thank you for your ongoing dedication to making GIS a great place for our tamariki.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable break.

Ngā mihi nui

Mark Whitford (Principal/Tumuaki)

# Message from Mrs Stevenson and Mrs Syddall

Kia ora koutou

This week we have been acknowledging Mental Health Health Awareness Week (MHAW) which runs from 26th September to the 2nd October. This year's theme is 'Reconnect - with the people and places that lift you up'.

The past couple of years have been tough and it's easy to feel disconnected from the people and places that are important to us. Whether it's reconnecting with someone you have lost contact with, a special place or even yourself, reconnect with the people and places that lift you up to enhance your wellbeing - hei pikinga waiora. Each day this week there has been a set focus and suggestions for how our students can do this in our panui (daily notices).

- Reconnect with yourself
- Reconnect with a friend or loved one
- Reconnect with a special space
- Reconnect with your community
- Reconnect with nature

There are some great ideas in the panui and I would encourage you to look for opportunities during the school holidays to do some of these things with your whanau if possible. MHAW gives us the opportunity to put our mental health in the forefront of our minds but we also need to make it a priority throughout the year also.

Mrs Stevenson  
Deputy Principal

Kia ora koutou

The GIS community is very close to my heart and I thank you all for allowing me to part of the incredible journey we are on to inspire, empower and challenge our tamariki.

It has been an absolute privilege to be part of the GIS whānau this term. I wish you all the very best for the remainder of the school year and look forward to reconnecting with you all in the future.

Mrs Syddall  
Acting Deputy Principal

# School Events

On Thursday we held a powhiri to welcome Mr Jacob Allison to our school as our new Deputy Principal. It was such a special occasion and was great to have Team Bayview visit and officially 'hand' Mr Allison on to GIS.

I was so proud of the kapa haka group and the way that they represented the GIS community. Their karanga (calling) and waiata were first class. This was the first formal powhiri we have held for the last two years (due to covid) so it was a great experience for our tamariki to be involved in as it helps to build their understanding of the tikanga / protocols involved.

Mr Allison will start at GIS in term four and is very excited about joining our team and community.

Mark Whitford  
Principal / Tumuaki



# Enrolments 2023

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 CLOSED ON 7th SEPTEMBER 2022.  
ALL ENROLMENTS NEED TO BE RECEIVED BY 30th SEPTEMBER 2022.

## 2022 dates

### **Term 4 Dates**

Term 4 begins Monday 17 October.

Monday 24th October - Labour Day

Tuesday 25th October - Teacher Only Day

Wednesday 26th October - School Athletics Day at **TBC**

1st - 4th November - School Camp at Lakewood Lodge

Year 8 finish Tuesday 13th December (year 7 finish school at 12pm)

Year 8 Prize Giving - Tuesday 13th December

Year 7 Prizegiving Wednesday 14th December

School finishes 12pm Wednesday 14th December

# Sports Camp



Massive congratulations to all of our sports camp students, we are so proud of the way you represented GIS.

We will share the results in the next newsletter, enjoy the holidays, you deserve a rest.

Huge thanks to Miss Campbell and the parent helpers for their support.



# Congratulations

Congratulations to the students who received Principals Awards this week.

Harini - Y7	Cheng Yue - Y7	Amelia - Y7	Lucas - Y8	Kevin - Y7	Kaive - Y8	Andrew - Y8	Monica - Y8
Xavier - Y8	Lucas - Y7	Ethan - Y8	Zaander - Y7	Kasey - Y7	Peter - Y7	Ragyi - Y7	Michelle - Y7
John - Y8	Leo - Y7	Saffron - Y7	Aiden - Y7	Jacob - Y7	Frank - Y8	Ellamei - Y7	Holly - Y7
Qixuan - Y7	Yuet - Y7	Wei hao - Y7	Lisa - Y7	Peyman - Y8	Aurelia - Y7	Vivian - Y7	Lexie- Y7
Olivia - Y7	Shengxiang - Y7	Eddrick - Y7	Jorja - Y8	Levi - Y8	Aaliyah - Y8	Ben - Y8	Ziya - Y8
Sofia - Y8	Lisa - Y7	Sadie - Y7	Clair - Y7	Yixin - Y8	Jirah - Y8	Jennie - Y8	Moosa - Y8
Jason - Y8							



**Congratulations!**

# Sports

## - Boys Volleyball Zone Day Results - Thursday 29th September 2022



### Team Members

*Amos, Damian, Caleb, Riley, Kevin, Steven, Ha Sung, Koyla, Simon, Maseila*

What an amazing day!! These 10 boys showed everything that Glenfield Intermediate is about. Showing Resilience, Respect, Teamwork and above all having fun. The first two games were a clean sweep and a great start to the day. After progressing through into the top 12 the challenge stepped up and our boys ended up taking away 9th place overall out of the 25 teams that took part.

***Kei runga noa atu koe!***

## Girls Volleyball Zone Day

Congratulations to our Girls Volleyball team who competed at Zone Day this week. They showed true GIS grit and determination and ended up 16th out of 24 teams after some very hard fought battles on the court. Well done to Nevaeh, Zoe, Sneha, Kaea, Hadassah, Aarna, Imani and Christine. Thanks to Mrs O'Malley for taking the girls.





# Sports

## Girls League Champs of Champs - 21 September

We took the girls league team to the champs of champs zone day at Cornwall Park. They played 3 tough games against the top schools in all of Auckland. The girls placed 8th in the tournament! The team showed great sportsmanship and made our school proud. Many thanks to Cass (coach) and the parents that came along to support.



*Kourtneay, Victoria, Ellamei, Pearl, Jovana, Arie, Makalesi, Kaylee (absent: Aaliyah and Kaea)*

## Rugby League Zone day - 21st September

Last Tuesday, we took year 7 and 8 boys to the Rugby league zone day over at Cornwall Park Ia. The boys played a tough few games and in each game they showed integrity, determination, and never gave up. It was lovely to see them work as a team and discuss new tactics. Ka pai!



*Kava, Tangaroa, Nicolas, Andrew, Filisione, Immanuel, Amos, Nathaniel, Brailee.*

# Sports



**OCTOBER BASKETBALL HOLIDAY CAMPS**  
All camps designed by Head Coaches Sonny & Matt

**EVENTFINDA STADIUM**  
17 Silverfield Lane, Wairau Valley

**Week 1 Camp**  
October 3, 4, 5  
Hours: 9am-3pm | Ages: 7-16  
\$135 for 3 days or \$50 per day

**Week 2 Camp**  
October 10, 11  
Hours: 9am-3pm | Ages: 7-16  
\$95 for both days or \$50 per day

**KRISTIN SCHOOL**  
360 Albany Highway, Albany

**Week 2 Camp**  
October 11, 12, 13  
Hours: 9am-3pm | Ages: 7-16  
\$135 for 3 days or \$50 per day

**ROSMINI COLLEGE**  
36 Dominion Street, Takapuna

**Week 2 Camp**  
October 12, 13, 14  
Hours: 9am-3pm | Ages: 7-16  
\$135 for 3 days or \$50 per day

**FLAXHILL Hoops**

Email [contact@flaxhill.co.nz](mailto:contact@flaxhill.co.nz) for more info [www.flaxhill.co.nz](http://www.flaxhill.co.nz)

- ATHLETICS DAY -  
Wednesday 26th October 2022

**We NEED you.**  
**Can you HELP?**

In order to run this event smoothly, we will require some help from whanau to assist with a variety of roles on the day. E.g. Measuring, Timing, Recording etc  
The day will start as close to 9.30am as possible and we aim to be finished by 2pm.

*If you are able to come along to help out, please could you contact Susan Cameron-Smith on the below email, with your name as well as your child's name and room number.*

[scameronsmith@glenfieldint.school.nz](mailto:scameronsmith@glenfieldint.school.nz)

# Netball



It's been a great season for all of our netball teams. Our Year 7 (team 1) came 1st in their division. Year 8 (team 1) came 2nd in their division and Year 8 (team 2) came first in their division.

We would like to give massive thanks to the coaches, managers, staff and helpers that have made it such a successful season for everyone.

# Science Fair



Congratulations to our budding young scientists who were awarded prizes at the recent Science Fair competition.

Lisa Y7 - Silver Award - Consumer science  
Vivian & Aurelia Y7 - Bronze Award Material World  
Peyman Y8 - Bronze Award - Physical World

# COVID UPDATE

We are sure that you are aware that the country has moved to a new, long-term approach to COVID-19. These changes were made based on public health advice and reflect the high levels of immunity and declining case numbers across New Zealand. The key changes for GIS are:

## Masks

- Mask wearing is no longer required at school except for full school assemblies for the rest of the term. The reason we will keep this in place is the large number of people gathering in an indoor environment and there are still cases in the community.
- We will support any students and staff who want to continue wearing masks.
- We will continue to have masks available in each learning space and the office for anyone who chooses to wear one.
- Students will not need to wear masks on public transport or school transport.
- We will continue to ask visitors to the school to wear a mask.
- These mask guidelines will be reviewed at the end of the term.

## Household contacts

Household contacts of a person with COVID-19 do not need to isolate, but instead are asked to complete a RAT each day, for five days. Therefore, ākonga who are household contacts but test negative and do not have COVID-19 symptoms, can continue to attend school. It is the best place for them to be so they can engage in their learning and connect with their peers and teachers.

Information on how to get RAT kits can be found here: [Request a RAT– Ministry of Health](#)

All the other recommended public health measures will stay in place as we know they reduce the spread of infectious illnesses including COVID-19. We will continue to keep our indoor spaces as well-ventilated as possible, encourage everyone to maintain good hand hygiene and to cough or sneeze into elbows. Most importantly, students should stay at home and get tested if they have COVID-19 symptoms.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school. We know the last few months have been really challenging, but we are hopeful the move into spring and the warmer weather will really help us all!

# 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](http://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.



# School TV

## This month on School TV - Online Gaming

Games are an integral part of human behaviour. It is normal and healthy for young people to engage in play as a part of their daily lives, including playing games online. And like most activities, online gaming can have both positive and negative outcomes. It can be intimidating and confusing for carers trying to understand a young person's online experiences with many considering that staring at a screen is an unhealthy habit. However, the World Health Organisation does believe that as well as the risks, there are also many positive benefits associated with online gaming and these could be key in nurturing bonds with others.

During the pandemic, there was an explosive growth of gaming as people sought much needed connection during isolation. In the media, gaming often gets bad publicity because most coverage tends to concentrate on the minority of gamers who play to such an extent that it compromises all other areas of their life. However, online gaming can teach young people many skills including teamwork, concentration, communication and problem-solving. It requires a level of interaction and skill from the player; unlike watching television, which is more passive.

Online communities provide opportunities for young people to feel socially connected and have a sense of belonging. At healthy levels, gaming can increase their self-esteem and social acceptance. However, any behaviour, when taken to extreme, can also have a negative impact on a young person's everyday life. Understanding what your young person experiences online and knowing the warning signs if they are at risk, will help nurture a more positive relationship with online gaming and help your family find the right balance.

If you are concerned about your young person's online gaming habits, it's important to consider a number of factors. This edition will provide strategies in how to deal with any issues you may be experiencing. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this month's edition, and we always 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.

Here is the link to this month's edition <https://glenfieldint.nz.schooltv.me/newsletter/online-gaming>

