



GLENFIELD

INTERMEDIATE

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A message from the Principal / Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou

As I write this message, the sun is shining and I can see our tamariki running around enjoying their lunch break with their friends. The beautiful weather over the last week has certainly lifted everyone's spirits.

I want to take this opportunity to say how proud I am to be the principal at Glenfield Intermediate School. Over the last few weeks we have been showcasing our school to prospective students and parents through our open evening, roadshows, transition visits and school tours. Everyone that I have shown around has been incredibly impressed with the warm and welcoming atmosphere at Glenfield Intermediate, and how friendly our students are. A special thank you to our wonderful student prefects who have been heavily involved in these events.

This week has seen the completion of our new shade sails around the school, and the addition of some new outdoor seating (there is more to come). I would like to acknowledge everyone that sponsored or donated money to our fun run last term as this money was used to purchase the new outdoor seating. The students and staff are very excited about using these areas in the warmer months.

Have a great weekend.

Ngā mihi nui

Mark Whitford (Principal/Tumuaki)



Message from Mrs Stevenson and Mrs Syddall

Kia ora koutou

As we reach the mid point of term 3 it is timely to remind our students of our uniform expectations. Jewellery None – except one pair of plain gold or silver stud earrings and a watch. NO coloured stones. NO plugs. Bone carvings, religious chains etc are to be worn under uniform. Parents/ caregivers should send a letter to the principal to apply for permission to wear these items. Shoes - clean black leather lace up shoes (no boots, sports shoes or ballet flats)

We understand that sometimes uniform cannot be worn and we are happy to accept notes from parents when this happens. If you are writing notes to excuse your child from wearing uniform items on a weekly basis, please consider coming in to see us to find a way to manage this. Uniform sets the tone for the school and expresses that we are a collective and that we all belong. These rules need to be consistent for all.

Mrs Stevenson
Deputy Principal

Kia ora koutou

Our Learner Value focus for the next two weeks is: Actively Participates and Contributes. This key competency is about being actively involved in our community. Communities include family, whānau, and school and those based, for example, on a common interest or culture. This competency includes the capacity to contribute appropriately as a group member, to make connections with others, and to create opportunities for others in the group. Students will be learning to understand the importance of balancing rights, roles, and responsibilities and how to contribute respectfully.

There are four key components to actively participating in groups. The first one is to maintain or enhance the self-esteem of others. It is important that each person feels respected by others, and that his or her opinions will be valued. The second key component is to listen and respond with empathy. Everyone wants to be heard, understood, and accepted. The third key component is to check for understanding. It is important that everyone walks away with a clear understanding of what was covered. Finally, framing contributions as suggestions, rather than demands will support group dynamics.

These are some simple ways that can help our tamariki focus on how they can be a Shooting Star and actively participate and contribute to our community.

Mrs Syddall
Acting Deputy Principal

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

2022 dates

Term 3

Wednesday 7th September - Out of Zone Enrolment Applications close

26 - 30 September - Sports Camp

Friday 30th September Term 3 finishes 2pm

Term 4 Dates

Term 4 begins Monday 17 October.

Tuesday 25th October - Teacher Only Day

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

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

Lunches

We are having more and more students coming to school without lunch.

We are aware that there are times that it is not possible for them to bring their own and we do have emergency supplies of food for those occasions.

Can you please make sure that your child brings sufficient food to school everyday. We have two short breaks during the morning and a longer break for lunch at 1pm, so a couple of snacks and then a larger portion for lunch would be perfect.

If you are having any trouble in providing adequate lunch for your child, please let the office know and we can work out how to support you best.

Thank you for the assistance with this.



Congratulations

Congratulations to the students who received Principals Awards this week.

Lamar - Y7	Jun - Y8	Blayze - Y8	Ansley - Y7	Nathaniel - Y8	Liam - Y7	Maia-Mei - Y8	Lisa - Y7
Arianne - Y7	Anthony - Y8	Elsie- Y7	Peyman - Y8	Dominic - Y7	Dylan - Y8	Shree - Y8	Irie - Y7
Jirah - Y8	Madeleine - Y8	Moosa - Y8	Ha Sung - Y8	Vhaugn - Y7	Sean - Y8	Daniel - Y7	Olivia - Y7
Khejil - Y7	Damian - Y7	Yousef - Y7	Jason - Y8	Andrew - Y7	Ayah- Y7	Lucca - Y7	May - Y7
Corban - Y7	Princess - Y8	Jack - Y8	Manaia - Y8	Ashley - Y8	Marcus - Y8	Elissa - Y8	Esther - Y8
Lisa - Y7	Mariz - Y7	Lily - Y7	Lute - Y7	Sadie - Y7	Bhavya - Y8	Xiu Yuan - Y8	Shuo - Y8
Sophea - Y8	Maseila - Y8	Bethany - Y7	Vailala - Y7				



Bandquest 2022

On Wednesday 31st August we had our three school rock bands compete at the Bandquest heats held at Auckland Girls Grammar. They all did an amazing job and performed really well. A total of 12 bands performed from GIS and a variety of other intermediates.

The students involved were:

Sweet Rhythm - Amos, Pearl, Victoria, Teyla, Lyall
Twilight - Nataliya-Rose, Koren, Alice, Corban and Amber.

The Runaways - Jonas, Sofia, Daniel, Riley, Elissa

Awards were presented on the night and our bands/students received the following recognition:

- Sweet Rhythm came 2nd overall
- Twilight won an award for Musicianship
- Jonas won the Rock Solid Bass player award.



Basketball

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



- 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.

School Events

Writers Festival

On Wednesday, 50 keen readers and writers from Glenfield Intermediate went to the annual Writers Festival at the Aotea Centre. It was a fabulous day of storytelling from four amazing authors, each offering their own personal flair.

We heard about Fjordland and magical trees, Korean myths a la Percy Jackson, poetry about basketball and the heroes and villains in Steampunk stories.

The theatre was packed with students from all over Auckland, all buzzing with excitement and hanging on to every word spoken on stage.

Mrs Freestone managed to buy several books for the school library, look out for them, they all sounded like great reads.

Miss Brooke



Netball

Huge congratulations to all of our netball teams who represented GIS with pride all season. Our Year 8, team 1 came second in their grade after a close game with Mahurangi College. The Year 8, team 2 overcame Belmont Intermediate with a nail biting finish to win 21 to 20 and win their grade!

Our Year 7, team 1 also won their grade.

We are so proud of the huge effort everyone has put in to all of our teams. Special thanks to the coaches, managers, staff and whānau for their support.



Daffodil Day

It was touching to see so many of our students and staff acknowledge this very worthy cause last week and show their support by dressing up in yellow and bringing in donations for Daffodil Day, we raised \$453. Tēnā koutou. As Spring creeps through, we are welcomed by the beautiful sight of yellow Daffodils flooding our gardens. These Daffodils represent not only the beginning of a new season, but a season of hope and new life for anyone living with Cancer.



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.



COVID UPDATE

MASKS CONTINUE TO BE A KEY STRATEGY TO AVOID THE SPREAD OF COVID AT GIS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO REQUIRE MASKS INDOORS. THIS WILL BE REASSESSED IN TWO WEEKS TIME.

Reinfection advice

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.

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.



School TV

Building Belonging Post Pandemic

Having a sense of belonging involves more than simply knowing other people. It is also focused on gaining acceptance, attention and support from others, as well as having the opportunity to provide the same to other people.

When the pandemic interrupted our lives and changed the way we live, this meant that suddenly many of our young people's main sources of connection with peers and extended family members was removed overnight without warning. As human beings, we have a basic emotional and biological need for connection. It provides us with feelings of identity, security, support, acceptance and community.

Students who have a sense of belonging will experience these feelings which in turn supports their academic, psychological and social development. When young people come together again after a period of instability, there is a period of adjustment. Whilst the rules of the group may be established, acceptance remains paramount and can therefore mean some behaviours become far from rational, making it difficult for their brain to focus on things, such as learning. All these factors combined, leave young people open to being vulnerable. It can sometimes tempt them into making choices or becoming involved in situations they might not ordinarily consider.

As a result of the pandemic, there are still many young people struggling to connect and regain their sense of belonging. This Special Report provides guidance to families who find themselves in this situation. We hope you take a moment to reflect on the information offered, and as always, we welcome your feedback. If this raises any concerns for you, a loved one or the wellbeing of your child, please seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report

https://glenfieldint.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-building-belonging-post-pandemic

