

# 24 February 2023

## A message from the Principal / Tumuaki

#### Kia ora e te whānau

I have been very impressed by our tamariki and how quickly they have settled into life at Glenfield Intermediate. It is great to see so many of them getting involved and making the most of the various opportunities that we provide at Glenfield Intermediate.

I would like to take this opportunity to briefly outline our school vision, strategic goals and the things we value. The key information can be found on the next page.

Our vision is that we INSPIRE, CHALLENGE and EMPOWER our learners. This goes beyond just our tamariki but includes our staff and community as we are all learners in some way.

Our values are the '4 Rs' which are **RESPECT**, **RESPONSIBILITY RELATIONSHIPS** and **RESILIENCE**. These form the foundation to our student hauora/wellbeing programme at school. The staff regularly use the '4 Rs' to explicitly discuss behaviour with the students, and to help them to make positive choices.

Another key message we use to help the students make the right choice is our 'Be a STAR' slogan. As we all know, nobody is immune to making mistakes and from time to time, students do make poor choices. We work hard to help the students develop the ability to manage and regulate their own behaviour.

If you have any questions regarding student well being or any other aspect of our school, now or in the future, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, Sarah Stevenson (Deputy Principal), Jacob Allison (Deputy Principal) or myself.

Mark Whitford (Principal/Tumuaki)

## Our school goals 2022-2024



### we Inspire, Challenge and Empower our learners

by fostering a safe, nurturing and diverse learning community where ākonga strive for personal growth in an ever changing world



#### STRATEGIC GOALS



### **CURRICULUM**



#### **CULTURE**



### COMMUNITY

A rich, authentic localised curriculum that is inspiring, challenging and empowering is embedded in all classrooms

A culture of personal growth and hauora is the way of being at GIS

Positive learning focused partnerships with our community

### Message from Mrs Stevenson and Mr Allison

#### Kia ora koutou

It does seem strange that even though we are in Week 4, this has been the first full week back at school. As students have settled back into school and routines they have had to use a lot of resilience. Resilience is one of our core values at Glenfield Intermediate and a skill that will help them throughout their lifetime.

Students experience a tremendous amount of physical and mental growth on a daily basis. Between school, extra curricular activities, and their social life, students face lots of new experiences and challenges. Being resilient gives them the ability to tackle these head-on, bounce back from any setbacks and have the best chance at succeeding. It allows them to learn and grow in all situations – two skills that are crucial to wellbeing and development. Resilience will also help them to approach new situations, people or experiences with confidence and a positive mindset, which will make them more likely to succeed.

Here are some ways you can build your child's resilience:

- Support your child but try not to solve every minor problem or disappointment
- Help your child to identify and manage strong emotions
- Make it a habit to recognise and acknowledge when things are going well.
   For example, during family meals you could each share one positive thing from your day.
- Encourage your child to have another go when things don't work out the first time they try something.

Mrs Stevenson Deputy Principal

#### Kia ora koutou

I trust you all are doing well and your child has enjoyed their first few weeks back at GIS. At this stage of the term our teachers are in the process of conducting assessments in maths, reading, and writing to help identify your child's strengths and determine their next learning steps in these important learning areas. These assessments are an important part of ensuring the teaching and learning in the classroom is tailored to meet the needs of your child.

There are many experiences and opportunities already being offered to students to participate in outside of their classroom. We are passionate about providing a wide range of experiences that will help them grow and develop in all aspects of their lives. That's why we offer a diverse array of activities and programs that cater to all interests and abilities.

For those interested in technology and innovation, we offer a robotics program where students can explore the fascinating world of robotics and programming. We also offer an esports gaming club where they can compete against other students and learn about teamwork and strategy. We prioritise learning around environment and sustainability, and students can participate in taking environmental action to help make a positive impact on our planet.

In addition, we offer inter-class sports competitions, kapa haka, specialist extension classes, and sports zone days where students can try out new activities and sports. For those interested in music and the arts, students can audition for the school band where students can learn to play instruments and perform together.

There will be many more opportunities that will be offered as the year progresses. We encourage your child to keep an eye out for these in the daily <u>Panui</u> and to sign up if they wish to give them a try.

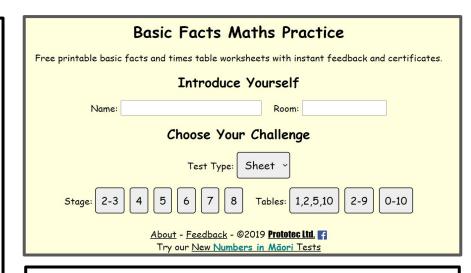
Mr Allison Deputy Principal

### Maths at GIS

This year, we are wanting to make it easier for families to understand what their child is learning in maths at school. There will be a regular update in the newsletter about the topics currently being covered and ways in which families can support their child's learning at home.

This term, our students are working hard to improve their basic facts knowledge. They have all set goals from a recent assessment and will be sharing these with you on Seesaw. It would be great if you could have a discussion with your child about their goals and encourage them to work on these at home.

The NZMaths website is useful for finding out more information about the maths curriculum. It has a a number of links that provide ideas about how families can incorporate maths into their daily lives at home.



A great website to practise basic facts skills is maths.prototec.co.nz. It does not require any login details and students can practise at their own pace and level. Just ten minutes a day can help your child to improve their recall of this foundation knowledge.

### Communication at GIS

At GIS we use a number of ways to **communicate** with our whānau.

You will receive **emails** from teachers and office staff regarding classroom activities, sports, newsletters or upcoming events. Please make sure that we have your correct email address.

**Newsletters** can be found on our website and are emailed to you. Our **website** also has an app which can help you keep up to date with the latest news. Go to your app store and search '**Kiwi Schools Connect**' once you have downloaded the app search for Glenfield Intermediate School.

You can access our **daily pānui** (notices) to keep up to date with daily events <u>here</u>

All of our sports fees and annual technology fees will be available to be paid through **Kindo** this year. See information on this further on in this newsletter.

Our **office staff** are available between 8am and 3.30pm each day on 444-6582 or feel free to pop into the office and see us, we are happy to help you. You can also email the office at office@glenfieldint.school.nz

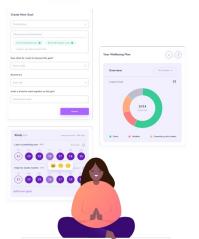
# Skodel a Wellbeing check- in for student

We are really excited to offer Skodel check-ins for our students. Skodel check-ins create a moment for students to reflect on how they're feeling and identify what's behind that feeling. This is online tool where students can quickly check in with the teachers. Teachers will be introducing this to their students in the next few weeks.

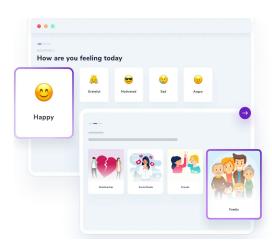
- Easily provide a safe space for your students to identify how they are really feeling and what's behind it.
- Improve emotional regulation with immediate support to help students understand the feeling they are experiencing and how to manage it

Build students' self awareness with insights to help them track their feelings and the key influences on these over

time.







### Kindo

# Introducing our online school shop

Open 24/7 for orders  $\theta$  payments through our school website



#### Get started

Click the shop link on the school website to get started or visit myKindo.co.nz\*

\* If you have an existing EZLUNCH or myKindo account (at any school or club) log in and go to My Details to add your student at this school.

#### Questions

Just pop in and see us or give us a call.

"I can organise stuff from work – rather than a rush in the mornings to get the right change, and make sure it gets handed in "

"So utterly convenient – one less thing to worry about when juggling work and kids."

Tenjoy having one service for all aspects of school donations, orders or permission slips. I feel more confident there is a record of payment documented, plus I can complete the transaction quickly."

### The good stuff

- Transact with school when it
- No cash or paper forms, no looking up bank details, no visiting the office. Just log in and click. Even small amounts can be paid quickly and
- Lots of payment options.
  Build up a balance with regula bank deposits or pay as you go. Visa, Mastercard, Amex, UnionPay and POLi also available.



#### Need help?

Visit support.mykindo.co.nz or talk to the friendly staff at the Kindo helpdesk 0508 4KINDO or email hello@mykindo.co.nz.

Available 8am-4pm on school days.



### Kindo online school shop – register now

Our online Kindo school shop means you can pay for all your school costs easily – order lunches, pay for sports, camps and trips, purchase event tickets, and support fundraisers.

It's open 24/7 and is available on our school website under the 'Information' heading

New Users can click here to set up your myKindo account.

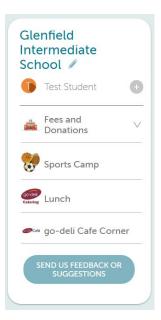
Enter the email address the school has for you; choose a password and you're done. Already have an account? Click here to login.

Need assistance? Our Kindo helpdesk is open 8am to 4pm weekdays.

Freephone: 0508 4 KINDO (0508 454 636)

Email: hello@mykindo.co.nz

Online support: support.mykindo.co.nz



# **Sport**

**Basketball Teams** will be posted on the sports noticeboard on Friday.

Games begin on the 6th March.

Those that have paid for a new basketball singlet will be issued with these early next week.

### Softball Team

First game is Thursday 2nd March.

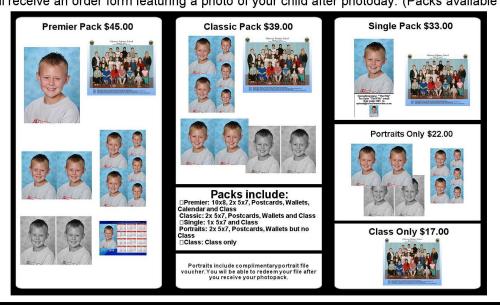
Draws will be sent out as soon as we receive them.

# School Photos Tuesday 7th March 2023

### Glenfield Intermediate School on Tuesday 7th March, 2023

We will photograph portraits of all students as well as class photos.

You do not order/pay for your childs portraits or class photos until AFTER PHOTODAY.
You will receive an order form featuring a photo of your child after photoday. (Packs available below)



Siblings (In School only) Photos: Forms will be available from the photographer on the day.

### **Sports Camp**

We will be attending Sports Camp at Totara Springs 18th - 22nd September 2023.

Totara Springs is nationally renowned for their Intermediate Sports Camps. Currently they hold six of these each winter which pits teams of up to 40 pupils against other schools competing in more than 35 sporting events. Camps start on a Monday afternoon and finish on Friday at lunch time. This camp has a cost of \$470.

Whilst these camps are very competitive they also give kids the opportunity to enter events that they would not normally know too much about.

Sports included in these camps are as follows:

Basketball, volleyball, indoor and outdoor soccer, indoor and outdoor hockey, darts, bowls, tennis, netball, rugby, touch, triathlon, cross country, athletics, kayaking, cage soccer, petanque, croquet, hole in one golf, chess, softball, draughts, swimming, wallball plus their own unique scramball and cheer night.

Trials for Sports Camp will be taking place over the next couple of weeks. In order for your child to be selected a deposit of \$90 must be paid by 12pm Friday 24th February. This deposit is fully refundable if your child does not make the final team. The total cost for the camp is \$470 which is to be paid in instalments prior to camp. Please use this link to connect to Kindo. If you do not have a Kindo account, you can create one and select the Sports Camp option.

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