



**GLENFIELD**

INTERMEDIATE

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# A message from the Principal / Tumuaki

Kia ora e te whānau

A very warm welcome to you all, and a special welcome to our new Year 7 and Year 8 families who have joined us for 2023. I hope you all enjoyed your family time over the summer break.

It has not been an easy start to 2023 for many families in Auckland due to the flooding and our thoughts are with those that are still dealing with the implications of the weather.

What a great first week back. The highlight of the week for me is definitely the hustle and bustle of the school with students and teachers engaged in learning and making new connections.

I am very excited about 2023 and I know it is going to be a great year for our teachers and learners. The staff started the year with a series of Teacher Only Days with a focus on professional learning. This is essential to ensure that we are delivering the best education for your community. As teachers at Glenfield Intermediate, we are committed to improving our practice and working with our community to ensure all students meet their potential.

**PLEASE READ THE NEXT PAGE CAREFULLY WHICH IS AN UPDATE REGARDING THE INCOMING WEATHER EVENT.**

Ngā mihi nui

Mark Whitford (Principal/Tumuaki)

# Cyclone Gabrielle

With the threat of another extreme weather event forecast in the coming days, we have just received information from Iona Holsted, Secretary of Education. In summary:

- It is likely to be Sunday before we will know how the weather event will eventuate and the implications from it.
- While schools have the ability to make decisions regarding closures the Secretary will be monitoring the situation. Based on information received from emergency management services, a directive to close schools could be issued.

At this stage, school will be open on Monday, unless the site is damaged or a directive is in place from the Secretary.

Safety is the most important consideration, and should your child not be able to attend school, please log their absence as usual.

I appreciate that this information may be received with a mix of emotion and feelings following last week's flood and the scale of damage some in our community sustained, and the decisions schools had to make.

I will keep the community updated as information is received from the Secretary via email and the school's website. Please know that we will make the best decision for our community based on the information we have.

I thank you for your trust and support, and look forward to seeing students at school next week.

Mark Whitford (Principal/Tumuaki)

# Message from Mrs Stevenson and Mr Allison

Kia ora koutou

A warm welcome to all new families, and returning families, to the Glenfield Intermediate School community. We are really excited about the year ahead and look forward to supporting your child as they continue on their learning journey. We are focused on providing a safe, happy and encouraging learning environment filled with challenges and opportunities for your child.

The beginning of the school year is an opportunity for your child to set new learning goals, make new friends and engage in a range of fantastic learning experiences. Our staff have worked hard during the holiday period to set up some wonderful learning experiences to ensure that your child's transition to their new school is a very positive experience.

If you have any questions or queries regarding any information that comes home, please contact the school and we will be happy to assist. We want to ensure that we make the transition as smooth as possible for your child and that you have the information you require as a parent and caregiver in order for your child to have a successful time at Glenfield Intermediate School. We have an open-door policy and value the relationship that we have with you as parents, caregivers and whānau and we are looking forward to working together with you to benefit your child and their learning.

Mrs Stevenson  
Deputy Principal

Kia ora koutou

We finally made it to the beginning of the school year and are excited to welcome our new and returning whānau. I hope that you had a chance over the new year break to relax and recharge for the year ahead. As we begin the school year, our focus remains on building strong relationships so we can continue to build a positive learning environment for our students, staff and community.

Our teachers have worked hard over the break to ensure they are well prepared to deliver challenging and enriching learning opportunities for your child. We encourage all of our students to take risks, ask questions, and embrace the opportunities that come with starting a new school year.

Our Learner Value focus for the beginning of this year is 'Is a Star'. At Glenfield Intermediate we strive for our students to be a S.T.A.R by ensuring they live out our school values of Responsibility, Respect, Resilience and Relationships. We encourage them to Stop, Think and Act before making decisions or acting on something.

I am looking forward to connecting and working with you all as the year progresses to ensure we see success for all our ākongā.

Mr Allison  
Deputy Principal

# Powhiri

Many thanks to all the parents and caregivers who joined us for the powhiri on Tuesday. It was great to see whanau supporting their children. I spoke at the powhiri about the importance of the home/school partnership. We have an open door policy at GIS so please do not hesitate to contact one of our staff if you wish to discuss anything. Congratulations to the kapa haka for their welcome and performance.



# Welcome to our new staff

We are very excited to welcome the following staff to Glenfield Intermediate for 2023.

- Anthony Helmhout is joining our teaching team from Devonport School. He has a passion for te reo and tikanga Māori and will be teaching Room 4.
- James Kirby (Room 5) is known to students from his time at Windy Ridge School. He is a keen sportsman and enjoys the outdoors.
- Michelle Hayden will be joining Room 7 on Thursday and Friday. Michelle is an experienced teacher who has a passion for the environment and adventure sports. Ex students from Bayview School will know Mrs Hayden well.
- We also welcome Hannah Jackson (Room 12) who enjoys reading, fitness and hockey. As well as teaching Hannah has a Bachelor of Science, majoring in psychology.

## BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

Several parents have asked me about digital learning at GIS. Each classroom has a number of school devices that all students will have access to. Additionally students are welcome to 'Bring Their Own Device' to school as all our classrooms are wireless BYOD learning environments. The school uses the N4L (Network for Learning) filtering system to monitor student access over the net. Please ensure your child has completed the BYOD form before they bring their device to school.

## School Donation Scheme

Glenfield Intermediate has opted into the Government's donation scheme for 2023. We have received \$150 per student for the number of students we had on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 (the MOE uses this figure on this date to determine how much money and how many allocated teachers a school will get for the following year). The \$150 per student provided by the Ministry of Education is to cover donations and compulsory school trips and events. However there is a small technology fee (\$50) to cover the take home component of the programme.

If your child wants to participate in an extracurricular sport where fees are required, then this is not covered under the new donation scheme and parents will have to pay for these. You will also be required to buy a sports uniform for extracurricular sports.

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# Basketball

*Thank you to all those who trialled on Thursday to join a basketball team this year.*

*The teams will be posted within the next week on the sports noticeboard at school.*

*All fees are to be paid this year through Kindo, prior to the commencement of the games.*

*Please see further information in the newsletter about how to set up your Kindo account.*

# Enviro Group

We have had a great turn out this week for our enviro group. Our tamariki have spent some time in the garden turning over the soil, pulling out all of the weeds and harvesting the rest of last year's crops and getting it ready for this year!



# Term Dates

Term 1 finishes Thursday 6th April at 2pm  
Easter is during the school holidays.

## Term 2

Wednesday 26th April to (Monday 24th - Teacher Only Day, Tuesday 25th ANZAC Day)  
Friday 30th June - 2pm finish  
Matariki is during the school holidays

## Term 3

Monday 17th July to  
Friday 22nd September - 2pm finish

## Term 4

Monday 9th October to  
Friday 15th December  
Labour Day 23 October

# 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 \$95 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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