



**GLENFIELD**

INTERMEDIATE

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**10 March 2023**

# A message from the Board Presiding Member

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The NZEI has advised the Glenfield Intermediate School Board that its member teachers and principal at our school will be taking strike action on 16 March 2023. The Board has carefully considered the availability of non-union teaching staff and have decided that we are unable to provide normal instruction during the strike. Therefore, the school will officially be closed for instruction on 16 March 2023.

It is important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children during the period of the strike as no supervision can be provided. We know that this is inconvenient for parents and students alike. Please be assured that student safety is our main concern.

*Why are the teachers striking?*

*Unfortunately, the funding for our schools is not enough for teachers to give the time we would like to support all our kids to thrive. We need to attract and retain high quality educators by ensuring that teaching is a valued and attractive profession. Principals and teachers in primary and area schools (along with our secondary colleagues) have considered at length the offers from the government to settle the respective collective agreements. The offers presented did not meet the expectations, nor make sufficient steps towards the changes we need for our children to succeed. Therefore the vote to take industrial action has been made. It was not made lightly. Together with your support, building a case for better investment in our students is the priority.*

*You can choose to wear black on Thursday 16th March to support teachers and principals.*

Thank you for your understanding. Please contact the school office if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely  
Bridgette Ferguson  
Board Presiding Member

# A message from the Principal / Tumuaki

Kia ora e te whānau

The term is in full swing and our tamariki are busily working on their learning goals and making great progress towards achieving them. I have been really impressed with their level of commitment and focus towards their learning.

## **Goals for student progress**

Students have almost completed the start of year testing, the results are being analysed and school targets will be set based on the results. Teachers are looking carefully at the results for their tamariki and identifying where individual students need to develop further. Students are involved in the goal setting process and continue to develop their next learning steps. Please talk to your child about their learning goals and what they have set as their action plan. Parent Learning Conferences are being held on 22nd and 23rd March where you will be able to discuss these goals in more detail with your child and the classroom teacher.

## **Road Safety - URGENT**

We still have a number of students being driven into or picked up from inside the school grounds. A reminder that students need to be dropped off and picked up from the Chivalry Rd gate. Please DO NOT drive into the school grounds to drop off or pick up your child and especially do not use the disabled parking space as a wait zone. We have a number of school vans and buses on site at these times, and additional vehicles in the carpark create a serious safety issue for our students.

Ngā mihi nui

Mark Whitford (Principal/Tumuaki)

# Message from Mrs Stevenson and Mr Allison

Kia ora koutou

Teachers, parents and experts all agree. Mental health education has never been more crucial for our children. We are lucky to be going into our 2nd year with Mitey to support the mental health and wellbeing of all our students.

The Sir John Kirwan Foundation has designed Mitey with NZ teachers and the University of Auckland to provide an evidence-based approach to teaching mental health education to primary and intermediate-aged children. It is built around the NZ curriculum and embedded into everyday learning, to ensure children are equipped with the age-appropriate skills and knowledge they need to recognise and respond to mental health issues in both themselves and others.

The last few years have brought increased awareness of the alarming number of children experiencing mental health issues in New Zealand. If children are mentally and emotionally healthy they are better equipped to face the challenges life brings.

The following link will take you to Mitey's homepage [www.mitey.org.nz](http://www.mitey.org.nz)

Mrs Stevenson  
Deputy Principal

Kia ora koutou

## Learner Value Focus

Working Collaboratively is our learner value focus for the next two weeks. We realise that learning to work in a collaborative way is an essential 21st century skill that our students need to develop. Working together gives our students the chance to hear diverse perspectives, fosters creativity and innovation, and enhances the learning process by the sharing of knowledge and resources. Collaborative learning also helps our students to develop important social skills like communication, negotiation, and conflict resolution. At GIS we will continue to explicitly teach the skills required to work in a collaborative way to ensure our students are set up for success both now and in the future.

## Writer's Toolbox

One of the tools we use to assist our students during the writing process is Writer's Toolbox. This is used schoolwide in all classes and with all students. Writer's Toolbox is a cloud-based online writing tool that provides our students with an interactive environment where their writing skills are both reinforced and extended. Students can practice writing techniques they learn in class and gauge and monitor their own progress. The key advantage of this purpose-built educational writing tool is feedback. Artificial Intelligence built into the tool reads student work and provides instant individualised feedback according to the student's age and ability level. What's more, the tool plots a learning journey for each student so that their writing skill level and cognitive processing skills around writing advance. If you have not yet had the opportunity to see Writer's Toolbox in action ask your child to log on to the tool and show you how it works.

Mr Allison  
Deputy Principal

# Maths at GIS

Many of our students have been working hard on their multiplication and division recall. Knowing these facts enables students to more readily understand other aspects of mathematics. If a student can recall their 1x, 2x, 5x, and 10x tables, then there are only 21 other facts to learn. Here is a [link](#) to a resource that could be made at home to practise these facts.

Another maths focus for this term is algebra. This topic requires a good understanding of the relationship between multiplication and division. It would be great if you could encourage your child to keep practising their times tables at home. You can find out more about the learning objectives in algebra here on the [nzmaths](#) website.

All classes now have access to [Maths Pad](#) - an online platform where students can work independently or teachers can set specific tasks related to classroom learning. Videos explain a concept then provide lots of practice opportunities.



TJ practising his multiplication and division facts



Welcome To  
**MathsPad**

# Facebook Page

We have a new addition to our communication this year. Our brand new official Glenfield Intermediate School Facebook page!

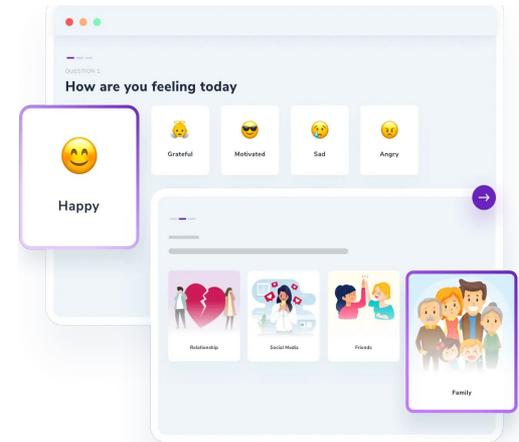
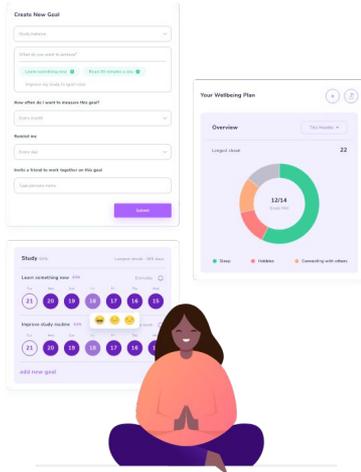
Follow the [link](#) to give us a like and have another way to keep up to date with what's happening for our learners .



# 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.



# Mitey



Mitey is for Years 1-8 and is an approach to embedding mental health education across the whole school.

Click here to see a short video of Sir John Kirwan talking to parents about Mitey.

# Kindo

## Introducing our online school shop

Open 24/7 for orders & payments through our school website



Your myKindo account is designed to make it easy for you to manage school payments and complete school forms for your whole family, through a simple website.

### Get started

Click the shop link on the school website to get started or visit [myKindo.co.nz](http://myKindo.co.nz)\*

\* If you have an existing EZZLUNCH 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."

"I enjoy 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 suits you... anytime, anywhere.
- **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 securely through Kindo.
- **Lots of payment options**. Build up a balance with regular bank deposits or pay as you go. Visa, Mastercard, Amex, UnionPay and POLi also available.



### Need help?

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Available 8am-4pm on school days.

# kindo.

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## 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](mailto:hello@mykindo.co.nz)

Online support: [support.mykindo.co.nz](http://support.mykindo.co.nz)

Glenfield Intermediate School

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Fees and Donations

Sports Camp

Lunch

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SEND US FEEDBACK OR SUGGESTIONS

# Celebrating Student Success

Congratulations to the following students who have been recognised at assembly for showing our school values.

Georgia - Y7	Taylor-Rose - Y7	Stanley - Y7	Amber - Y8	Aria - Y7	Quentin - Y7	Ellie - Y7	Devon- Y8
Zairex - Y7	James -Y7	Olivia - Y7	Maegan - Y8	Jackson - Y8	Ryder- Y8	Daniel - Y8	Hassan - Y7
Edith- Y7	Kurtwyne - Y8	Joaquin - Y7	Hunny - Y8	Cipriano- Y7	Xian - Y7	Scott - Y7	Chetali - Y7
VJ - Y8	Lucas - Y8	Miley - Y7	Maddie - Y7	Colleen - Y8	Merlin - Y7	Summit - Y7	Jade - Y8
Lazar - Y8	Mohammad- Y8	Emilie - Y8	Yozanah - Y8	Nashaia - Y8	Thomas - Y8	Hoani - Y8	Deve - Y8
Bailey - Y8	Ezekiel - Y8	Fuli - Y8	Jerrell - Y8	Georgia - Y7	Mival - Y7	Ngakau - Y7	Alek - Y7
Joel - Y7	Hirundi - Y7	Denise - Y7	Maps - Y7	Khyzzl - Y7	Samantha- Y7	James - Y8	Bella - Y8

# Celebrating Student Success

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Mariz - Y8	Liya - Y8	Daniel - Y8	Leihla - Y7	Sebastian - Y7	Sophia - Y7	Aiden - Y7	Meredith- Y8
Joseph - Y7	Lee -Y7	Phoenix - Y7	William - Y8	Katelyn - Y8	Shaun- Y7	Aurelia - Y8	Poppy - Y7
Heather- Y7	Bowen - Y7	Ethan - Y7	Kasey - Y8	Anthony- Y8	Jackson - Y7	Lui - Y7	Caysen - Y8
Jenny - Y7	Jerry - Y7	Hailey - Y7	Peter - Y8	Siwon - Y8	Lusiola - Y7	Leen - Y7	Eshaan - Y7
Aiden - Y7	Colleen- Y8	Haidar - Y8	Danica - Y8	Skylah - Y7	Aiden - Y7	Eden - Y7	Eshaan - Y7
Annie - Y7	O'Shae- Y7	Silviya - Y7	Jhryne - Y7	Sofia - Y8	Riley- Y8	May - Y8	Cyrus - Y8
Michael - Y7	Stefan- Y7						



# After School Sport



Calling all of our sideline supporters! Do you have any photos from our after school sports teams? We would love to see them and feature them in our newsletter or on our Facebook page!

Send them through to

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



Glenfield  
Gladiators 6th  
March - Thanks  
Sarah!

# Zone Days

## - Softball Zone Day Results 2023 -



**Team Members:** Ezra, Charlee, Kaylee, TJ, Aisake, King, VJ, Elainah, Grace, Cris, Hassan, Fletcher, Cali

*Well done to our team who took to the diamond and gave their all. We had a mixture of experienced and beginners but the team worked well together.*

*Supporting and encouraging one another in true GIS style.*

*Kua pai te mahi!!*

# Zone Days

## Cricket Zone Day - 9th March 2023

The team of 12 cricketers, lead by captain Braydon Puddle had a great day at Onewa Domain. They played two 20 innings games. In the morning they played Rosmini and in the afternoon they played Takapuna Normal Intermediate. Unfortunately neither game was the result we wanted but the team was competitive and played some great cricket. Our best batter was Brayden who hit a number of 4's and in both games had to retire after facing 18 balls. The team made 82 runs in the first game and 73 runs in the second game. Thank you to a number of parents who dropped in on us during the day and Shelley (James' mum) who helped transport the team. Thank you also to Rosmini College for helping Mrs Cameron-Smith scoring and umpiring on the day.



Scan the QR code to see other photos of the day

Braydon, Daniel, Aiden, Maxwell C, Johji, Divit, Poorvu, Riley H, James D, Fletcher M, Will, and Joseph C.

## TAG Zone Day - 8th March 2023

An amazing day was had by all of the students that attended this event. Each team played at least 4 games and showed determination and resilience against some tough competition. It was great to see players reflect on one game and then make changes for the next game. We definitely saw huge growth and progress throughout the day. Our girls team placed 3rd in their pool!  
A huge thank you to Miss Waghorn and also to our parents that came along to manage, coach and support. We couldn't do it without you!!!



Photo credit: Charlotte and Elsie (R3)



Scan the QR code to see other photos/ our video of the day



Charlee, Kaylee, Sapphire, Kayleigh, Zoe, Jaydah, Sadie, Nashaia, Maddy, Leen, Meleofa, Bailey, Aria, Faith, Arie  
Patrick, Jake, Jarryd, Jesse, Fletcher, Ezra, Christian, Anthony, James, Nicolas, Jono, Brailee, Will

# HPV and Boostrix Immunisations

Consent forms for the HPV and Boostrix immunisations were sent home this week. Please ensure you complete these and return them to the office, even if you do not wish for your child to receive the immunisation.

## **Te Whatu Ora**

Health New Zealand

Waitematā

### Year 7 & 8 school-based immunisation programme 2023

Year 7 students will be offered Boostrix vaccine (Tdap) in school. This vaccine is a booster of tetanus, diphtheria, and whooping cough (pertussis). Most children received these immunisations as pre-schoolers. This is scheduled for 18/05/2023 with a catchup date 1-2 weeks later for students absent on the day.

Year 8 students will be offered human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in school. This is a New Zealand schedule vaccine that is recommended to be given at 12 years of age. Students need two doses with a 6-month gap between dose 1 and 2. This is scheduled for 18/05/2023 with a catchup date 1-2 weeks later for students absent on the day.

Information on the vaccine and a consent form will be sent home with your child. Please complete the form and return to the school. If you would like more information on this important immunisation programme, please go to [School Immunisations](#)