



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers

When writing the newsletter each fortnight, I spend time contemplating what is happening in our school that impacts on students, staff and parents. One of the big issues currently is the state of education in New Zealand. While the 'issues' can not always be seen, they are real and taking a huge toll on staff and students.

The concerns continue to be resourcing, release and pay. I feel compelled to explain the concerns we have with the current offer from the Government in settling our collective agreements – both Teachers and Principals. The information being provided by the media is often incorrect and at times misleading, and the Government is refusing to negotiate in good faith, entering discussions with a pre-determined outcome already decided.

Some of the issues that remain for us are:

- Primary teachers get 1 hour a week release time. Secondary teachers get 5 hours a week. This is not fair.
- Our Primary collective agreements expired on the 8th of June 2018. The Government is refusing to back pay us if/when an agreement is reached.
- The Government offered primary teachers a \$500 bonus to sign the agreement. They offered secondary teachers \$1000. This is not fair.
- The Government is refusing to commit to pay parity, meaning secondary teachers will be paid more for the same qualifications and responsibilities as primary teachers. Teachers should be paid the same for equal qualifications – regardless of the age of the students.

The minister talks about a ten thousand dollar pay rise – but it is not \$10,000 in the hand to every teacher on every pay grade straight away; it is an incremental increase over three years. Currently our beginning teachers spend a minimum of 3 years at university and then start on \$47,980. This offer gives them a 3% increase straight away - \$19 a week. Experienced teachers stand to get about \$27 a week from this offer. Even if we accepted the \$27 a week, teachers have already lost somewhere in the vicinity of \$2000 over the last year through this negotiation – both through unpaid strike days and the lack of an existing contract. So in fact – if we signed today, it would take over a year for us to even make up what we've lost.

The support for learners with special needs – both learning and behaviour – is not acceptable. Children with additional needs require specially designed programmes and resources, and these take time to prepare and implement. Limited release for primary teachers means they have no extra time to plan for these learners, attend meetings or support whanau, and so this is being done in weekends and evenings.

Despite the media commentary, we are not being unreasonable or greedy – the things we are asking for are central to our ability to provide a quality education for the children in our schools. The reality of a staff shortage is hitting our schools hard – we struggle to get teachers to choose and then stay in the profession. At GIS we have been fortunate so far, but for how much longer?



### GIS is a PB4L School

Our purpose is to encourage students to take responsibility for themselves by providing a consistent, positive approach to behaviour.

#### At GIS we value:

- ◆ Respect
- ◆ Responsibility
- ◆ Relationships
- ◆ Resilience

### 2019 Upcoming Dates

**Monday, 3 June**  
Queen's Birthday Holiday

**Wednesday, 5 June**  
Boys Hockey Zone Day

**Thursday, 6 June**  
Girls Hockey Zone Day

**Thursday, 6 June**  
PTA Cake Sale—Room 6

**Friday, 7 June**  
School Assembly

**Tuesday, 11 June**  
MOTAT Trip - Rooms 2, 3 & 4

**Wednesday, 12 June**  
MOTAT Trip—Rooms 12 & 13

**Thursday, 13 June**  
MOTAT Trip—Rooms 1 & 7

**Monday, 17 June 6.15pm**  
Board of Trustees' meeting

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT'D

If we do not take a stand now, our situation will only get worse and it may be your child in a room without a teacher, or in a class of 40 children. If we fail to get a fair and equitable outcome from these negotiations, we will have to wait another 3 years to address our concerns, and I am not sure what will be left of our education system.

If you have concerns about the way the negotiations are being handled by the Government and manipulated by the media, then please make contact with your local MP, the Minister of Education or the Prime Minister. If you ask them a question they are required to provide you with an answer.

Thank you for your continuing support of our teachers.

### **Student Well Being**

Winter is nearly here and that means that cold and flu season is upon us. We have been speaking to the students about personal hygiene and making sure they think of others if they have a cold. If your child is unwell, please keep them home to help eliminate the spread of germs to staff and other students, and hopefully keep everyone healthy.

We have had students coming to sick bay during the day feeling unwell. It is important that we have up to date contact details in the office so we can contact parents. If your contact numbers have changed recently, please contact the school office to update these details.

### **GIS School Zone**

We have been working closely with the Ministry of Education and all the other local intermediate schools to design and implement a zone that is fair for our community. Our draft enrolment zone is available on our website, and we have placed advertisements in the North Shore Times to advertise the process. The community is entitled to submit written feedback or if you have any questions please feel free to contact the school office or email myself ([mwhitford@glenfieldint.school.nz](mailto:mwhitford@glenfieldint.school.nz))

### **Student Safety**

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 Road gate. Please do not drive into the school grounds to drop off or pick up your child.

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.

### **Celebrating student success and progress**

At school assembly, teachers nominate students to receive a Principal's Award based around our school values. Congratulations to the following students who received a Principal's Award for being Assessment Capable at the Week 4 assembly.

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Elizabeth T, Rm 1        | Arzu B, Rm 1                | Laurene D, Rm 2         | Nicolas B, Rm 2            |
| Connor P, Rm 3           | Amber S, Rm 3               | Gemma P, Rm 4           | Queenie Q, Rm 4            |
| Kaya L, Rm 5             | Emma H, Rm 5                | Junhao Q, Rm 6          | Darrien C, Rm 6            |
| Usman A, Rm 7            | Noah S, Rm 7                | John J, Rm 12           | Colleen T, Rm 12           |
| Samuel B, Rm 13          | Liam W, Rm 13               | Jack R, Rm 35           | Troy S, Rm 36              |
| To'i he ata U, Rm 36     | Jaxon W, Rm 37              | Cate E, Rm 37           | Faitele M, Learning Hub    |
| Hauli P, Learning Hub    | Luka R, ESOL                | Arzu B, ESOL            | Marck N, ESOL              |
| Angelina F, Hard Tech    | Joryll L, Hard Tech         | Angela S, Hard Tech     | Pranav S, Hard Tech        |
| Hillary T, Hard Tech     | Tashiana M, Performing Arts | Emma H, Performing Arts | Bridget C, Performing Arts |
| Vlada K, Performing Arts | Maddison F, Food Tech       | Mechid C, Food Tech     | Nicole M, Food Tech        |
| Amber S, Food Tech       | Leiah D, Food               | Gevreon M, Art          | Mieko Fosita Rm 2, Art     |
| Sibo H, Kapa Haka        | Hailey L, Kapa Haka         |                         |                            |

Mark Whitford  
Principal

## SPORTS NEWS & RESULTS



Angelina F, recently competed at the Auckland Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition at the Barfoot n Thompson stadium.

She earned Gold in her group routine, second for freehand, rope, hoop and ball and second overall. This was the first competition of the season.

### Pāhiketepōro ( Basketball ) Results - 20/05/19

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| GIS Blue<br><b>BYE</b>                   | GIS Green vs Northcote Raptors<br><b>Lost by default</b> |
| GIS Red - MBIS Thunder<br><b>19 - 14</b> | GIS Yellow<br><b>BYE</b>                                 |

### Pāhiketepōro ( Basketball ) Results - 27/03/19

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| GIS Blue vs Rosmini Breakers<br><b>22 - 18</b> | GIS Green vs NX Heat<br><b>2 - 42</b>                |
| GIS Red vs BIS Hummingbirds<br><b>18 - 8</b>   | GIS Yellow vs Kristen Black<br><b>Won by default</b> |



### Waterpolo Results - 21/05/19

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| Glenfield Navy vs Northcote Blue<br><b>12 - 9</b> | Glenfield Teal vs Birkdale Y7<br><b>6 - 11</b> |
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### Waterpolo Results - 28/05/19

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| Glenfield Navy vs Northcote Orange<br><b>4 - 12</b> | Glenfield Teal vs Kristin<br><b>4 - 17</b> |
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## SCHOOL NOTICES



## HOMESTAYS REQUIRED URGENTLY



### **We need your help!**

Our sister school from Japan, Hakata Junior High School, are visiting us between 13-18 August and we need GIS families to open their homes to them for five nights of 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 August.

It is a great opportunity for your child to build a friendship with someone their own age from Japan. If you host a student you would have an opportunity to join the trip to Japan in 2020.

Please contact Fi in the school office (Ph 4446582) if you can help us out.

Please note that as this is our sister school, there will be no homestay payments made.

# Parent Education Event

## Wednesday 19th June

The Kaipatiki Kahui Ako is delighted to host an evening with Kathryn Berkett. Kathryn is a mother of two adolescents, with a Masters in Educational Psychology. In January Kathryn spoke at our annual teachers' conference around building resilience in our students. Kathryn was inspirational, so much so, that the principals wanted to ensure that our community has an opportunity to hear Kathryn's messages. There are two different sessions depending on the age of your child/ren.

Come to one or both! The first session "The Early Years – Ages 5-9" is from 5.30 – 7pm and the second session "The Adolescent Brain" starts at 7.30pm and ends at 9pm. **And the best part is that it is FREE to attend.** SEATS ARE LIMITED so please contact the school office to confirm your attendance. [Link to Flyer](#)

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

#### Grand Training Holiday Programmes

Grand Training runs fun computer courses in the school holidays. We have courses for all aspects of computer skills, from building your own computer, to encrypting a message with Python, to fighting a zombie in Minecraft. The courses run at Westlake Boys High. Tell us what you want to learn about, and we'll make it happen. Check out [www.grandtraining.co.nz](http://www.grandtraining.co.nz) or ring 09 488 0787 for more details.

#### Measles in Auckland schools

Please vaccinate your child or young person if they have not had one measles (MMR) vaccine. It is free at your GP.

Students in a class with someone who has measles may be asked to stay home for one to two weeks, if they have had no MMR vaccinations.

Students with one or more MMR vaccinations can still attend school.

Measles info at: [arphs.health.nz/measles](http://arphs.health.nz/measles)

Check your child's immunisation records in their Well Child/Tamariki Ora book or ring your GP clinic.

Tell your GP or after hours clinic if you suspect measles before you arrive, so you don't infect others.

**Symptoms:** cough, runny nose, fever, sore red eyes, then a rash.

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