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Issue 1



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers

A very big welcome to you all, and a special welcome to our new Year 7 and Year 8 families who have joined us for 2020. We hope you all enjoyed your family time over the summer break. 2020 is going to be an exciting year for our teachers and students. Our roll has increased and we now have 11 classrooms plus 5 specialist teachers.

Many thanks to all the parents and caregivers who joined us for the powhiri on Monday. 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.

The staff started the year with a series of Teacher Only Days around the theme of 'Honing our Superpowers.' The highlight of these days was the Kaipātiki Kāhui Ako Conference Day which was held at AUT and involved all of the local primary schools, ourselves and the college. There were 270 staff from across all schools working collaboratively to further enhance the wonderful learning that is happening in the Kaipātiki community.

The conference themes were learner agency and learner wellbeing. The day had two outstanding keynotes from Mark Osborne and Joanne Robson (Leading Learning Ltd). These were engaging, thought-provoking and focused on the future skills students need to succeed in an ever changing world. The day also provided a multitude of workshops which were delivered by the incredible teachers from across the 9 schools within the Kāhui Ako, including a workshop run by our very own Lara Syddall (Leader of Learning - Room 13).

Professional learning 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. 2020 is going to be a big year and we are so excited to continue the great teaching and learning happening at our school. An exceptional way to start the year and set the scene.

New staff

We are very excited to welcome the following new Glenfield Intermediate staff for 2020.

- ◇ Ms Erinna Law (Room 4) is an experienced teacher coming to us from Willow Park School. Erinna has a passion for life long learning and will be our new enrichment teacher.
- ◇ Mrs Jamie Young is an experienced specialist teacher having taught at intermediate and high school. Jamie has a passion for design, art and will be our new Digital Media Teacher.
- ◇ Miss Sarah West (Room 11) has returned to NZ from London after teaching there for the last two years. Sarah trained at Waikato University and is passionate about sports, gardening and cooking.
- ◇ Mrs Jasmine Pike (Room 12) has moved to Auckland from South Africa. Jasmine is an experienced teacher who loves sport and enjoys reading.

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GIS School App



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

2020 Upcoming Dates

Monday, 17 February
6.15pm
Board of Trustees

Wed., 19 February, 6pm
Japan 2020 Trip Information
Evening

Friday, 21 February 9am
School Assembly

Friday, 21 February
HPV Y8/ Boostrix Y7 talk

Thursday, 27 February
Netball Trials

Tuesday, 3 March
School Photos

2020 Teacher Only Days

Term 2—Friday 29 May &
Tuesday, 2 June

Term 4—Tuesday,
27 October

Principal's Message Continued

- ◇ Mrs Gillian Schoeman (Room 1) has moved to GIS from South Africa. Gillian is an experienced teacher who has a passion for the performing arts and cultural experiences.
- ◇ Mrs Pickford is our new performing arts teacher. She has a real passion for the arts and loves to see the success that students experience in the arts.
- ◇ Miss Emily Kim (Room 10) is a newly graduated teacher who brings enthusiasm and a passion to make a difference for our tamariki.

School Donation Scheme:

Glenfield Intermediate has opted into the Governments donation scheme. We have received \$150 per student for the number of students we had on the 1st July 2019 (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.

Communicating with parents

The school uses several ways of communicating information to parents -

- ◇ Website - www.glenfieldint.school.nz
- ◇ **School APP** -The school website includes our School App. To ensure you receive all the latest updates/notices/alerts, please download the App either by scanning the QR code on the front of the newsletter or by using the link on the school website. This will take you to **KiwiSchools Connect**, download the **KiwiSchools Connect App** from the App Store or Play Store. Search for Glenfield Intermediate. When prompted select – Subscribe to all.
- ◇ Email notices to parents via School SMS system - **NOTE:** If you have recently changed your email address, please contact the school office with your new email.
- ◇ Facebook - Glenfield Intermediate School
- ◇ Twitter - GlenfieldIntNz

Note: Absences can be notified directly through our Website or by leaving a message on the school absence line.

BYOD (Bring Their 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.

Cultural groups

One of our key focus areas this year is to establish as many cultural groups as possible to celebrate the diversity that we have at Glenfield Intermediate. If you, or any family member would be willing to assist the school with running performance groups for a particular ethnic group, please contact Siouzan Barlow (Room 3) sbarlow@glenfieldint.school.nz

Uniform Standards

A reminder that all students attending Glenfield Intermediate are required to wear the official school uniform when travelling to, attending and returning from school. All students are expected to be clean and neatly dressed. Please ensure that you name all uniform items in bold so that misplaced items can be easily recognised.

Students may not wear make-up or nail polish. The only jewellery allowed is a pair of plain gold or silver stud earrings to be worn in the ears, and a watch.

Road Safety

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.

Thank you all for your ongoing support of Glenfield Intermediate as we strive to inspire, challenge and empower our community.

Celebrating student success and progress

At GIS we celebrate student success and progress in a variety of ways. 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 at assembly in week 2. They were recognised for showing respect in week 2.

Elijah U, Rm 1

Aira Al, Rm 5

Minseo K, Rm 11

Henry S, Rm 35

Aaron P, Rm 2

Chrystal P, Rm 6

Leila H, Rm 12

Olivia S, Rm 36

Georgia H, Rm 3

Joryll L, Rm 9

Hernaldo H, Rm 13

Bryn H, Rm 37

Nate C, Rm 4

Marvin L, Rm 10

Kayden H, Rm 13

Novel Coronavirus Update - Please see the back page of this newsletter for the latest update from the Ministry of Health.

Mark Whitford
Principal

Powhiri 3rd February 2020



SCHOOL NOTICES



Japan Trip 2020



We have an exciting opportunity to offer students a cultural exchange to Japan in early September 2020. This 10 day tour is filled with sightseeing and a school exchange with Hakata Junior High (our sister school).

Participating in an International Cultural Exchange is a life changing experience for students. It not only broadens students' point of view but also provides opportunities to gain new skills and knowledge. It will give students an opportunity to experience Japanese language and culture first hand.

If you would like further information and your child would be interested in going please to come to a meeting in the staff room on **Wednesday 19 February at 6pm**.

Visiting the School

Parents and caregivers are welcome to visit our school. All visitors must first report to the school office on arrival so they can be signed in and issued with a visitors' pass and on departure sign out and return the visitors pass. Please do not go directly to your child's classroom.

Absences

A reminder that the school must be notified if your child is going to be absent from school. Please inform the office before 9.15am. Failure to do this adds a huge workload on our office staff who have to contact parents/caregivers if we have not been notified of an absence. Notification of an absence can be done by either phoning 4446582, and leaving a message on the Absence line, via our "Glenfield Connect" on our website www.glenfieldint.school.nz.

Novel Coronavirus

(2019-nCoV)

What you need to know

While we are still learning more about this new virus –

We do know the risk of the virus spreading in New Zealand is very low

How worried should I be?

- Your chances of catching the coronavirus in New Zealand are very low.
- It is highly unlikely you will catch the virus walking down the street
- Coronavirus appears to be as infectious as the flu and the symptoms are similar - fever, cough and shortness of breath. You are only likely to catch it if you are near to someone with the virus. Most people catch the virus from someone at home, a close workmate or someone they spend time with.
- People will not be moving around the community if they are suspected or confirmed of having the virus – they will be in isolation. Their family and anyone they may have infected will also be asked to stay at home.

How serious is coronavirus?

- People are being infected, mainly in China, but only a small number of those with coronavirus have died.
- Most people have a mild to moderate illness with flu-like symptoms
- People of all ages are being infected, but older people and those with medical conditions seem most likely to get seriously ill.

How do I protect myself and my family?

Everyone should protect themselves from the virus, as you would for the 'flu -

- Washing your hands regularly, or using hand sanitiser, is the best way to avoid this illness.
- As with other illnesses, do not go to work or school, or see visitors if you are sick.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or clothing, and wash hands afterwards
- Avoid being near to people who are sick
- Washing your hands often and covering coughs and sneezes will do more to protect you from the virus than a mask.
- If you are sharing food, use utensils to serve the food and keep your personal spoon, fork, or chopsticks separate to avoid transmission through saliva.

What should I do if I think I could have coronavirus?

- If you start to experience mild symptoms, then stay at home and call Healthline for advice: 0800 611 116. Interpreters are available on request.
- If you start to experience **more severe symptoms** arrange to see a doctor urgently. Call ahead and mention your travel history. Difficulty breathing requires immediate medical attention and can be a sign of pneumonia.

Where can I find more information?

Information is updated regularly on the [Ministry of Health website](#)



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新型冠状病毒重点须知

虽然我们仍在进一步了解这种新病毒——

但我们明确知道该病毒在新西兰传播的风险非常低

在多大程度上需要担心?

- 在新西兰感染冠状病毒的可能性非常低。
- 您基本上不可能在街上行走时感染病毒。
- 冠状病毒与流感一样具有传染性，并且症状相似：发烧，咳嗽和呼吸急促。您只有在感染者附近时才有可能被传染。大多数人是和家人，同事或共同相处过一段时间的人那里感染病毒的。
- 如果有人被怀疑或证实感染了病毒，该人将不得在社区内四处走动——他们将被隔离。他们的家人和可能受到感染的任何人也将被要求留在家里。

冠状病毒有多严重?

- 受到感染的人在增加（大部分在中国），但只有少数冠状病毒感染者死亡
- 大多数人的病情为轻度至中度并伴有类似流感症状
- 各个年龄段的人都会受到感染，但老年人和健康状况不佳的人似乎最有可能病情严重。

我如何保护自己和家人?

每个人都应该像防止流感病毒一样保护自己免受病毒感染:

- 勤洗手或使用免水洗洗手液，这是避免该疾病的最佳方法
- 与患有其他疾病一样，生病时请勿上班或上学，或接待访客
- 咳嗽和打喷嚏时用纸巾或衣服遮盖，然后洗手
- 避免靠近生病的人
- 勤洗手以及在咳嗽和打喷嚏时遮盖比口罩更能保护您免受病毒侵害
- 如果您要共享食物，请使用餐具盛放食物，并使用各自的汤匙，叉子或筷子，以免通过唾液传播

如果认为自己可能感染了冠状病毒该怎么办?

- 如果您开始出现轻度症状，请留在家中并致电健康热线（Healthline）寻求建议：0800 611 116。若您要求可以提供口译人员。
- 如果您开始出现更严重的症状，请马上去看医生。提前打电话告知他们您的旅行记录。呼吸困难需要立即就医，这可能是肺炎的一个征兆。

哪里可以找到更多信息?

定期更新的信息参看: [Ministry of Health website](#) (卫生部网站)



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