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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We know there has been a lot of media attention given to the Covid-19 virus. Our aim at Glenfield Intermediate is to keep you informed of developments in a calm way. We want to avoid any panic that may be being caused through the media. It is worth remembering that at schools there are many viruses that travel through the population i.e. flu, gastro bugs, etc. The only way to reduce the number of infections is by ensuring children maintain hygienic practices. We are reminding students constantly to wash their hands, not share drink bottles, and to try to stop touching their faces. These are just reinforcing messages you would have taught your child at home. It doesn't take the Covid - 19 virus for us to use these basic hygiene principles. I will continue to keep you updated as we receive information from the Ministry of Education and/or the Ministry of Health.

### Basic Hygiene practices being reinforced with students -

- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or by covering your mouth and nose with tissues
- Put used tissues in the bin or a bag immediately
- Wash your hands with soap and water often (for at least 20 seconds)
- Try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean
- Avoid personal contact, such as sharing cups or food
- Avoid handshakes, hongi, hugging, and other physical contact
- Stay home if you are unwell and seek medical advice

Here are two great videos that I encourage you as parents to watch with your family. It is relevant for all of us.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2eqhw6yZk-c>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPsY-jLqaXM&fbclid=IwAR1Z2-Z2PmqmaiOzE5AyB3SpXabYVajhZ-2s-oV9In2prMt6lTT2u74QuYM>

### Latest Updates—

- Basketball North Harbour—All North Harbour administered competitions are postponed effective immediately. Tentatively, competitions will resume on Monday, 4 May 2020.
- As from Monday, 23 March, Auckland Transport buses will no longer be accepting cash fares. Students travelling on school buses must have a Hop Card. More information - [www.at.govt.nz](http://www.at.govt.nz)

### Cultural Diversity

One of the real strengths of Glenfield Intermediate School is our cultural diversity, and the richness that this adds to the lives of our community. This was highlighted on Wednesday when we celebrated 'Holi Day'. This was a great day of celebration of culture with learning, art, and food. A special thank you to the Student Cultural Committee, Miss Barlow and all the staff and parents that assisted on the day.



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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 23 March 6.15pm**  
Board of Trustees' meeting

**Monday, 6 April**  
HPV1—Year 8s

**Thursday, 8 April 2pm**  
Term 1 finishes

**Tuesday, 28 April**  
Term 2 Commences

### 2020 Teacher Only Days

Term 2—Friday 29 May &  
Tuesday, 2 June

Term 4—Tuesday,  
27 October

## Principal's Message Continued

### Parent Learning Conferences

It was great to see so many parents and caregivers meeting with teachers on Wednesday and Thursday last week. We had 79% attendance which was great. The purpose of the evening was to share information with you regarding where your child is currently achieving and what their next learning steps are. If you were unable to attend a meeting last week, I encourage you to book an alternative time with your child's teacher. Teachers can best be contacted by their school email.

An effective partnership between the student, teacher and whanau is an essential component to ensure student success. When children start at intermediate, it is common for parents to feel more disconnected from their child's life at school. Your child is becoming more independent and, as puberty hits, many children also become less talkative with their parents. Remember, you are still the most important person (people) in their world and making sure you know what is happening with their learning continues to be a top priority.

### Celebrating student success and progress

At GIS we celebrate student success and progress in a variety of ways. Each Wednesday I ask teachers to send me students from their class that have produced a piece of great work, achieved success, or simply just been working incredibly hard. I enjoy discussing learning with this group of students when they share their work with me. They are always very proud of their achievements.

Congratulations to these students who were on the Principal's Honour Roll for outstanding effort and achievement in class.

#### **Week 5/6**

Mana K, Rm 1  
Ryan S, Rm 13

Luka D, Rm 1

Aaron C, Rm 1

Maddie S, Rm 1

#### **Week 7**

Ashiline S, Rm 1  
Riley G, Rm 4  
Kyle B, Rm 5  
Karly L, Rm 6  
Cody B, Rm 9

Cole P, Rm 2  
Callum P, Rm 4  
Junhao Q, Rm 6  
Jenny L, Rm 9  
Hajime O, Rm 9

Caitlin H, Rm 3  
Maxwell F, Rm 4  
Ezekiel R, Rm 6  
Arianne G, Rm 9  
Dhruvi P, Rm 13

Dylan N, Rm 3  
Yana F, Rm 4  
Terry L, Rm 6  
Ricco S, Rm 9  
Tanushri D, Rm 13

Also, teachers nominate students to receive a Principal's Award based around our school values. Congratulations to the following students who receive a Principal's Award for Responsibility -

Boston T, Rm 1  
Caleb H, Rm 3  
Ari O'C, Rm 5  
Molu L, Rm 9  
Aaryn H, Rm 11  
Will J, Rm 35  
Brooklyn B-H, Rm 37  
Oswald M, ESOL  
Aaliah S, Hard Tech  
Felicity V, Performing Arts  
Maya T, Food Tech  
Mark R, Food Tech  
Angelina F, Visual Art  
Carl S, Digital Media

Milan E, Rm 1  
Kobe P, Rm 3  
Alice T, Rm 6  
Sonasi N, Rm 10  
Sonika P, Rm 12  
Troy S, Rm 36  
Hundo Park, Learning Hub  
Charli L, Science  
Charli L, Hard Tech  
Jaeden H, Performing Arts  
Jesiline S, Food Tech  
Zoe C, Visual Art  
Jhanna Q, Digital Media

Ella B, Rm 2  
Miguel C, Rm 4  
Millie E, Rm 6  
Layla N, Rm 10  
Faitale M, Rm 12  
Toi He Ata U, Rm 36  
Jia N, Learning Hub  
Halle K, Science  
Nadia A, Hard Tech  
Douglas K, Performing Arts  
Camille B, Food Tech  
Ella C, Visual Art  
Caleb H, Digital Media

Laurene D, Rm 2  
Queenie Q, Rm 4  
Arianne G, Rm 9  
Lexus S, Rm 11  
Henry S, Rm 35  
Chloe De G, Rm 37  
Chaeseong H, ESOL  
Safiya D, Hard Tech  
Ezekiel R, Hard Tech  
Athena L, Food Tech  
Rachel C, Food Tech  
Julius S, Visual Art  
Anyada W, Digital Media

## SCHOOL NEWS

### MUSIC HAPPENINGS!!!

Last Thursday had a great day with the various groups. Mainly around getting inspired, setting goals and trying a few things out.

We have 3 bands working towards Bandquest at the end of August, 7 soloists and a vocal group (open to everyone) to start off the year.

Martha in action!



The new GIS staff had a bike training on 16th March, in order to enhance their biking skills. The staff showed the schools values especially a lot of resilience.



On 18 March 2020, we celebrated Auckland "Walk to School" day. Several students fully immersed themselves in the activities by wearing funky wigs and hats. The students showed great GIS values and fully understood (and emphasised) the reason why we all should walk to school more frequently.



## SPORTS RESULTS

### SPORTS BLOG

A reminder for parents who want to keep up to date with the latest sports draws, times of games and games results, visit the GIS Sports Blog <https://sportatglenfieldint.blogspot.com/>

#### Pāhiketepōro ( Basketball ) Results - 16/03/20

Glenfield <b>Grizzlys</b> vs Northcross Sonics	Lost 09 - 37
Glenfield <b>Gazelles</b> vs Belmont Rockets	Won 23 - 06
Glenfield <b>Great Whites</b> vs Kristin Kea	Lost 15 - 05
<b>Glenfield Greyhounds</b> vs Rosmini Cavaliers	Lost 20 - 13
Glenfield <b>Gators</b> vs Belmont Thunder	Draw 08 - 08



#### Cricket Zone Day - 12th March 2020

Congratulations to the boys and girls who took part in the cricket zone day at Wairau Intermediate School and Onewa Domain. GIS team won their second match with much grace. They showed the GIS values and amazing sportsmanship towards the other teams. Well done team!



Veekay, Bradley, Liam, Shyamal, Aaron, Sidd, Fahad, Asad, Ethan, Tanushri, Dhruvi, Isaac

#### Water Polo Results - 10/03/20

Glenfield Navy vs Birkdale Y8 9 - 7	Glenfield Teal vs Northcote Blue 2 - 13	Glenfield Aqua BYE
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## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Mandarin Support Required

The school is looking for someone in the school community who would be interested in helping us teach Mandarin in school. If you are able to assist please contact Leanne Somerville Smith, email [lsmith@glenfieldint.school.nz](mailto:lsmith@glenfieldint.school.nz)

### School App

The school website now includes our School App. To ensure you receive all the latest updates/notices/alerts, please download the new App by using the link on the school website or via the QR code. These 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.



### 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](http://www.glenfieldint.school.nz).

### 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.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



[PFORM.NZ](http://PFORM.NZ)

**ENROL FOR TERM TWO AND GET THE REST OF TERM ONE FREE.**

Where? Glenfield Intermediate Hall

What - Confidence and experience building classes working with Dancing, Singing and Acting.

Dance Sing Act  
Wednesday 3:15pm-4:15pm

Drama only  
Wednesday 4.15pm-5.15pm

Come along and experience the fun of dance, singing and acting in a safe non-judgemental environment. Build confidence and prepare for our big end of year performance at the Bruce Mason Theatre. Students who enrol now for term two are able to come along to our last classes of this term at no extra cost.

We also offer laybuy so you are able to split the fees over 6 payments.

\$179 per term- enrol at [www.pform.nz](http://www.pform.nz) or email [anna@pform.nz](mailto:anna@pform.nz) for more information.