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Greetings everyone

I hope this newsletter finds you and everyone in your bubble well. Firstly let me acknowledge the amazing work our staff and students have been doing for our Distance Learning Programme. I am so grateful for our dedicated and committed staff, and so proud of the engagement of the students. Congratulations to each and every one of you.

Thank you to the families that have informed us if your child needs to return to school on Wednesday 28th April. We only have 6 families that we have not been able to contact. If you are yet to contact us, please email Leanne Somerville Smith (Deputy Principal) on <u>Ismith@glenfieldint.school.nz</u> and confirm whether your child needs to attend or will remain at home. Any parents that have indicated that their child must attend school will be contacted by a staff member on Tuesday with the details.

Some more updates:

Distance Learning Programme

All of our staff will continue to teach using the Distance Learning Programme and the majority of our children will continue to learn from home. Children that do need to come to school will be engaging in the same learning that is being provided on the Distance Learning Programme.

Extra support for families

To help supplement the learning that is being provided by our teachers the Ministry of Education are also providing resources to assist with Learning at Home. They have set up the following website https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/supporting-learning/information-for-parents-and-whanau to provide some further support and ideas for Learning at Home.

The Ministry of Education are also providing a dedicated television channel Home Learning | Papa Kāinga TV . This is free to air on TVNZ channel 2+1, TVNZ on Demand, as well as on Sky Channel 502 and Vodafone TV. It can be live streamed at tvnz.co.nz/livetv. Some lessons are also available on TVNZ OnDemand from the Home Learning TV landing page. There is an email address for learners and their whānau to give feedback – info@HLTV.co.nz – and learners can text free to 5811 to interact with the teachers and presenters.

Online Safety and appropriate use of devices

We would like to reiterate the importance of keeping all children safe online while they continue to learn from home. Network for Learning's (N4L) Switch on Safety Service is available free to support online learning on devices used to undertake learning from home. Instructions for the specific device a child uses can be accessed directly at <u>www.switchonsafety.co.nz</u>.

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Online safety can't be provided by technology alone – it requires a holistic approach. Please discuss this with your children and remind them of the expectations. If students do breach the 'appropriate online expectations' the classroom teacher will contact parents to discuss this. For tips and advice to support online safety conversations can be found on the Netsafe website. <u>www.netsafe.org.nz</u>

School Office

Please be aware our office will be open during Alert Level 3 but for phone consultations only. There will be NO face to face consultations so please do not come into the office. You can contact our school office by phoning 09 444 6582 or by emailing <u>enquiries@glenfieldint.school.nz</u>.

Important dates

Saturday 25th April – ANZAC Day Monday 27th April - ANZAC Day Observed Tuesday 28th April - Staff Only Day - no Distance Learning Programme Wednesday 29th April - Distance Learning Programme for all

Lastly, ANZAC Day tomorrow marks a very important event in our history. Normally our prefects would be at the local ANZAC Day service remembering the many New Zealanders who lost their lives in the war, and thanking them for their service. Unfortunately we are unable to hold services this year but Mr Ellis had a great idea. He wanted to share his ANZAC biscuit recipe with you all and suggested that this could be an opportunity as a family to make a batch of biscuits. Afterwards, while you eat them, sit down and discuss what ANZAC Day means for you and your family.

As always, if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or email your child's teacher.

Take care and stay safe

Ngā mihi

Mark Whitford Principal

ANZAC Cookies

Ingredients

1/2 cup flour 1/3 cup sugar 2/3 cup coconut 3/4 cup rolled oats 50g butter 1 tablespoon golden syrup 1/2 teaspoon baking soda 2 tablespoons boiling water

Method

- 1. Preheat the oven to 180°C.
- 2. Mix together flour, sugar, coconut and rolled oats.
 3. Melt butter and golden syrup.
- 4. Dissolve baking soda in the boiling water and add to the butter and golden syrup.
- 5. Stir butter mixture into the dry ingredients.6. Place level tablespoonfuls of mixture onto cold greased trays or baking paper.
- 5. Bake for about 15 minutes or until golden.

Hope you enjoy them....Mr Ellis J

