



GIS NEWS

9 September 2021

Message from the Leadership Team

Kia ora koutou

We hope this message finds you in good spirits in your bubbles. Like you, we are all following the daily briefings from the government and it is pleasing to see the daily case numbers continuing to reduce. It is hoped that the announcement on Monday will bring positive news for all of us in Auckland.

This lockdown is tough for all of us, particularly as we watch the rest of New Zealand starting to operate closer to normal, and get some of their freedom back. Please remember to be kind to yourselves and take some time if you need it. Teachers are constantly checking in with their tamariki and keeping an eye on both their learning and wellbeing. If you need any support for your child, please contact their teacher or one of the school leadership team.

Lastly we would like to acknowledge that you have all been super parents/teachers over the last 3 and a half weeks. We all know how difficult it is to juggle running a household, looking after your whānau, working from home and then having to supervise/facilitate home learning. Many of the staff at GIS are in the same situation. Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Please do not hesitate to contact one of us if you have any questions.

Take care and stay safe.

Ngā mihi

Mark Whitford
Principal

Leanne Somerville Smith
Deputy Principal

Sarah Stevenson
Assistant Principal

Student Attendance at Level 3

Thank you to those families that have completed the survey or emailed us about attendance at level 3. We are aware that some of you may be waiting to hear from your employers regarding work at Level 3. If you could please let us know ASAP if would be appreciated.

Here is the link and details again. Please remember schools are essentially closed at Alert Level 3 with the exception of those few children whose parents and carers must go to work at Alert Level 3, and there is no appropriate caregiver at home. If there is someone at home, you child **MUST** stay at home.

[Attendance Survey August 2021 COVID19](#)

If you would prefer to email please send the following details to Mrs Somerville Smith (Deputy principal) via email: lsmith@glenfieldint.school.nz :

- Student's name & class, parent contact name and phone contact
- I will be keeping my child home **OR**
- I need to send my child to school as no one is at home to care for them
- If your child must attend school, please indicate who the designated caregiver is that will be dropping them off and collecting them from school

Once the Alert Level 3 School Attendance register is in place, more specific instructions will be emailed to families that have a student registered.

Enrolments 2022

Enrolments for 2022 may not be a top priority for your whanau at the moment but we have had several queries regarding enrolments for 2022. If you have another child that will be attending Glenfield Intermediate in 2022/2023, we are accepting enrolments now. Due to the latest outbreak, a few dates have been changed and are below:

Out of zone enrolments

- Due on 27 September 2021
- Ballot if required will be held on Wednesday 29th September
- Out of zone families will be notified by Friday 1st October.

In zone enrolments

We would appreciate it if all enrolments could also be received by 27th September.

Click [HERE](#) to see our school website for details and enrolment Information. You can enrol online anytime.

Professional Learning for teachers

On Wednesday 15th September, the Glenfield Intermediate staff have professional development sessions for our literacy programme. These were booked before lockdown and we are very fortunate that the facilitator can continue these sessions online. This means that classroom teachers will all be unavailable for a 2 hour time slot between 9am and 3pm. Students will be able to continue with their learning programme. Teachers will communicate when this 2 hour slot is with their individual classes. Thank you for your support.

Camp Fees

If your child is going to attend school camp in November, please make sure that the fees are paid by 1 October.

The account number to make payment to is: 12-3109-0012535-001 - Glenfield Intermediate School.

First payment due: \$100 deposit already paid

Final Payment due: \$280 by 1 October

Please make payments online (with camp and student name and room number as the reference), or email the office about setting up an automatic payment.



HAUORA WELLBEING

Lockdowns are hard, it is really important to look after yourself and your mental wellbeing. Here are some tips to help.

<https://covid19.govt.nz/health-and-wellbeing/mental-wellbeing/>

<https://www.education.govt.nz/covid-19/covid-19-and-wellbeing/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-coronavirus/>

<https://www.unitec.ac.nz/about-us/covid-19-activities-and-online-resources-for-kids>



Support Agencies

Below are some agencies that can provide support if required

Helplines that are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week:

- *Mental Health Crisis: 0800 800 717*
- *Lifeline for counselling and support: 0800 543 354 or 0800 LIFELINE*
- *Samaritans for confidential support for anyone who is lonely or in emotional distress: 0800 726 666*
- *Depression Helpline to talk to a trained counsellor about how you are feeling or to ask any questions: 0800 111 757 or free text 4206*
- *Healthline for advice from trained registered nurses: 0800 611 116*
- *Suicide Prevention Helpline: 0508 828 865*
- *Counselling Free Call or Text 1737.*

Also available:

- *Family Services 211 Helpline for help finding and direct transfer to community-based health and social support services in your area: 0800 211 211*
- [**Family Services Directory online**](#)



School TV



Today parents face a multitude of modern day challenges in raising happy, well and resilient young people. Whilst there is a great deal of information available, this can often be confusing and overwhelming for parents looking for guidance.

SchoolTV addresses this as a new online resource designed to empower you as parents with credible and sound information with realistic, practical ongoing support strategies

School TV has produced a special edition to help parents navigate these uncertain times during Covid, You can view this edition here:

https://glenfieldint.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news

Te Reo Māori

Māori Language week is next week, you can sign up using the link below to be part of the Māori Language Moment.

There are heaps of ideas and resources to give you some ideas for your own Māori Language Moment.

<https://www.reomaori.co.nz/>

**MĀORI LANGUAGE
MOMENT**

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College Enrolment



YEAR 9 2022 ENROLMENT

ONLINE ANYTIME - WWW.GC.AC.NZ

IN PERSON - CONTACT ELLIE NEWTON TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT
E.NEWTON@GC.AC.NZ OR 444 9066

If you haven't yet enrolled your Year 8 child for Glenfield College next year, please use this link below to enrol them.

<https://www.gc.ac.nz/how-to-enrol/>

Tongan Language Week

Mālō e lelei (Hello), this week is Tongan Language Week.

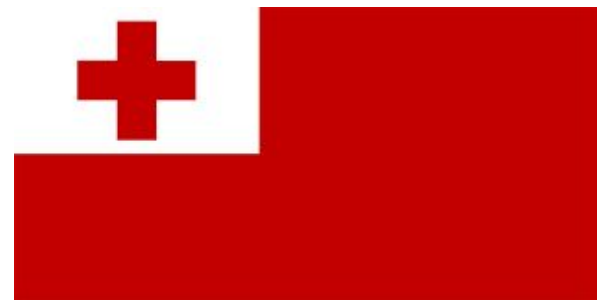
There are some great online resources to help you celebrate the Tongan language.

<https://www.aucklandmuseum.com/your-museum/at-home/language-weeks/tongan>

<https://www.facebook.com/nztongalanguageweek>

<https://www.digitaldialects.com/Tongan.htm>

<https://nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/Curriculum-resources/NZC-Online-blog/Tongan-language-culture-and-identity>



Bee Awareness Month: Bee Drinking Fountain

September is Bee Awareness Month. Bees pollinate our food crops. Without bees we wouldn't have many of the different fruits and vegetables we love to eat. But bees need looking after so that they can continue to do the important job they do.



Bees need to drink water to help them do all of the important work they do. Can you make a bee-friendly **drinking fountain**?

Use a shallow dish or container. Give the bees somewhere to land, like lots of marbles or stones in the bottom that stick up above the water level. Fill with water and put it outside for the bees to enjoy. Don't forget to top it up every few days.



Did you know that bees don't sting you unless they are feeling scared? They only feel scared if they get stepped on or feel trapped. Did you know that when you hear a bee buzz, the sound is made from the bee's wings beating really fast?

Activities

It is hard to keep busy and occupied during lockdown. We have created a list of some fun activities for you to do. Some are indoors when the weather isn't great outside and some of them let you get outside and enjoy some fresh air. With everything from exercise, to cooking, to science, there should be something for everyone!

<https://www.growingup.co.nz/our-guide-online-activities-lockdown>

<https://www.tvnz.co.nz/shows/kitchen-science>

<https://artsandculture.google.com/project/education>

<https://www.chelsea.co.nz/>

<https://www.foodinaminute.co.nz/article/welcome-to-lockdown-cooking-000000070>

