

## School newsletter 17 April 2020

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# Message from the Principal

## What Matters

Tēnā koe

I hope this newsletter finds you well and safe within your bubbles. A lot has happened in the last week and we have come to the end of our first three days of Remote Learning. I therefore wanted to provide you all with an update.

As I have said many times before, as Principal I am very proud of the staff and can confirm they are all genuinely pleased with the start of Remote Learning. They have enjoyed reconnecting with students, helping and providing a different focus other than Covid-19. However, I must remind all students that the

Glenfield Way values of Pride and Respect apply both at school and at home when on a screen. Please exhibit 'Pride and Respect' in everything we do and in all forms of contact.

The two words above of **"What Matters"** are my main message today. I spoke yesterday to a valued colleague and as she said so eloquently:

*What matters most at this moment is health and safety of students. I guess the key words are What Matters. What you are really teaching now is resilience. Learning how to cope in a crisis is a skill for life. It is important for teachers and students to make connections and to communicate during this time as this can be reassuring and comforting for the students.*

I hope you all have a restful weekend. On Monday we will hear from the Government as to the next steps in the Covid-19 crisis. We will make you aware of what this means for your students, once we have a clear idea.



## Congratulations

to the following staff members on their appointments to the following roles:



Rachel Colquhoun  
HOD PE & Health



Catherine Graham  
Year 9 Dean



Sinead O'Hara  
CoL In-School Leader  
Wellbeing



### Free at-home learning for NCEA students

Online education provider LearnCoach has made its platform free for NCEA students. To register your child for free access visit [learncoach.com](https://learncoach.com)

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A vertical rectangular graphic with a background of colorful, swirling smoke in shades of green, blue, purple, and pink. A semi-transparent grey horizontal band runs across the middle. The text 'Join us on' is in large, bold, black sans-serif font at the top. The Instagram logo is centered in the grey band. Below the logo, the word 'Instagram' is written in a black script font. At the bottom, the handle '@glenfieldcollegeofficial' is written in a bold, black sans-serif font.

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## Helping students stay safer online from home

As you know, children's online safety is important. At school, Network for Learning (N4L) helps keep your students safe from the bad side of the internet. During lockdown, the students' place of learning shifts to their home. So N4L has worked out a way to help parents keep their children safely connected at home.

### **FREE N4L safety filter for all students**

We've set up a safety filter that parents can set up on their child's learning devices from home. Just go to [switchonsafety.co.nz](https://switchonsafety.co.nz) to find clear instructions on how to do this.

The free N4L safety filter (by global cyber-security leader, Akamai) blocks websites containing known cyber threats like phishing scams, malicious content and viruses, while also protecting children from content deemed the worst of the web (like adult sites).

It is an extension of one of the many safety and security services we have in place at schools and is a valuable layer of protection to help keep children safe online. Please remember that technology is not a silver bullet and the filter should be used in combination with Netsafe's [online parent safety toolkit](#).

### **How does it work?**

Once a child's device is set up, all internet search requests will go through the safety filter which checks if the website they are trying to visit is safe before allowing access. If it's a website that's known to be unsafe, then it will be blocked. The safety filter is applied to the child's device, so parents' devices are not affected.

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