

School Newsletter

Responsibility - Tū tika . Resilience - Tū kaha . Kindness - Atawhai . Respect - Manaaki



We hope you have had a happy holiday with your families, made some memories and enjoyed some quality time together. I am looking forward to hearing about holiday adventures from the children over the next few days.

WELCOME TO SOME NEW FACES

The new school year is about to start and there are lots of new faces to welcome into the GHS whanau. Firstly, we have **over** 75 children starting with us in 2020 from Year 1 to Year 6. This is really exciting and as our school roll continues to grow, we also welcome two new teachers to welcome to our team:

Chelsey Trauvelter - Year 4 Class Teacher

Kelly Henton - Year 5 Class Teacher

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L)

We will be continuing to develop PB4L during 2020 through teaching our children our school values. Lessons will be explicitly taught around respect, responsibility, kindness and resilience.

We are also starting a new programme called 'Innerfit' which will help embed our school values along with encouraging our children to have a positive mind set. InnerFit is a curriculum-linked Health and PE approach, that teaches and builds the fundamental life skills, resilience, attitude and personal development that our kids need to succeed in life. We will be sharing more information about this new initiative as the year progresses.



WEETBIX TRYATHLON

Last year many of our children enjoyed participating in this awesome family event. We want to encourage even more of our children to register in 2020. Leading up to the event we will support the children by offering additional fun training sessions after school. This is a great day out for the whole family to enjoy as we host a school bbq and fun games down at Manly park. Please ensure when you register through the [official Weetbix website](#) you select '**Gulf Harbour School**'.



SCHOOL SPORTS REGISTRATIONS

Please go to our school webpage and follow the online registration procedure for all Term 1 sports. These will be made available in the next few days.



'Be the difference to ourselves, others and the world'



COMMUNICATION

We will continue to communicate to you through LINC-ED this year. This is a one stop online environment that is secure, easy and effective. You will continue to have access to comments, learning goals, assessments, images and reports about your child.

Starting this year, we will be sending out one main communication every Friday afternoon outlining details of the week ahead. This will include whole school dates and information along with important information for each year level. It is important that you open the email attachment to see all the newsletter content and a copy of the notice will also be available on the school website. We hope that this will limit the number of school communications you receive.

STEPS TO LITERACY

Last year we introduced the Steps to Literacy online learning programme with great success in all of our Year 3 to 6 classes and would like to do the same in 2020.

While Steps looks like fun, it is a serious learning tool which develops all aspects of literacy, including vocabulary, comprehension and verbal reasoning.

Steps is based on the latest research into literacy acquisition and how the brain works. It is designed by literacy experts and shown to be highly effective.



To purchase this programme individually it would cost \$80, however, as we are able to purchase a bulk licence we can offer this programme for just \$12 per child. [Please visit the school shop to make your \\$12 donation](#) for this programme.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our children always look so smart wearing their Gulf Harbour School uniforms with pride. Please remember all children **MUST** wear their full GHS uniform including the school bucket hat in Term 1 & 4. Hair that is shoulder length or longer, must be tied back.



All children are expected to come to school and leave wearing **PLAIN** black footwear. If wearing socks, they must be plain navy or black.

DO YOU NEED PERSONALISED NAME LABELS?

Full details are available under the community notices on the school website.



Any shoe with a white or any colour other than black rim is not acceptable. The shoe must be plain black as you look at it from the front, back and side.

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ANNUAL SCHOOL AGREEMENT FORMS

To streamline our administration and be more environmentally friendly (by conserving paper usage) we have created an enrolment process that is online and records digitally the parent agreements for our [Digital Citizenship User Agreement](#), our [EOTC](#) (Education outside the classroom) agreement for local trips and our School Data transition agreement. This new agreement remains in place for the lifetime of a child's time at Gulf Harbour School.

This year therefore instead of sending out the complete paper agreements to all our families who have enrolled before January 2020 we are sending out one paper form which will require you to indicate your acceptance to all the agreements. By accepting the different agreements you will be confirming you have read and understood the agreement contents as shown in both the digital links above. The information from the form will then be stored in LINC ED for the rest of your child's time at Gulf Harbour School.

These agreements are to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the students at our school. The information from the different agreements may be shared with and may be seen by the GHS staff. The data will be stored on your child's secure digital file on LINC ED for the duration of their time at our school. The information will only be taken off the data base at such time as the students account becomes inactive or a request from another school is made for information as part of an inter school transition request.

We will endeavour to remind all parents at the start of each year about these documents and advise you of any amendments to them if necessary. At any point you can request changes or withdraw your consent to the documents by submitting a written notice to office@ghs.school.nz or by dropping it into the front office. A letter containing the table below will be sent home with your child for you to complete, sign and return to school by **February 28th**.

Child's Name		
Year Level		
Room Number		
Digital Citizenship User Agreement (Please Tick)	YES	NO
Student Image Use (as outlined in the digital user agreement) (Please Tick)	YES	NO
EOTC Agreement (Please Tick)	YES	NO

MOBILE PHONES & WATCHES

Mobile phones & watches with mobile phone capability **MUST** be handed into office daily



We understand many of our children have mobile phones/watches and parents like to be able to communicate with their children and ensure their safety if they walk to and from school by themselves. However, all children will be asked to hand in their mobile phone/watch at the main school office at the beginning of each day and collected at 3.00pm.

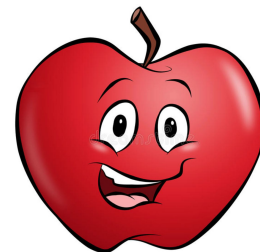


HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES - pack it in - pack it out

We are encouraging our children to have less packaging in their lunchboxes this year. Any rubbish will be packed back into their boxes and brought home.



Please ensure your child has at least one piece of fruit or vegetable to eat during their mid morning brain break at 10.00am. This will be a time that teachers will ensure all children take on some water and have fruit/veg only.



During the second term we have the school dental van on site. The main message we always receive from these professionals is about the amount of sugar children consume from different drinks and the damaging effect this has on young teeth. In 2020 we are encouraging all of our children to only drink **plain water throughout the school day**. Please send your child to school with a bottle of water each day - the teachers will allow the children to fill these up throughout the day if needed.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

We are holding a get together on TUESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

Families are invited to bring a picnic and join us on our school field from 5.00pm. We will have a BBQ and team games for everyone to join in with. From 6.00pm to 7.00pm classrooms will be open and you are welcome to have a look around and meet your child's class teacher. Please note, there will be no presentations, this is just an informal meet and greet - a chance to say 'Hi'.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Our very popular breakfast club will be open again on Monday 10th February. This will be based in our food technology room. All are welcome from 8.30 - 8.50am. In order for this club to run we rely heavily on voluntary support. If you think you could help at this time please contact Jacki Harrison at j.harrison@ghs.school.nz.

SUSHI

From Monday 10th February we will be offering sushi lunches everyday. Please order via our online school shop on our website.

STATIONERY

Please remember that your child must come to school with all of the stationery listed for their year level. It is really difficult for our teachers to set up the learning in classrooms when there are children without certain items. If you have not done so already, please go onto the [Gulf Harbour School website](#) and visit the stationery tab on the right hand side to view and order the relevant stationary for your child.

We would also greatly appreciate if every child could also add a ream of plain white A4 paper to their stationery. Please hand to the class teacher. Thank you in advance.



SCHOOL DONATIONS - PLEASE READ THE ATTACHMENT FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR MORE INFORMATION

As we are a decile 10 school, the local community are seen as having the funds to help with resourcing the school through their donations, to help ensure all of our students have the opportunity to succeed and excel in school life.

Here is the GHS donation structure for 2020:

1st child - \$200

2nd child and subsequent children- \$100

To pay this donation, and any other school costs either, log in to your child's school account, visit the school office or set up an automatic bank payment using the following details: Gulf Harbour School, ANZ Silverdale, 06-0383-0205854-00. **Receipts will be issued for all donations so that you can claim back the tax if you wish.**

2020 TERM DATES

Start Date	End Date	Public Holidays (School Closed)	Teacher Only Days (School Closed)
Term 1			
Tuesday 4th February	Wednesday 8th April	6th Feb Waitangi Day	Friday 31 January Monday 3rd February Thursday 9th April
Term 2			
Tuesday 28th April	Friday 3rd July	1st June Queen's Birthday	Friday 29th May
Term 3			
Monday 20th July	Friday 25th September		Friday 28th August
Term 4			
Monday 12th October	Wednesday 16th December	26th October Labour Day	

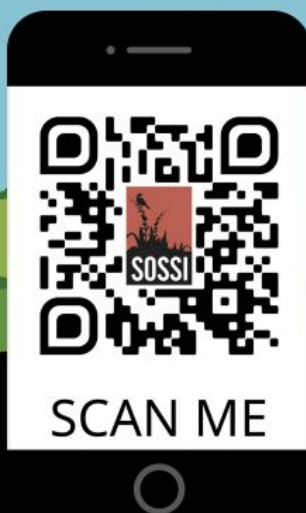


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SCHOOL SPONSORS

GHS COMMUNITY FISHING COMPETITION!

Gulf Harbour School would like to thank these local businesses for their generosity and support of our school in sponsoring our Fishing Competition.

OUR CATEGORY SPONSORS:

- Sally Livanos and Mike Broome at Mike Pero Whangaparaoa
- The Team at Ray White



OUR MAJOR PRIZE SPONSOR:

- Sally Livanos and Mike Broome at Mike Pero Whangaparaoa



OUR PRIZE SPONSORS:



- Steelworks Engineering
- Emma Jackson, Harcourts Whangaparaoa
- South Pacific Marine Services
- Gulf Harbour Marina



Thank you also to these businesses for their fabulous donations of prizes:

Burnsco Marine, Phennix Kayaks, Ripples Cafe, Icey Tek, Hunting and Fishing Albany, AES Gulf Harbour, Enfield Services, HHD, Aussie Tackle, Derek Robertson, Shine On, Kiwi Angler, Fresco Family Restaurant, and JA Russells

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