# WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM Y, WEEK 6

Kia ora,

#### RESPONSIBILITY

For the last few weeks of this term at school we are really concentrating on our school value of 'TU TIKA' (responsibility).

I read an interesting article recently titled 'Building Character,' written by Cara Sue Achterberg.

She reiterates that responsibility is a really important value to teach now more than ever before as many of our children today live a life of entitlement with very little being asked of them in

# Tū tika Responsibility

Owning the decisions you make

- Being ready to learn
- Knowing when to ask for help
- Care for my own belongings
- Demonstrate the school wide values

terms of responsibilities at home. I know from experience that It's often much easier to just do a job myself, especially if I want it done right. I get tired of nagging and demanding and often accept a partially completed job instead of stopping my children and showing them what still needs to be done. I accept the half-hearted efforts because, well, at least they did something.

However, in our heart of hearts we all know that by doing this we are not teaching our children how to be responsible citizens. Cara Sue Achterberg says that when <u>we</u> do the work and problem solve for our kids, essentially we're saying they aren't capable of doing it themselves. For example, when their rooms get beyond messy, we barge in and clean-up for them, sending the message that they can't do it themselves. When we do all the laundry, housework, and cooking, we continue to assert that they're not capable of doing their part. When they spill something and shed tears of frustration or embarrassment, we rush in to rescue, teaching them that they aren't responsible for cleaning up their own messes.

The author of this article also supports what we believe strongly in at GHS - that we can begin raising responsible, capable adults much sooner than we think. There's no need to wait until they can argue with us to get the ball rolling. Giving children responsibility for their actions, their belongings, and their home helps combat the prolific creep of entitlement so evident in much of today's society.

#### **HANDY HINTS FOR HOME:**

Age Appropriate Chores/Tasks for Kids Age 6-11

- 1. Wash windows and mirrors (use vinegar diluted in water for safety).
- 2. Carry clothing to the laundry room and sort. Put away clothing after it is clean.
- 3. Load dishwasher.
- 4. Walk the dog and/or clean out the litter box.
- 5. Vacuum a room.
- 6. Organize his/her closet.
- 7. Help make dinner (older kids can graduate to doing this on their own).
- 8. Pack own lunch and make own breakfast
- 9. Do something nice for someone who is experiencing sickness or loss.
- 10. Clean out the back seat of the car.
- 11. Be responsible for homework.









- 12. Order for herself/himself at restaurants.
- 13. Have own library card and be responsible for late fees.
- 14. When a need arises while shopping, ask an employee for help.

#### COMING UP ...

#### **SCHOOL DISCO**











#### **ALICE IN WONDERLAND**

Thank you so much for your support with Alice in Wonderland and our school concert. Please note the <u>Thursday and Friday night shows are now fully sold out.</u> There are still tickets available for Saturday night and the Saturday matinee. The Saturday Matinee tickets are \$10 each. Thank you.

#### Tickets:

Order through the Centrestage website, you can not order these at school.











## **IMPORTANT UP & COMING DATES (November & December)**

DATE	EVENT	TIME	
Thursday 26th November	GHS School Disco at Whangaparaoa Golf Club	<b>.</b>	
Wednesday 2nd December CHANGE OF DATE	PTA Deckhands Meeting in the Staffroom	7.00 - 8.00pm	
Thursday 3rd to Saturday 5th December	Alice & Wonderland Production at Centre Stage	See promo for times	
Thursday 10th to Friday 11th December	Y6 Amazing Race	твс	
Monday 14th December	Y6 Graduation Event	6.30pm	
Tuesday 15th December	End of Year Assemblies in the GHS Flexible Learning Space	Y0 & 1 9.15 - 10.15 Y2 & 3 10.45 - 11.45 Y4 & 5 12.15 - 1.15	
Wednesday 16th December	School closes at 12.30pm		

#### **2021 TERM DATES**

Start Date	End Date	Public Holidays	TODs (School Closed)
Term 1			
Thursday 4th February	Thursday 15th April	1st Feb - Auckland day 8th Feb - Waitangi Day 2nd April - Good Friday 5th April - Easter Monday 6th April - Easter Tuesday	Wednesday 27th January Thursday 28th January Tuesday 2nd February Wednesday 3rd February Friday 5th March Friday 16th April
Term 2			
Tuesday 4th May	Friday 9th July	7th June - Queen's Birthday	Monday 3rd May
Term 3			
Monday 26th July	Friday 1st October		Friday 10th September









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Term 4			
Monday 18th October	Tuesday 14th December	25th October - Labour Day	

# Whanau Team Notices Term 4 Week 6



#### **PURAPURA WHANAU**

### NEW ENTRANT/YEAR 1 (Gill Steel & Abi Copley) YEAR 2 (Melissa Stilwell Year Group Leader)

Another busy week here in the Purapura Whanau! As we draw closer to the end of the term, please check around your home for any **school library books**, **class reading books and ring words**. These need to be returned asap so we can begin our end of year organisation. **Week 7 will be the last week** that reading books and ring words are sent home. Reading instruction will continue as normal in class.

**Sunscreen and Hats:** Just a quick reminder to please apply sunscreen before school now the weather is warming up. You might also like to put a small bottle of cream in their bag for reapplying at lunch time. Please make sure that it is easy for your child to reapply themselves. Hats need to be clearly labelled please.

Stationery Lists for 2021: The stationery lists for 2021 are now available to view on the school website.

**Production:** For those children performing in the opening act for Alice in Wonderland, please make sure you are regularly checking Hero for any updates. We are asking that children wear their school uniform, including neat hair and the correct colour hair ties, to perform in. Please don't send them with any fleece jumpers, it's very warm inside. They do need to bring a full water bottle.

#### **TEINA WHANAU**

#### YEAR 3 (Mel Creagh Year Group Leader) YEAR 4 (Rebecca Wong Year Group Leader)

Alice in Wonderland Production - The Teina Whanau have been working so hard preparing their opening acts for the Tuakana production. Thank you to everyone who has returned their slip letting the teachers know if you are coming on the night. We are hoping for a good turnout to help the children make the most of their performance. Year 4 students are performing on Friday 4th December but are also being given the opportunity to support the Year 3's on Thursday 3rd December. If your child is able to attend both performances please fill out the form that went home today and have your child return it to their teacher.

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#### YEAR 5 (Ruth Trevathan Year Group Leader)

Another busy week complete! We learned about our endangered native birds this week, went on a walk to find them and built traps to protect them. We have continued to rehearse for **Alice in Wonderland** -









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remember to get your tickets!

Coming up next week:

Tuesday 24th - Interschool Athletics & taster morning at Whangaparaoa College

Thursday 26th - School Disco & last day readers will be coming home

#### YEAR 6 (Nathan Hanwell Year Group Leader)

Another week flies by and the action is definitely hotting up! **Alice in Wonderland** is now looking astonishing and, as you will have already heard no doubt, tickets are selling fast! Thursday is sold out and Friday is looking likely, too. Please book asap at Centre Stage (4th & 5th December, Friday and Saturday).

**Graduation is 80's Formal Theme** and really taking shape! It'll be a wonderful night and a truly sensational send-off for our kids. Monday, 14th December at Whangaparaoa Golf Club.

**End of Year 'Mystery' Celebration:** Thursday and Friday, 10th&11th December - an incredible two days (with sleepover) event for our year sixes to celebrate the end of their Primary School Days. Further information will be sent through from Ruth Taylor.









#### **GULF HARBOUR SCHOOL 2020 SPONSORS**



Our local Four Square store continues to support all Gulf Harbour School fundraising events in 2020.

#### **THANK YOU!**



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#### For kindly donating three water fountains



Wicked Wash - free water blasting for the school









Thank you so much to the following local businesses for supporting the school with our fun mud run this term:



























