

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 2, WEEK 9

Kia ora,

We have had an awesome few days at school and it has been fantastic to see our sports up and running after such a long time. We have had hockey, netball, basketball and soccer happening before school and at lunchtimes throughout this week. It's great to see our children being active and involved in teams again.

BUILDING NEWS

We are also really excited to announce that work is starting on converting our old resource centre into a new flexible learning space. This extended space will make such a difference to us as it will mean that whanau teams can have assemblies in the warm and dry, performing arts lessons can take place along with a larger before and after school care provision. Watch this space for updates as the works progress.

Proposed Gulf Harbour School Flexible Learning Space



Artists impression only

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

We are looking forward to meeting with parents and caregivers soon to discuss your child's progress and well being. These meetings will take place on **Monday 20th July** and **Tuesday 28th July**. All parent teacher Interview details are available by clicking on the link below.

Link to Interview site: <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>

Code for access: pgwgc



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FAMILY/WHANAU FRIDAYS

It was lovely to see so many parents visiting classrooms today. Please remember the staffroom is open on Friday mornings for a coffee and chat. Little ones welcome.

MINISTRY READING BOOKS

Can we please request if you have finished with the reading books that you may have received through the Ministry of Education lockdown packs that you return them to school with your child and we will add them to our school sets to boost the numbers of readers. Thank you.

HELPING HANDS

Due to the rapid speed at which we ended up in lockdown we still have a limited number of ice cream and ice blocks that we can sell. We would like to resume our Friday ice block sale from Friday 19th June but can only do so if we have some helpers to sell them between 2.45pm and 3.15pm. If you are able to offer your help on Friday 19th June, Friday 26th June or Friday 3rd of July please email f.southgate@ghs.school.nz.



BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

Please start to collect the plastic bread tags off your loaves of bread. Collecting bread tags enables a company called Bread Tags for Wheelchairs to provide wheelchairs that change the life of disabled people in need, as well as keeping the tags out of landfill to help to preserve the environment. Bread Tags for Wheelchairs was started in South Africa in 2006 by Mary Honeybun. It is a community program where individuals and organisations collect bread tags, which are sold to a South African plastics moulding company, Zibo. The bread tags are recycled and used in the manufacture of seedling trays. The money raised pays for wheelchairs for the less fortunate which are purchased through a local pharmacy. Currently about 500kg of bread tags are collected a month in South Africa, funding 2-3 wheelchairs. After many enquiries from New Zealanders about supporting this program, a New Zealand 'branch' was opened in early 2019. These humble bits of polystyrene can make a real difference so get your friends, family,, workplace, church and local cafe involved - it's really easy and does not cost you anything. There is a collection jar in **Room 14** so please help us to fill it up!



YUMMY STICKERS

Yummy Stickers. Please keep collecting these from your fruit and send them in to school - any piece of paper will do! Over the past few years we have collected over 15000 of them which gave us around \$1000 worth of sports equipment for our school. Send these in to Room 14 for collation by the end of Term 3.



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IMPORTANT UP & COMING DATES

DATE	TIME	EVENT
TERM 2		
Wednesday 17th June	6.30pm in the Staffroom	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday 2nd July	7.00pm in the Staffroom	PTA Deckhands Meeting - All Welcome
Friday 3rd July	LAST DAY OF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.00PM RE-OPENS TUESDAY 21st JULY AT 8.30AM	
TERM 3		
Monday 20th July	SCHOOL CLOSED for parent teacher meetings 9.00 - 4.00pm	
Tuesday 28th July	Parent Teacher Meetings 3.30 - 7.00pm	
Friday 21st August	SCHOOL CLOSED TEACHER ONLY DAY	



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Whanau Team Notices

Term 2 Week 9



PURAPURA WHANAU

NEW ENTRANT/YEAR 1 (Gill Steel Year Group Leader)

It has been another busy week in the Purapura whanau.

Book Bags - just a reminder that these need to be returned to school every day. Can we please ask that all readers and library books are returned inside the book bag. It just ensures that little extra protection for our valuable books against water bottle spills and lunch boxes that sometimes come undone .

Toys - all toys are to be kept at home.

Naming uniform - sorry to keep mentioning this but can we ask parents to make sure that you regularly check that your child's clothing is clearly named. A clearly named item of clothing will always be returned.

YEAR 2 (Melissa Stilwell Year Group Leader)

Steps - The free Stepsweb licences we gained over lockdown will end on 13th July 2020.

Toys - Just a reminder that at the moment we are asking that no toys are to be brought to school from home.

Lunchboxes - Our School has 3 food breaks a day so it's important that your child has enough food in their lunchbox. We have a 'brainfood break' which is time for fresh fruit or vegetables, morning tea and lunch.

Good food habits set early in childhood and can last a lifetime. Lunches provide around one third of our daily nutritional needs, so it's important to put some thought and planning into them. Lunchboxes can be a real challenge - you want to make sure your children eat a variety of healthy foods, but you also need to know the lunch will be eaten! By including foods from each of the four food groups you will help ensure they get all the necessary nutrients. Asking your children what they would like, or involving them in preparing their own lunch boxes, will reduce the likelihood of the food being thrown away or coming home uneaten.



TEINA WHANAU

YEAR 3 (Mel Creagh Year Group Leader)

This week the year threes have been learning about the Space X launch, building our own rockets and thinking about forces and motion. For maths we have been exploring place value.

Book Bags - Please encourage children to bring their book bags to school each day.



Hand towels and paper towels - Please continue to send along hand towels or paper towels for our regular hand washing

YEAR 4 (Rebecca Wong Year Group Leader)

The year four children have really been enjoying our inquiry topic and this week have been exploring light. Make sure to ask your child about what they have been doing and what they have learned.

Reminder: Please ensure that your child wears their school jersey to school each day. The weather has taken a definite cold spin and, on fine days, the children are still spending break times outside.

Paper towels/hand towels: please continue to send in paper towels and hand towel to help classes maintain hand washing practices

TUAKANA WHANAU

YEAR 5 (Ruth Trevathan Year Group Leader)

Our Science inquiry continues in Year 5 and this week students have enjoyed exploring magnetism.

A letter should have arrived home yesterday regarding our upcoming EOTC experience at Shakespear Park on Friday June 26th. Please email your child's teacher if you are able to walk with us for the day. [Here is the notice in case you missed it.](#)

Reminder that Homework runs Friday to Friday and consists of:

- 20 minutes reading for 4 nights a week (your child's choice of text)
- 5 - 10 minutes spelling or Steps
- 5 - 10 minutes basic facts practice

YEAR 6 (Nathan Hanwell Year Group Leader)

Another tremendous week for year six this week!

We began our Incredible Writers programme - a celebration of our explanation writing, which involves three children chosen from each year 6 class to perform their writing to a neighbouring class, then to Mrs. Taylor. This is based on those children who have really pushed themselves in the topic and made great progress - something to be truly proud of!

Our football programme started, with keen footballers, both boys and girls, being trained by Ritchie and Mr. Hanwell - please ensure PE kits or football kits are available for teams A and C on Thursday and team B on Friday (children have been given the details of training days)

In Science we've moved on from forces and now we're on to electricity with children creating circuits and understanding what it is that powers and lights our way in so many ways!

In these ever-changing times, it is so important to keep in contact with you at home, so year sixes will be making an extra effort in the coming weeks to get in contact, whether that be via HERO, email or just a quick call, to let you know how things are going, so if you get a notification from HERO, please click on it!

Reminders:

- Homework - This is a rolling homework programme, but is reset every Monday. It is imperative that children read every day, complete their steps programme (10 minutes per day), complete the E-Ako maths activity, and add to the writing slideshow. Children are encouraged to do this independently, however if children are not achieving this we will let you know!
- PE Kits - Every day, please



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