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TERM 3, WEEK 2

Kia ora,

Well I am sure that I have not been the only one that has been glued to my TV screen over the past week or so watching the Tokyo Olympics. It is a time to be so proud of the 211 New Zealand competitors in Tokyo along with so many athletes from other nations worldwide. I have been especially excited to be sharing this experience with my own children. Even though they are not sports mad they have been really enjoying watching the games so far and finding out about sports they never really had heard much about before. I've also realized how powerful viewing the Olympics together as a family can really be. There are so many teachable moments surrounding this inspirational, cultural celebration of human strength and athleticism which link beautifully to our school values. So in case you haven't yet begun, here are a few great lessons that can be gained by watching the Olympics with your children:



Excellence Requires Hard Work - The Olympics is a great time to talk to your children about perseverance and dedication. The idea that champions are made and not born is a life lesson that children need in order to gain the self-confidence to keep trying their best to reach their goals and dreams. As you watch the competitions together, discuss how the athletes spend hours a day at the gym, in the pool, or on the court. Talk about the sacrifices that these young men and women make every day in order to pursue their passions, such as the school functions they miss, the parties they do not attend, and the free time they willingly give up. Acknowledge the obstacles that some of the athletes had to overcome back home just to attend. Discuss how inspirational it is to see what hard work and dedication can do, and how amazing the human body truly is and what it can do.

Teamwork Matters - The large number of team sports in the Olympics help highlight to children the importance of camaraderie and working together as a team to achieve a common goal. Without the contributions of each member, an Olympic team cannot succeed in achieving the gold. In sports, as in life, children need to understand how important cooperation and communication is when working with others.

It's OK to Lose - Everyone loves to see the winning athletes celebrate and receive their medals, but the Olympic Games also provide children with a glimpse at what it looks like to be great at something and to still lose. Children need to understand that there can often only be one winner, and yet even the athletes who are going home without medals still represent the very best competitors in the world. Some great discussion topics include good sportsmanship, how to handle disappointments in life, and what it means to feel empathy for others.

Appreciate Our World - Watching the Games gives children a view of so many different people from all over the world and provides parents with a great opportunity to discuss other countries and cultures. This year more than 10,000 athletes from over 200 countries are competing in Japan, and each one of them represents the remarkable diversity of our planet. From identifying the flags from around the globe to respecting the various customs, clothing, traditions and rituals specific to each country, parents can help children become more educated and appreciative of so many nations that all share the same love for the Olympic Games.

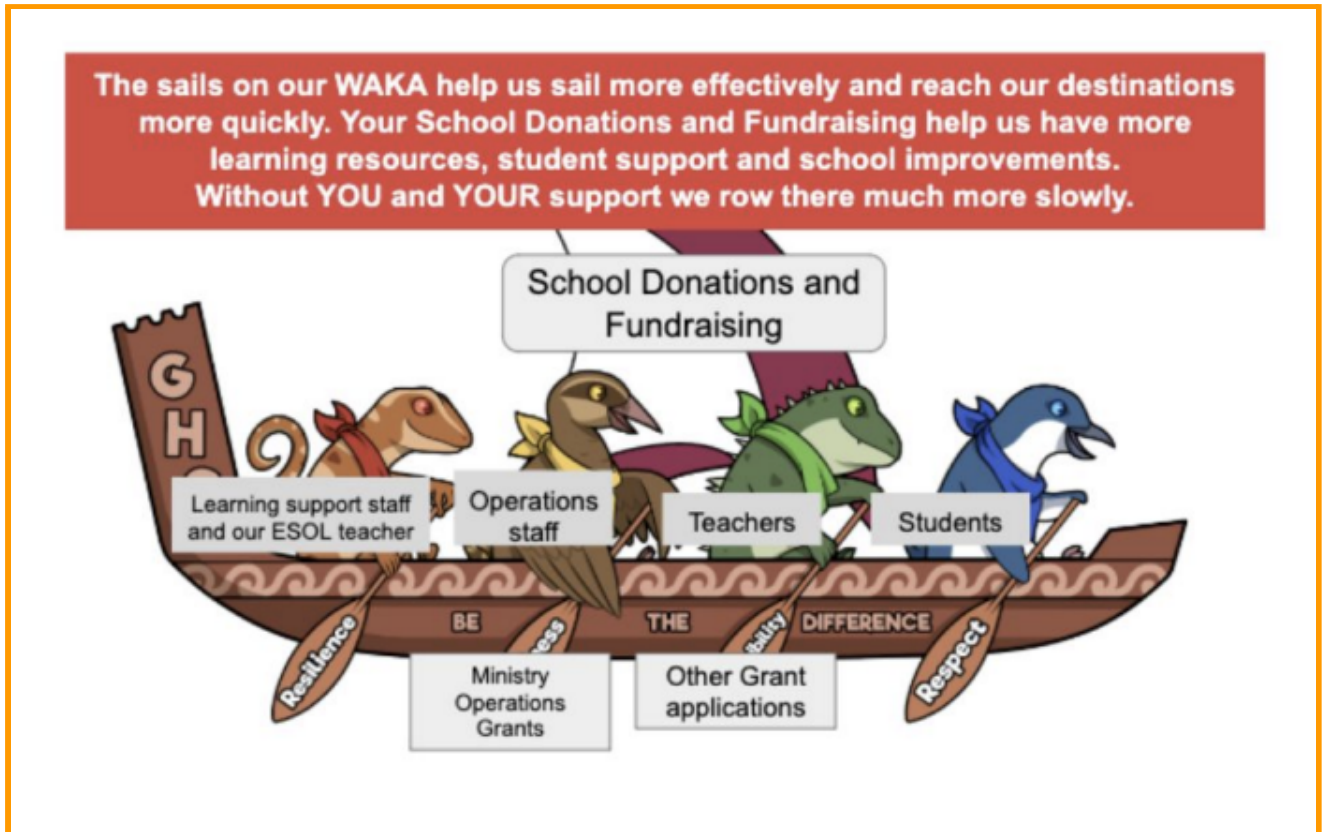


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SCHOOL DONATIONS - WHAT YOUR DONATION MEANS TO YOUR SCHOOL



We could persuade you of the many inequities of government funding. We could describe how the school's 'Operating Grant' cannot meet our outgoings for essential services. There is no doubt that the discrepancies between actual funding and actual spending are getting wider. Three major government reviews state high decile schools are underfunded. Gulf Harbour School is decile 10. The reality is we get over \$600,000 less than a decile 1 school of the same size. As such a high decile school we are also not entitled to the government donation of \$150 per student. Our suggested donation of \$200 for the eldest and \$100 for every sibling could raise us an additional \$88,000, however, to date we only have 39% of our families onboard. We know equity funding is important but the gap to meet basic learning is getting larger.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!

It is the little things that matter; matter to your child; matter to us as professionals and matter to our community. We want to provide your child/ren with maximum educational opportunities. We rely on your parent donations to support meeting our learner's needs. The annual donations made by you, pay for our teacher aides, specialist staff, ancillary staff and the learning resources that are so important. Again, the reality is, we receive funding for five of our teacher aide's salaries. We actually employ 12 teacher aides - this is money we have to find for our children.

We do lots of fundraising with our amazing PTA Deckhands each year and those funds we use to buy playgrounds, sound systems, and technology. Our fundraising activities sit outside what is funded by parent donations.



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We give in advance a heartfelt thanks to you for supporting our - your school.

All donations are tax deductible and can be paid either at the front desk, via Kindo on our website (school shop) or using the HERO app. Please note, we have not increased the costs for the past six years.

MUD RUN - WEDNESDAY 18TH AUGUST



Please sign up by clicking on the link below.

GHS MUD RUN 2021: <https://gulfharbourmudrun.raiseit.co.nz/hub>

COMING UP ...

QUIZ NIGHT - FRIDAY 27TH AUGUST - [INFO LINK](#)

[Blind Auction and Raffle prizes](#) open to all our community even if you are not attending the quiz.

Please look at our amazing Blind Auction that you can bid for on paper in the front office or by emailing

f.southgate@ghs.school.nz stating your choice of item and bid.

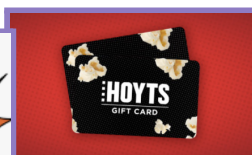
Raffle tickets can be bought for our Raffle prizes in the [school shop](#). We have tickets for \$2 and \$5 depending on the value of the prize.

GHS QUIZ NIGHT

WHANGAPARAOA GOLF CLUB
AUGUST 27TH
FROM 7 PM

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Tickets - individual \$25, group of 4 \$90,
group of 8 \$180
Theme your own table - prizes for best
decorated
Drinks available from the bar - wine, beer,
non-alcoholic
Platters for pre order of cheese, crackers,
dips and nibbles
Silent auction, Raffle, Buy a clue, Ice cube
mystery - bring cash on the night



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

(Please note more events and dates may be added, we will keep you informed)

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday 5th August	7.00pm in the Staffroom	PTA Deckhands Meeting
Thursday 12th August	6.00 pm in the Staffroom	Year 4 Parents Camp Meeting
Wednesday 18th August	School Day	Whole School Mudrun <i>(more info will follow)</i>
	6.30pm in the staffroom	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday 19th August	School Day	Year 5/6 Hockey Interschool
Wednesday 25th August	School Day	Whole School Mudrun <i>(rain saving day)</i>
Friday 27th August	7.00 - 10.00pm	Community Quiz Night
Thursday 2nd September	7.00pm in the Staffroom	PTA Deckhands Meeting
Friday 10th September	SCHOOL CLOSED - TEACHER ONLY DAY	
Tuesday 21st September	School Day- Exact Times TBC	Purapura (Y0, 1 & 2) Cross Country
Thursday 23rd September	School Day	Year 5/6 C/Country Interschool
Friday 24th - Sunday 26th September	Exact Times TBC	Year 4 Outdoor Weekend Adventure
Friday 1st October	SCHOOL CLOSING AT 3.00PM FOR THE HOLIDAYS	



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Whanau Team Notices

Term 3 Week 2

NEW ENTRANT/YEAR 1 (Gill Steel & Abi Copley)

Another great week in the Purapura Year 0/1 whānau! We have even been lucky enough to have a visit from a gorgeous little lamb that Mrs Bunting and family are looking after!



We launched our 'Super Ticket' as this week's assembly. These tickets will be awarded to those children who continue to use their school values and 'Kid Powers' to keep GHS a fantastic place to learn. You'll soon see some of these amazing children popping up in the newsletter each week as we celebrate them.

Mud Run- Thank you to everyone who has signed up to the Mud Run! The children are working hard on their fitness; running quicker and for longer each week. If you haven't signed up, there's still time and every dollar donated goes towards our new playground.

Pick up/Drop off- May we please remind families that, for health and safety, we cannot allow children into our classrooms until 8.30am. We finish the day at 2.55pm.

Whānau Friday- Don't forget families are more than welcome on **Fridays, each week**. Come and see what your child has been working on or listen to them read- they love to share their learning.

YEAR 2 (Melissa Stilwell Year 2 Group Leader)

Cross Country - Our Junior School Cross Country is in Week 9 of this term. We will be practicing every Tuesday afternoon, weather permitting. Students will be asked to take their socks, tights and shoes off so that they run in bare feet. Please ensure they have a towel packed in their bag every Tuesday and a plastic bag.

Zoo Ventures - In Term 3 our inquiry topic is going to be DINOSAURS!!! We are lucky enough to have the company Zoo Ventures coming in to show us some modern day reptiles. We will reflect on what these animals have in common with their dinosaur ancestors. The cost is \$12 per child and you can pay for this through [Enrolmy](#).

TEINA WHANAU

YEAR 3/4 (Rebecca Wong & Hayley Brass Year Group Leaders)

No notice this week.

YEAR 5 (Ruth Trevathan Whanau Team Leader)

We have been working hard this week on learning fractions in maths. We have found fractions of objects and fractions of sets and have compared fractions. We have also started to explore the systems that sustain our planet and conventions of persuasive writing.

Help please:

Cardboard - non-corrugated please. We'd love your old cereal boxes, muesli bar boxes etc for



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using to create print blocks this term. If you could bring any flattened boxes into your classroom teacher.

Reading/Maths Support - Is there anyone who is willing and available to come in for 30 minutes a day, 3 days a week to support some students with Reading and/or Maths? You would be working with a small group to either listen to then discuss a text or be provided with resources and an outline for coverage in maths. Please email r.trevathan@ghs.school.nz if you can help.

Reminders this term:

PE Kit - teachers will be chasing up your child if they do not have their PE kit. Please have it in their bag each day or send a note if your child is without it.

YEAR 6 (Nathan Hanwell Whanau Team Leader)

Another very full week draws to a close! We started with our Beep test, which really pushes the children's fitness and improves health and well-being (although they may not feel that at the time!). The results are improving and it has been noted that we have some of the fittest year sixes around! In writing, we have been looking at Limericks and Haikus - some tremendous efforts, and getting that syllable count isn't easy! In Maths, we are focusing on number knowledge, and continuing to build our basic facts. We are also looking at fractions, decimals and percentages.

Notices:

- It is wonderful to see so many children continuing to attend the Tongariro Training Walks - fantastic effort and incredible contribution. These walks are every Wednesday at 7.30am. Children are to let Mrs Taylor know if they're looking to attend
- It is with sadness that this week we say goodbye to Wooju Yang, who is leaving our Year Six family - we wish her the very best for the future - she will be missed

Reminders:

Homework - begins again this week, with the latest, optional, Waka challenge, linked to sustainability (a beach clean!). You can view the Waka challenges here - [Year Six Waka Challenges 2021](#)



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COMMUNITY NOTICE

Creating confidence is the key to unlocking learning

**Did you know
that we can tutor
Year 7 - 13 students
after school
3.30/4.30/5.30pm
or by
virtual lessons?**



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A promotional image for Diana Holberg, a real estate agent. On the left is a portrait of Diana, a woman with long dark hair, smiling, wearing a dark blue top. The background is a dark blue image of a coastal town at night with lights reflecting on the water. Overlaid on the right side is white text that reads: 'THANK YOU TO ALL MY CLIENTS!', 'Your support allows me to be a proud sponsor of', 'Our School, Our kids & Our', followed by the word 'Community' in a large, light blue cursive script. Below this, 'DIANA HOLBERG' is written in bold white capital letters, followed by 'Harcourts' in a smaller white font. At the bottom, it says 'M 022 02 09 541' and 'www.dianaholberg.co.nz' in white. A small line of text at the very bottom reads 'Tandem Realty Ltd Licensed Agent REAA 2008'.

If you would like to be a sponsor of Gulf Harbour School please contact Fiona Southgate at f.southgate@ghs.school.nz



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