

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 2, WEEK 5

For the past five weeks at Gulf Harbour School we have been focusing on our school value of **KINDNESS**.

As parents and teachers, one of our greatest hopes is that our children will be kind and good people. When they have a choice to help others, we hope they will. We never want them to be cruel, intolerant, or prejudiced. But let's face it. It's not always easy to be kind, even for us. Even grown-ups don't want to share our toys sometimes. Helping others can seem hard when we feel like we don't have the help we need ourselves.

The good news is that kindness can be learned; just like any other behavior, it can be trained through repetition. The most dominant way children learn new behaviours is by copying those around them. Which means we adults have a powerful opportunity, and responsibility, to teach by example. So if you want to support our teaching of kindness at home, encourage more kindness in your kids, and in the world, here are some fun things you can do:



Smile more often

In a study conducted in Sweden, when people looked at others who were smiling, their muscles twitched into smiles involuntarily. Play a smiling game with your kids to show them how smiling truly is contagious. The simple act of smiling can spread the warmth of kindness far and wide, as others smile in return and continue to pass the smile on.

Volunteer for good

Whether you take small or big actions, help other people or help animals, there is always a way to lend a helping hand. Involving kids in volunteer work teaches them that it feels good to be helpful. You might collect rubbish from the park, visit a local retirement home, or clean out your closets to make a donation to those in need. Perhaps your kids will be inspired to fund-raise for a good cause. There is no limit to what your kindness can do.

Create opportunities to show interest in other people

Ask questions about what people or characters are doing while watching television, reading a book or sitting in the park watching people. Can they identify people's feelings or needs based on what they see? This builds great skills in being able to empathise.

Being kind to others feels good. It helps take our attention off of our own troubles, and also creates a feeling of interconnectedness. Together, we can make the world a better place with acts of kindness both big and small. Let's make kindness the new cool.



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THANK YOU KAWAU FAMILIES



We enjoyed lots of yummy treats today thanks to our Kawau families. We would also like to thank all of the parent helpers that came to assist serving the morning tea.

It was also great to see so many of our children come to school dressed as superstars.

All money raised from today will go towards our exciting new school playground project.



COMING UP



**Coming Soon to a School Near You
GHS Matariki Festival**

**On Thursday July 8th
From 4.30 to 7pm**

**There will be performing arts
Kapa haka, Choir, Dance, Drama,
Hangi and other delicious Food,**

**And just a little bit of sparkle and twinkling lights
for all the family
Save the date and time in your diary now!**



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LOST PROPERTY

Is your child constantly misplacing their Uniform?

Are you frequently looking through the Lost property pile?

We are noticing a large amount of uniform items piling up in the Lost Property Pile (located behind Room 1), and most of these are un-named or we are unable to read the name labels.

We now have available to purchase through Hero for \$15.00 a Sheet of 15 Blank Stick on Name Labels, along with a Pilot Permanent Laundry Marker Pen.

(Additional Label Sheets are also available to purchase for \$9 per sheet)

These labels are super sticky, wash & Tumble Dry well and are durable!

We hope this will be a help to you.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Find out more about how to help nature in your backyard

Bring the kids along to this FREE drop-in event, this Sunday 6th June, 1-3pm at the Upstairs Bar, Gulf Harbour Country Club.

There will be some fun activities and displays, an information talk run at half-hourly intervals and Forest & Bird experts on hand to give advice. You can also take home a FREE pet safe, humane tested rat trap for your backyard (order in advance online: www.forestandbird.org.nz/how-can-you-help-pfbc)



YOGA

Please register your interest with rebecca@pilateswithbex.co.nz or book a space directly by using the following link:

<https://app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=17694423&appointmentType=23462524>

GHS FUNDRAISING EVENT

All Mums and Caregivers in our GHS community are invited to come along to a wellbeing session with Bex, one of our lovely mums, where she would like to show you some ways to relax and be kind to yourself, using breathing and pilates techniques.



Date and Times
Monday 14th June at 11.15am
Or
Tuesday 15th June at 6.15pm

Where
In our Flexible Learning space at school

What to bring/wear:
Water bottle
Comfortable clothing (much like you would wear to yoga)
Mat or thick towel
Socks if you would like to

COST – A donation to the school of \$10
However, do not let the cost stop you from joining in – just please donate something. See you there!

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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
Saturday 5th June	10.00 - 2.00pm	Domestic International Families Winter Beach Walk
Monday 7th June	SCHOOL CLOSED - QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	
Friday 11th June	Lunchtime	Hamburger Friday Food Day
Sunday 20th June	2.00 - 4.00pm	New Families Sunday Funday Event
Wednesday 23rd June	Times TBC	Teina and Tuakana Discos and Parent Workshops
Thursday 24th June	Times TBC	Purapura Disco and Parent Workshops
Friday 25th June	SCHOOL CLOSED - TEACHER ONLY DAY	
Thursday 1st July	7.00pm	PTA Deckhands Meeting
Thursday 8th July	4.30 - 7.00pm	Matariki Festival
Friday 9th July	SCHOOL CLOSING AT 3.00PM FOR HOLIDAYS	



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Whanau Team Notices

Term 2 Week 5

WHOLE SCHOOL - VISITS FROM HIBISCUS COAST ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

In the week 21 - 24 June, Juanita from the Hibiscus Coast Astronomical Society will be coming into school to share her expertise with each class around our topic of space and Matariki. She will be visiting every class in the school. To cover her costs, we are asking for a \$2 donation from each family. This can be paid using the Hero app.

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

Life Education Caravan :

We were sad to say goodbye to the Life Education Caravan this week. Thank you to all the families that have paid for this wonderful experience. The payment option is still open if you have not yet paid.

Toys-

We would like to provide some clarity around toys at school.

We have a Pokemon Card and Beyblade clubs on Mondays. Children are permitted to bring these items to school for the clubs , however during school time they need to be in the childrens bags, so they do not interfere with learning. Dolls, robots, poppets, fluffy toys etc are not allowed.

There are a few children that bring a soft toy or small item to school. This is generally because of a special need and it is at the teacher's discretion. In this case the teacher will speak to the parents directly. Thank you for your understanding and helping us with this.

YEAR 2 (Melissa Stilwell Year Group Leader)

To prevent illnesses spreading through our classes such as winter colds, if your child is sick please keep them at home to rest and recuperate.

School Shoes - it is a school rule that children wear their black school shoes to and from school. Please make sure if your child has shoes with laces that they know how to tie them. This is one of our Waka Challenges and is an important skill for them to learn.

Winter - Just a reminder that as we start to get into winter that any jumpers need to be our school uniform. Jumpers and jackets can be purchased from the uniform shop up at the office. Children may also wear plain black or navy blue thermals under their school shirts



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TEINA WHANAU

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

This week, the Teina Whanau has been continuing their learning around our term inquiry topic, cultural diversity. It has been fantastic seeing the work and hearing about the exciting learning taking place in all the Year 3/4 classes. The children are looking forward to sharing their work during the Matariki open night at the end of the term.

Year 3 sleepover - A big thank you to the parents who helped at the Year 3 sleepover last week. The kids had an amazing time during their overnight adventure.

YEAR 5 (Ruth Trevathan Whanau Team Leader) & YEAR 6 (Nathan Hanwell Whanau Team Leader)

Reminders:

- Children **MUST** have their PE Kit every day and if they bring a device it must be here every day and charged.
- We still require parent helpers for our volunteer days at Shakespear Park. Please email your class teacher if you can help. For further details [check here](#).
- **All** children need to return their sailing and surfing notices either indicating permission and payment or confirming non-participation. Links to the notices are here: [Attending Sailing and/or Surfing](#). [Confirmation of Non Attendance](#)
- We are excited about the opportunity to view the Matariki stars at 5am on July 2nd. If you would like to join us, contact Ruth (r.trevathan@ghs.school.nz). [Please find further details here](#).



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GULF HARBOUR SCHOOL SPONSORS 2021

A photograph of Diana Holberg, a woman with long dark hair, smiling and wearing a dark blue top. She is standing in front of a large, multi-story house with many lit windows at night.

THANK YOU TO ALL MY CLIENTS!

Your support allows me to be
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Community

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We are proud to introduce you to another new school sponsor Diana Holberg. Diana has a daughter at our school and is helping us make our school a better place for all our children.

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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