

# WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## TERM 1, WEEK 8

Another jam packed week has passed us here at Gulf Harbour School and again we continue to be grateful that we have been able to get on with our lives at alert level 1.

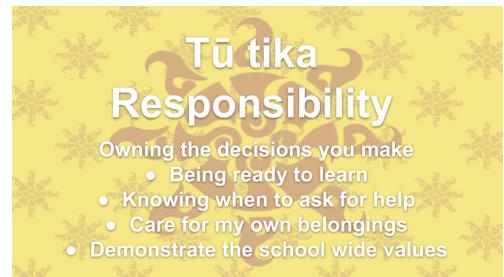
This week we were all made aware of some extremely sad news involving a young child being run over in the car park of Pigeon Mount primary School in Auckland.

Please let this tragic accident be a reminder to all of us about how as adults we must act responsibility when driving in and around school grounds. I never want to be in the position of delivering such heart-breaking news to our community, so with this in mind please -

- **slow down,**
- **be aware,**
- **only park in designated parking spots.**

Parking on grass verges and across footpaths is **strictly prohibited**. Yes, there may be times where you cannot park and may need to park off site but this is a far better option than parking irresponsibly and potentially causing an accident.

Please help us to provide a safe environment for our children as we send our thoughts and wishes to the family of the student who is still in Starship Hospital.



### **IMPORTANT - GATES AT GHS**

We have some children with additional needs that involve them potentially leaving the school grounds. We are working with the Ministry of Education to erect some permanent new fencing and gates to our school grounds. However, a temporary solution has only just arrived this afternoon at school (with no prior notice). This is by no means perfect, and causes great inconvenience, but it is what we have for now.

With this in mind, we are asking that you change your routine slightly and now use either the back entrance or the wide gate entrance at the front of the school between 8.30 and 9.00am /2.45pm and 3.15pm. This is where we will be meeting and greeting for the foreseeable future. We ask that you only use the main entrance at the front of the school as a last resort as there is a step up to navigate and a height restriction, and only between 9.00am and 2.45pm. Please see the pictures below for clarification:



Please only use this entrance between 9.00am and 2.45pm when the other front gate and back gate will be closed.



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Please use this front gate between 8.30am and 9.00am / 2.45pm and 3.15pm.



Please note this gate will be open at the back of the school between 8.30 and 9.00am and 2.45pm and 3.45pm. It will be closed at all other times.

Please work with us as we are trying to keep all of our children safe. I will keep you informed when news arrives about a more permanent solution.

## SWIMMING TALENT

It was a joy to see some of our Tuakana swimming talent head to Northern Arena on Thursday to take part in the Interschool swimming competition. They were excellent GHS ambassadors and showed our school values. Combining both the girls and boys races, they came 10th. Our Year 5 and 6 boys came 4th in the relay races.



We are very proud of all of these amazing children for giving it a go.



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## GULF HARBOUR SCHOOL WAKA CHALLENGES

We are a little later than usual with getting our Waka challenges out this year. Next week class teachers will be sharing these home learning challenges with you and your child.

For those of you that are new to our school - Waka challenges are optional activities that your child can complete at home throughout the year. All of the challenges have been developed by the teachers so that they are both age appropriate and aligned with our school values of respect, resilience, responsibility and kindness.



## REMINDERS

I do apologise for repeating the same requests as last week, but we have had very few offers of support.

Thank you to the parents that have completed this form. Your help and support is greatly appreciated. Please if you haven't already done so, click on the link below if you think you can help out in anyway:

[HELPING OUT AT GHS](#)

## BREAKFAST CLUB VOLUNTEERS

Last week we asked for volunteers to help run our very popular breakfast club. We have not as yet received any response to this. If you think you can offer some time between 8.25 and 9.00am, please drop Jacki Harrison a line - [j.harrison@ghs.school.nz](mailto:j.harrison@ghs.school.nz).

## GULF HARBOUR SCHOOL WORKING BEE

Thank you to the seven families that have offered help on this day.



**WHEN?** Saturday 10th April 10.00 to 2.00pm  
**WHERE?** Meet at the school front office  
**WHAT?** Emptying a sandpit and weeding the gardens  
**BRING?** Gardening Gloves  
Gardening tools  
Shovels  
Wheelbarrows  
(if you can)  
..... And a smile!!

Light snacks and drinks will be provided.

If you are able to help, please RSVP to Fiona at [f.southgate@ghs.school.nz](mailto:f.southgate@ghs.school.nz).

(If you are unable to make it perhaps you could provide some baking for the workers) - Thank you to the parent that has offered to help us out with this.



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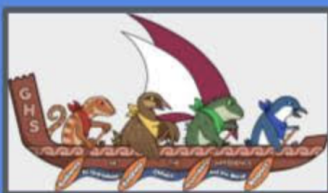
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## DO YOU HAVE A MINI DIGGER?

Thank you so much to the two parents that have responded to our request for mini diggers.



## PTA DECKHANDS MEETING - ALL WELCOME



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The Deckhands are a group of energetic parents, teachers and friends of Gulf Harbour school who offer their skills, time and help to make our school be the best it can possibly be.

#### **These are a few of the ways you may be able to help...**

- Volunteer as a parent help in the classroom or listen to students read
  - Organise, run or help out at school events or fundraisers
- Offer a practical skill or time to garden, paint or do small maintenance jobs around the school.
  - Coach a sports team for our students ie netball or football
- Sponsor a school project like our school badges or student awards
  - Come in to share your knowledge or expertise with the students (i.e. Our wonderful school choir is led by one of our parents)
- Donate materials to the school that may be useful for developmental play or our students' playpod.

To find out more pop along to the first Deckhands meeting of the year on Thursday 1st April at 7pm in the school staffroom when we will be having a cheese and wine evening and we can tell you more.

## FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL TREATS

Friday treats at Gulf Harbour School Term 1  
2.45 to 3.15pm  
From the Galley



**Ice Cream Wafer \$2**

**Ice Blocks \$2**



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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
Friday 19th - Sunday 21st March	Friday 5.00pm to Sunday 2.00pm	Tuakana Whanau (Yr 5 & 6) Leadership Outdoor Adventure at Camp Merc
Saturday 27th March	TBC	The Vine FREE community Easter event
Thursday 1st April	7.00pm	PTA Deckhands Meeting in the Staffroom (everyone welcome)
Friday 2nd April - Tuesday 6th April	EASTER - SCHOOL CLOSED PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON MONDAY & TUESDAY	
Friday 9th April - DATE NOW CHANGED TO FRIDAY 28TH MAY	TBC	Teina Whanau (Yr 3 & 4) Sleepover Adventure
Saturday 10th April	10.00am - 2.00pm	School Working Bee
Wednesday 14th April	4.45 - 5.45pm Y1 6.00 - 7.00pm Y2	Purapura (Yr1 & 2) Disco and Parent Workshops
Thursday 15th April	5.00 - 6.00pm Y3/4 6.15 - 7.15pm Y5/6	Teina Whanau (Yr 3 & 4) & Tuakana Whanau (Yr 5 & 6) Discos
Thursday 15th April	SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.00PM FOR HOLIDAYS	
Sunday 18th April	Gulf Harbour Country Club Golf Charity Classic for Gulf Harbour School <b>POSTPONED UNTIL SUNDAY 14TH NOVEMBER</b>	
Tuesday 4th May	SCHOOL REOPENS AT 8.30AM	



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## Whanau Team Notices

### Term 1 Week 8

#### PURAPURA WHANAU

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

Another great week with our tamariki, and it's so lovely to see how well they've hit their stride with our school values as we steam through Term 1!

A few reminders this week:

**Life Education:** We are so excited to be welcoming the Life Education Trust to our school in Term 2. Harold the Giraffe and his special truck, filled with interactive resources and a beautiful learning environment, provides children with a fantastic programme that focuses on the NZ Health Curriculum. The lessons deal with a range of topics from food & nutrition, to emotions and friendships. **There is a small cost to our families for this experience, at just \$6 per child. This is payable through the School Shop.**

**Home-learning:** The children in our whanau all have home-learning challenges that support their in-class teaching throughout the week, and many children bring home a poem on a Friday for some weekend reading together. We appreciate your support in helping your child to complete these tasks and in making sure any books are returned to school in your child's book bag daily.

##### YEAR 2 (Melissa Stilwell Year Group Leader)

**JUMPERS/JERSEYS** - We are currently having a few issues with children wearing the wrong jersey home. At the end of the day they see a jumper, it looks the right size and so they put it on. Thank you to the parents who are noticing and returning them the next day. In regards to this, can we please ask that **all jerseys are clearly named** with your child's name. If you buy a second hand uniform or have a uniform passed down from an older sibling- can you make sure that uniform is renamed.

**Term 2** - We are excited to welcome the life education trust caravan and Harold to Gulf Harbour School for our Purapura students from **May 26th to May 31st at a cost of \$6 per child**. The Life Education caravan runs programmes based on lessons that could cover content across five major strands: food and nutrition, human biology, relationships & communities, identity & resilience and substances. The Life Education Trust works on a shared planning approach with schools to create individualised programmes that work for the age level and needs of the students they visit. Our topics may include "What are feelings", "What is the importance of kindness" and "What do we need to know about the food we eat". Topics based on online interactions and substances will not be used with our Purapura students. The exact content will be shared with you nearer the visit in May. **In the meantime we are collecting donations from you of \$6 towards the cost of the visit. Unfortunately, if the school does not have enough parent support with the cost of this event then we will have to cancel the programme.**



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## TEINA WHANAU

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

The Teina Whanau have enjoyed another exciting week of learning. Our writing has focussed around our visit from the police officers last week and our recount writing skills are starting to develop. We were lucky enough to have a talk by Jenny Hanwell from Forest & Bird who is the Project Manager for the Pest Free Hibiscus Coast Project. She talked to the children about our amazing native wildlife and how we can protect it by trapping pest animals in our backyards. The project has free, humane tested, pet-safe rat traps available for anyone in the school who would like one. The only “catch” is you just need to register your trap online and record when you catch a rat, full instructions will be provided. [To order please complete this form](#) and the project team will contact you to arrange a date for you to collect the trap.

**Home learning** - Home learning books go home each Monday and children need to return them every Friday for marking. Home learning consists of number knowledge practice, Steps, and reading. Reading may consist of school made reading books, readers, or school journals. Some children bring books home every night while others are expected to read their own books from home or from the library on some nights. Waka challenges will be sent home next week and are optional.

**Teina Trip to Okoromai Bay** - Your child should have brought home an information sheet about our upcoming trip to Okoromai Bay. We are looking for parent helpers for the day. Please fill out the form and return it ASAP to your child's classroom teacher.

## TUAKANA WHANAU

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

This week we have started to explore the creatures who live in and around our oceans. We are learning about living things and how scientists group them.

Some reminders for this week:

**Homework:** Is due in every Thursday.

**PE Kits:** Are to be changed into after arriving at school and changed out of before leaving for the day.

**Poppits:** Please leave these at home unless you have had a conversation with your class teacher and they feel it would be beneficial for your child.





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## YEAR 6 (Nathan Hanwell Year Group Leader)

Another exciting week draws to a close. This week, we have been looking at how to create line graphs, we've been exploring how to create excellent recounts using amazing vocabulary and looking at how to create a classroom Pepeha.

### Reminders:

**PE Kites:** Children need to attend school in their usual school uniform, then get changed into PE kit for the period that they do their fitness. This is so that we avoid too many smelly bodies by the end of the day!

**Homework:** The standard has been excellent thus-far, with children managing their homework timetable very well. This homework programme runs from Monday to Monday, with a check-in every Monday morning.

**Beep Test:** Children are really excelling in their fitness right now, but a reminder that they need appropriate footwear for running, to help avoid injuries. If a child is unable to do fitness due to injury, they will need to present a note

**Learning Stories:** As a team, we really want you folks at home to know what your child is up to and when they achieve learning milestones, so please keep an eye out for any notifications and feel free to respond.



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