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TERM 2, WEEK 7

Kia ora,

Another week has flown by and despite the wet miserable weather our children are still smiling and we have managed to pack in an awful lot. Take a look at what's be going on this week:

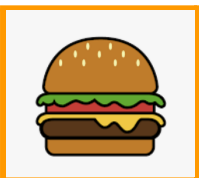
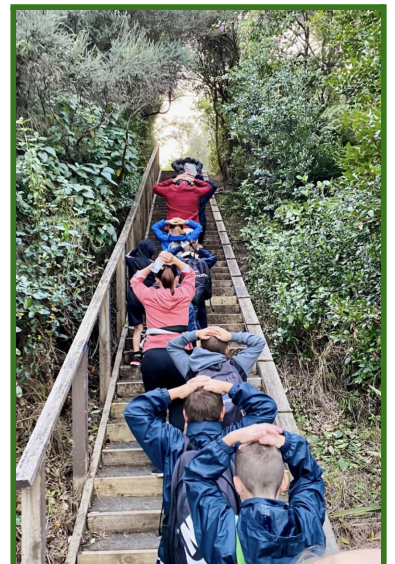
MATHEX COMPETITION

We had a group of our Tuakana children represent us at the Northshore Mathex competition where there were a total of 55 teams competing. We are so proud that our children gave this a go.



YEAR 6 TONGARIRO CROSSING TRAINING WALK

Every Wednesday at 7.30am we offer our Year 6 children a chance to improve their fitness levels in preparation for the Tongariro GHS Outdoor Adventure in December. They train rain or shine - true grit!

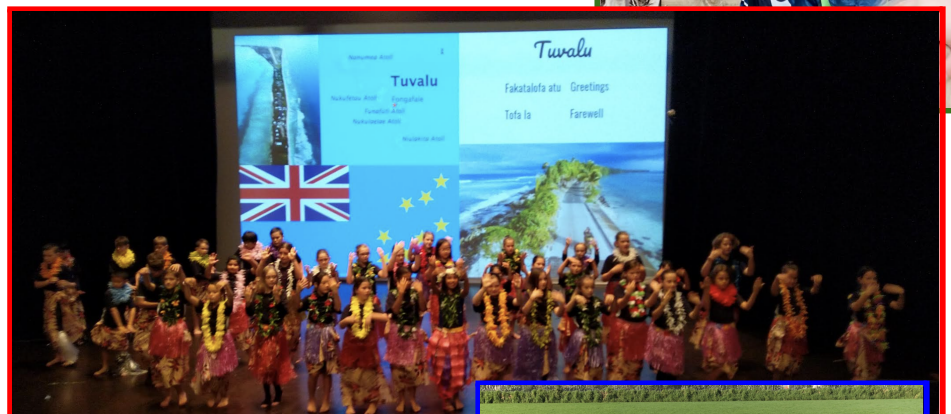


HAMBURGER THURSDAY

Thank you so much to our amazing PTA for organising this successful tasty treat for our children. We sold a staggering 300 burgers.

PASIFIKA FESTIVAL

40 of our Tuakana children joined other local primary schools at Whangaparaoa College for the Fiafia festival. This was a chance for the children to showcase their cultural dancing skills and enjoy a celebration together.



YEAR 2 EOTC DAY

Our Year 2 children have enjoyed a day in the fresh air completing lots of team challenges and activities.



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SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING WITH THE BOARD CHAIR

On Wednesday, we had our very first Children's School Board meeting, attended by Chair of the adult school board, Tony Naidu. With Sarah Hayat on minutes, and Mr Hanwell chairing, the agenda was formed around the proposed new Senior School Playground. Class Reps from all classes from years 3-6 attended, with Tony giving background to the overall process, from funding to logistics, fund-raising to obstacles. Each child put forward their ideas, formed from discussions in their own classes, and these ideas will now be taken forward to form a 'working group' of 5 children from the Board, with the Senior Leadership Team. A fantastic start to an even more pupil-led and pupil-voiced GHS future!



VISIT FROM OUR LOCAL MP

Gulf Harbour School had a VIP visitor on Wednesday. Marja Lübeck, List MP for the Rodney District, responded to an invitation from Lifting Literacy Aotearoa. She wanted to visit a school in the Rodney District that has adopted the Ministry of Education's new early literacy initiative.

In 2021, Gulf Harbour School started a journey towards a more structured approach to literacy in our New Entrant and Year 1 classrooms. Structured literacy is a term teachers use to describe a way of explicitly teaching foundational skills. This approach is backed by decades of research. The Ministry of Education's new initiative has been piloted in New Zealand schools and has been proven to be more effective than other methods of teaching reading.

In addition to the books provided by the Ministry, GHS has purchased a large number of decodable readers to support this instruction. Our Year 2-6 classrooms have access to these resources and many teachers have already adopted structured literacy interventions for students across the school.



During her visit, Ms. Lübeck had the opportunity to observe a small group reading session with some of our newest GHS students. She was so impressed by our 5 years old's knowledge of the English language, specifically how they could explain long and short vowels. These superstar students demonstrated how they could use their skills to read and spell unknown words. Ms. Lübeck commented that so much learning happened in a 15 minute session.

Marja Lübeck is the chairperson of The Education and Workforce Committee. The committee received a petition last June to provide funding for professional development for every New Entrant and Year 1 teachers in New Zealand. We hope Ms. Lübeck's visit to GHS helped highlight the value of this training. We are always proud to show off the hard work of our kaiako, tamariki and whanau.



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PARKING

Again we ask that all parents and carers are mindful of where they are parking when on the school grounds, especially at the end of the day. The bus bay at the rear of the school **MUST REMAIN** clear so that the school bus is able to park up and leave on time. Along with not parking on any grass areas we also ask that you not park on the side of the road in our back car park.

At the front of the school we need the front parking bay to remain free for the Party Kingdom buses that drop off and collect our GHS children.



MEDICATION

We ask that all medication is signed into the office. **NO MEDICATION IS TO BE LEFT IN CHILDREN'S BAGS.**



ARE YOU READY FOR A CLEAN UP OF YOUR GARAGE OR GARDEN?

MORE NOW AVAILABLE

Take a look at our new fund raiser at Gulf Harbour School. We have partnered with Green Gorilla (100% kiwi owned) to provide our community with 3m3 Gorilla bags and raise money for our school. In one bag you can place garden and household rubbish so no need to book different bins for different purposes.

Available to purchase from the school office for \$164 which includes GST AND PICK UP. The collection of the full bag is booked directly on the Green Gorilla website.



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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COMMUNITY NOTICES ...

Diana Holberg, one of our school sponsors, would like to share with you all the Harcourts winter E-Magazine that contains information about local events, entertainment and kid's activities for the winter months. Please click the link Below:



[Harcourts winter E- Magazine](#)

Please also see the Harcourts colouring in competition sheet at the end of this newsletter. Please print out, complete and return to the school office.

Week 1 - Tuesday 13th/
Wednesday 14th /
Thursday 15th
Week 2 - Tuesday 20th
/ Wednesday 21st /
Thursday 22nd
\$45 per day 9am-3pm
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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
Sunday 20th June	2.00 - 4.00pm	New Families Sunday Funday Event
Wednesday 23rd June	Year 3 and 4 - 5.00 to 6.00pm Year 5 and 6 - 6.30 to 7.30pm	Teina and Tuakana Discos and Parent Workshops - <i>Workshops available during this time for Reading, Math, Behaviour Strategies and Cyber safety/Digital learning at GHS</i>
Thursday 24th June	Year 0 and 1 - 4.30 to 5.30pm Year 2 - 6.00 to 7.00pm	Purapura Disco and Parent Workshops - <i>Sports information meeting in the staffroom during the Purapura sessions</i>
Friday 25th June	SCHOOL CLOSED - TEACHER ONLY DAY	
Tuesday 6th July	7.00pm	PTA Deckhands Meeting
Thursday 8th July	4.30 - 7.00pm	Matariki Festival
Friday 9th July	SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.00PM FOR HOLIDAYS	

Further Disco information and how to book tickets has been sent out on HERO separately.



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Whanau Team Notices

Term 2 Week 7

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. This can be paid via the school Hero app.

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

Another great week for our Purapura Year 1 children. They have been working hard on their performances for our Matariki festival and can't wait to share it with their families.

Lateness:

We have a considerable number of children arriving at school after the bell has gone or just as the bell is about to go. For little people this causes considerable anxiety and doesn't help to set them up to have a successful day. They have little jobs to do like unpacking their bags and signing in so 8:45am is a great time for them to be able to do these little jobs. Thank you for your support with this.

Visit from the Hibiscus Coast Astronomical Society:

Next week we are excited to welcome a special visitor from the Astrological Society. Please hop onto the Hero app if you are able to pay the \$2 donation towards the cost of the experience.

YEAR 2 (Melissa Stilwell Year 2 Group Leader)

Fitness - If your child is unable to take part in fitness, due to illness or injury, their teacher will need notification of this (via a note or email). Daily fitness is a very important part of the school curriculum, as it promotes both physical and emotional health, as well as helping children to gain greater confidence in themselves as their fitness improves.

Waka Challenges - Well done to those who have been slowly working through the WAKA Challenges and uploading the evidence onto Hero. These can be found [here](#) on the school website.

TEINA WHANAU

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

The Year 3/4 students have had a great week of learning. There is a lot of impressive writing being produced and some incredible art. The students are all enjoying learning about cultural celebrations and are busy preparing for our own Matariki celebration in Week 10. Next week, we are looking forward to a visitor from the Hibiscus Coast Astronomical Society who will talk to the students about Matariki, stars, the things you can see in the night sky without a telescope.

YEAR 5 (Ruth Trevathan Whanau Team Leader)

Another fabulous week of learning has flown by. The year 5 students have learned about properties of 2 and 3D shapes, written spell-binding stories and continued their study of Matariki.

Coming up Next Week:

- **Astrological Workshops** - these will be in-class and a fab opportunity for kids to find out more about space, tying in with our learning around Matariki



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- **Visits to Shakespear** - Part of our 'Volunteering at Shakespear' and 'Shakespear Guardians' Programme - Mrs Trevathan's class go on Monday; Mrs Thrush and Mrs Cammell's classes on Tuesday and Mrs Kiata's class on Wednesday. Remember to wear your own clothes, with outdoor shoes (prepare to get muddy as we're tree planting!) - bring a change of clothes in case of wetness and muddiness! ***If you would like to attend to support, please contact your class teacher.***
- **SAILING AND SURFING NOTICES** are due by **Friday next week (June 25th)**. 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. This is an optional activity, if you would like to join us, contact Ruth (r.trevathan@ghs.school.nz). [Please find further details here.](#)

YEAR 6 (Nathan Hanwell Whanau Team Leader)

What a tremendous week it has been for our year sixes! They've worked incredibly hard, with a focus on properties of 2-D shapes in Maths, plus our continued focus on basic facts. Then, there's the scary stories, where we looked at the setting and began character description. Finally, we have really been delving deep into inferencing in our reading; a precious skill that ties beautifully into comprehension.

An even busier week next week!

Reminders for Next Week:

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- **Visits to Shakespear** - Part of our 'Volunteering at Shakespear' and 'Shakespear Guardians' Programme - Miss Henton's class go on Monday; Mr Hanwell and Mrs Nielsen's classes on Wednesday. Mufti clothes, with outdoor shoes (prepare to get muddy as we're tree planting!) - bring a change of clothes in case of wetness and muddiness! ***If you would like to attend to support, please contact your class teacher.***
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Use your best colours. Ask an adult to scan and send to tandem@harcourts.co.nz or post/deliver to any **Harcourts Tandem Realty branch**. Details on back cover.

Submissions end **11 July 2021**, winners announced **1 August 2021**.

First, Second, and Third Prizes for age groups 0-4 and 5-8.

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