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## TERM 2, WEEK 10

Kia ora,

WOW!!! What an awesome evening we had here at Gulf Harbour School last night to celebrate Matariki. Thank you so much to all of you that made the effort to turn out in the cold, but I think you will agree, it was well worth it. We really need to thank all of the wonderful people that enabled this to happen, including all of our teachers that organised wonderful learning activities and performances to present. Our awesome children for being fully involved in their learning all term. We also need to thank Whaea Ana for working with our Kapa Haka crew every week, Hibiscus Tuakana who work with our Year 5 and 6 children each week in Pasifika dance, Crystal Viljoen for working with the junior choir and Sophia Pedersen from Northern School of Performing Arts for teaching our Teina and Tuakana children performing arts during their rotations each Friday. We also need to thank all of the outstanding parent helpers that helped prepare, cook and sell the many food options that were on sale along with all of our other helpers. A big thank you also has to go to our amazing Fiona Southgate who has overseen the organisation of the whole event along with the hard work of Richie who works tirelessly behind the scenes. Thank you!!

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Also a **HUGE thank you** to these amazing Businesses for their Support and helping to make our Matariki Festival a BIG success:

- Gulf Harbour Four Square
- SA Shop Whangaparaoa.
- Joy Mart Silverdale
- Bonson Packaging.
- The Warehouse Group



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## MID YEAR REPORTING

Please check your child's HERO account as goals have been updated and the progress graph's opened for a mid year snapshot.

## UNWANTED TOYS

Do you have any old toys your child has grown out of? We are looking for wooden blocks, train sets, dress up clothes, good quality puzzles etc for our new NE class in Term 3. Please contact Gill Steel [g.steel@ghs.school.nz](mailto:g.steel@ghs.school.nz) and let her know if you have something we can have.



## WAKA CHALLENGES

Over the holidays it is really important that our children get the chance to rest up and recharge their batteries ready for Term 3. However, we do have our [GHS WAKA CHALLENGES](#) to complete if you would like some activities for your child to work through. The completion of these challenges are celebrated at the end of the school year with a certificate and Waka rosette.



## DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Over this holiday we will no doubt experience some wet, cold weather and days that we will just stay in and chill around the home. Please be particularly mindful and aware of what your child is accessing online over this time. There are some good articles on the [Parenting Place website](#) that talk about children accessing social media and playing games online, well worth a read.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday 26th July	SCHOOL REOPENS AT 8.30	
Thursday 5th August	7.00pm in the Staffroom	PTA Deckhands Meeting
Wednesday 18th August	School Day	Whole School Mudrun <i>(more info will follow)</i>



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	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	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED - TEACHER ONLY DAY</b>	
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	<b>SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.00PM FOR THE HOLIDAYS</b>	

### Whanau Team Notices Term 2 Week 10

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

**Holidays** What a busy term it has been, the children have worked extremely hard and we are excited about the learning and progress they have been making . All the children are all ready for a well deserved break. We hope you manage to get some down time with your family.

**Matariki Festival** Thank you to everyone who attended our Matariki Festival last night. It was a great festival and we trust that you enjoyed the singing and exploring the classrooms.

**Waka Challenges** - A reminder that if you run out of things to do in the holidays you can always work on your Waka Challenges. These can be found [here](#) on the school website. For those parents who are new to school, children can complete a minimum of 12 waka challenges over the school year, and parents can upload evidence to your child's Hero profile.

**Lost Property and Naming Clothing** Can we please remind everyone that the holidays are a good time to make sure that all clothing is still clearly labelled. We have a large box of lost property that is not able to be returned due to the fact that clothing is either not named or not clearly named.

#### TEINA WHANAU

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

We have had such a busy term filled with lots of learning and it was lovely to be able to celebrate this last night! We hope you and your families all have a relaxing and safe holiday and we will see you back next term.





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[YEAR 6 \(Nathan Hanwell Whanau Team Leader\)](#)

[YEAR 5 \(Ruth Trevathan Whanau Team Leader\)](#)

Year five and six have enjoyed a fabulous finish to the term, with our Matariki Festival rounding off a tremendous, full term of learning. It was fabulous seeing so many parents last night, with the choir, Kapa Haka, Matariki Performance, not to mention the incredible range of Space projects and presentations that the children were able to show off on the night - a great night had by all!



### Tongariro Walkers:

A big shout-out to those children who have attended the Tongariro Walks with Mrs Taylor. They have really pushed themselves incredibly hard and their fitness and resilience has definitely improved since the first walk! Today finished with a well-deserved hot chocolate - great effort!



We wish you all the very best for the Winter Break. There is no 'official' homework, as we feel it important to give the children a break, but our Inquiry Theme for next term is Curiosity and Sustainability, so if you're able to have a chat with your child about anything linked in, that would be tremendously helpful.

Also, we are aware that practice makes perfect, so if your child is able to work on the following areas to help support their learning over the holiday period, that would help:

**Writing** - Diary or Journal of any interesting activities/visits/holiday trips

**Reading** - Visit Whangaparaoa library and take part in some of the holiday activities taking place there

**Maths** - Continue to focus on basic facts, measurement activities (the learning area for next term) and fractions wherever possible!





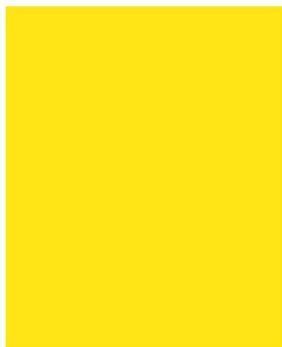
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*Study Ladder, board games, family discussion over dinner etc can all aid many of the areas outlined above*

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