

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 2, WEEK 7

Kia ora,

We have had a great week of learning and our children are all truly settled back into their familiar school routine. Washing hands and not invading someone's personal space is now just the new normal for our children and our staff have been amazing at embedding these measures. We would also like to thank you all for continuing to respect our alert level 2 rules . Limiting the number of adults on site is not only keeping our children safe but also allowing them to start school in a calm and responsible manner.

COVID-19 UPDATE

It is exciting to note that there have been no new incidences of COVID-19 cases for several days. However, as you will be aware the government has announced that alert level 2 measures will continue for another four weeks.

At Gulf Harbour School we continue to be committed to maintaining the health and safety of our community and so will be continuing with our alert level 2 measures. Our COVID-19 procedures are underpinned by the Ministry of Education's three guidelines of safe practices:

- reduce the risk of someone getting infected in the first place.
- ensure we can identify and contact anyone who becomes infected.
- understand that Level 2 is not business as usual.

ALERT LEVEL 2 AT GHS FOR THE NEXT 4 WEEKS

1. Maintain Effective and Safe Hygiene Procedures

Regular washing and drying of hands and good cough and sneeze etiquette remain fundamental to preventing the spread of an illness such as colds, flu and COVID-19. This will continue to be encouraged by all staff. Children will need to continue to bring in their own hand sanitiser, hand towel or face cloth.

2. Ensure people with COVID-19 symptoms stay away from school

Any children, young people and staff should stay at home if they are sick or should be sent home immediately if they show any symptoms.

3. Maintain Physical Distancing

Young people and staff maintain a distance so that they are not breathing on or touching each other (where possible).

No sharing of food or drinks is permitted. This includes birthday celebrations. Labelled drink bottles are necessary to avoid drinking from water fountains.

Minimise gatherings and minimise proximity of large numbers of people where possible. There will be no full school assemblies for Term 2. Face-to-face community gatherings are postponed or cancelled under Alert Level 2.

Only year level assemblies can take place from 2nd June.



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4. Contact tracing and minimising contact with adults outside of the GHS school bubble

The school will keep track of people who enter the school site – through the visitor register at the office and contact tracing registers all Year 1 and 2 teachers have. In the event of a confirmed transmission within the GHS community, it is essential to be able to track the extent of transmission.

All visitors are required to sign in at reception.

Parents are to continue to communicate through phone or email and avoid coming onto the site unless essential.

Only Year 1 and 2 parents permitted on site unless urgent need or planned meeting.

Start and end of day arrangements to continue with the school opening at 8.30am. Year 1 and 2 children can be collected from 2.45pm; Year 3 and 4 from 2.55pm and Year 5 and 6 at 3.00pm. All adults must always maintain physical distancing guidelines when waiting at collection points. Everyone is requested to leave school by 3.10 pm daily (except those attending our on site after school care facility).

5. Reported Cases of COVID-19 in the GHS Community

In the event of a reported case of a parent, staff member or student, Gulf Harbour School leadership will liaise with the Ministry of Education and Health and enforce a mandatory 72-hour shutdown of the school.

In the event of this we would keep you fully informed at every stage.

Please inform the office if you or your child are awaiting a COVID-19 test.

CHANGES TO ALERT LEVEL 2 MEASURES (as of June 2nd)

- Sport practices, Thinking Caps, Spanish lessons and itinerant music lessons can resume.
- Reading books and library books can now be issued.
- Year level assemblies can take place (no more than 100 gathering), following distancing guidelines.
- Whole school playtimes can resume.

COMMON SENSE PREVAILS

We are working hard to ensure we have thorough procedures in place to protect the community but these can only go so far. Staff and parents must engage in common-sense decision making, while at all times attempting to maintain the safe practice guidelines.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

IMPORTANT UP & COMING DATES

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday 1st June		QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 3rd July		LAST DAY OF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.00PM RE-OPENS MONDAY 20TH JULY AT 8.30AM

**Please note. More events may come up as Covid-19 restrictions relax.*



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HANDWASHING

Thank you to everyone who has brought in towels or paper towels. We are washing our hands often and our paper towel supply is quickly going down. If you are sending in hand towels, please send a fresh one each day. If you can donate paper towels this would be appreciated. We have had fun singing songs and counting down from 20 while we wash.



HERO

Can you please make sure you log into Hero (the new version of LINC ED) so that you can check on your child's learning journey this year. Please use the following [instructions](#) to add the app to your phone or log into your computer. After you have logged in and chosen your child you should be able to see a tab that says '2020 report'. If you cannot see this please email f.southgate@ghs.school.nz



COMMUNITY NOTICE

Entrance Scholarship Exams - Wentworth College, Gulf Harbour

Wentworth College is a Private School in Gulf Harbour that follows the Cambridge International Education curriculum. The Wentworth Trust Board offers a number of Entrance Scholarships each year to potential new students wishing to enter Wentworth College. Scholarships are awarded by way of a discount off the annual tuition fees, ranging in value up to 50%.



Scholarships are awarded based on the results of scholarship examinations whilst also considering applicants' all round ability (such as sport, cultural and community endeavours). Applicants are required to sit assessments in English and Mathematics, each of approximately 1 hour's duration.

Scholarship examinations for students wishing to enter Wentworth in 2021 will be held on Wednesday, 1st July 2020. If you wish to register to receive further information about these examinations, please refer to the website www.wentworth.school.nz/admissions/ or email gclews@wentworth.school.nz

Wentworth College - Open Day Wednesday 17th June. Tours at 9am, 12pm and 3.30pm



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Whanau Team Notices

Term 2 Week 7



PURAPURA WHANAU

NEW ENTRANT/YEAR 1 (Gill Steel 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.

SPARE CLOTHING REMINDER- can children have a spare pair of clothes in a plastic bag in case of accidents or slips in muddy puddles.

HAND WASHING - please remember to have a named hand towel at school

HOME READING - will begin next week. Readers need to be returned every day in Book Bags.

YEAR 2 (Melissa Stilwell Year Group Leader)

Can we please ask that **all clothing is clearly named** and that they bring a hand towel and a jumper to school every day.

Homework - Readers and spelling homework will start next week. Readers must be returned everyday along with their bookbag. Your child will not have a new reader if the previous one is not returned. We will continue to use the reading log as part of their homework. Please sign it every night after your child has read to you.

Brain Food Break - This will be a quick 10 minute break to allow the children to refuel their brains with something healthy to eat. Please pack in your child's lunchbox either some fruit or vegetables. We also ask that you please send a bottle of water to school with your child as well. No juice please.

TEINA WHANAU

YEAR 3 (Mel Creagh Year Group Leader)

This week year 3 students have been exploring light and colour, combining our science focus with art and looking at the colour wheel. We looked at the art form of expressionism and expressing feelings through abstract art.

Thanks to those who sent in paper towels, we will continue to regularly wash hands next week so more would be appreciated.



Homework will resume next week so please support your children by reminding them to bring their book bags to school each day.

YEAR 4 (Rebecca Wong Year Group Leader)

Last week the Year 4 classes created banners and wrote a message of thank you to an essential service in our community. This has been a great exercise on kindness and gratitude and all of the messages and photos have been warmly received.

Thank you to everyone that has brought in paper towels or continues to send along hand towels for our regular hand washing.

Homework: Homework and school readers will be resuming next week. Please help your child get back into the habit of bringing their book bag to school each day and returning homework books on Fridays.

Brain Food: We will also be resuming our 10:00am Brain Food Break next week. Please pack either fruit or vegetables in your child's lunchbox.

TUAKANA WHANAU

YEAR 5 (Ruth Trevathan Year Group Leader)

This week Year 5 students have been busy exploring light. We have used prisms, mirrors and lenses to explore light and colour.

Homework: will be coming home tonight. Homework will run from Friday to Friday. This week, students just need to complete 3 nights of homework due to the long weekend. Homework consists of 20 minutes reading (your child's choice), 5 - 10 minutes spelling or Steps and 5 - 10 minutes basic facts practice.

PE Kit: Next week we will resume changing into PE kits for fitness and PE. Please send it daily in your child's bag.

YEAR 6 (Nathan Hanwell Year Group Leader)

Another fantastic week for year six. We have been focussing in on our explanation writing and how that links to our Inquiry Topic, which is Forces in Science. We looked at how forces act upon an object and carried out a paper plane experiment to see which design went the furthest. In Maths, we've continued to look at Geometry, discussing coordinates and their usage, as well as properties of 2 and 3-d shapes. A great effort!

Just a reminder:

- Fully charged devices in school every day, please
- Homework will be going out again at the beginning of next week - there has been a slight change, so this will be shared with you when the homework goes out.



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For kindly donating three water fountains



For donating \$150 voucher for our GHS working bee day



Wicked Wash - free water blasting for the school



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