

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 1, WEEK 7

Kia ora,

What a week it has been!

I am happy to say that learning and fun has continued at Gulf Harbour School this week. Our Tuakana Year 5 & 6 children have still been singing, dancing and acting - working towards their Alice in Wonderland production. Our staff and the wonderful team from Northern School of Performing Arts have managed to continue with practicing, just in much smaller workshops. Classes have continued to use the library and our school grounds for learning and all classroom routines have remained the same. Thank you to our amazing teachers and staff.

NEW WATER FOUNTAINS

Thank you to Coastal Water Supply for kindly donating 3 new water fountains to the school. These are now installed and in operation.



WORKING BEE

A big thank you to all of the families that participated in our working bee on Sunday. We achieved lots wood staining of our playground, painting of the planters, cutting back of overgrown trees and bushes along with a good general tidy up. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated.



IMPORTANT UP & COMING DATES

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday 29th March		Dental Unit arriving
Wednesday 8th April	LAST DAY OF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.00PM RE-OPENS TUESDAY 28TH APRIL AT 8.30AM	

NEW ENROLMENTS

If you have a child turning five years old this year, PLEASE register them as soon as possible by visiting our front office or contacting Gill Steel on g.steel@ghs.school.nz.



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SCHOOL BUS UPDATE - IMPORTANT

We received the following update from Bayes Coachline today:

We have ramped up our cleaning on the buses, we are using Dettol wipes on handrails and surfaces each day, and also spraying a Dettol spray through the buses, in order to try and kill any bugs which may be around. However getting more stock to continue this is now an issue...

We have also installed hand sanitiser units at the depot for drivers to use each time they pass them.

Another change put in place by Auckland Transport is as from Monday next week there will not be any "cash" accepted on the buses, this is to decrease the contact between customers and drivers, with the aim to keep our drivers healthy, so they can continue driving the buses.



COVID-19

To keep our drivers and customers safe, there will be no cash payments.

You must use an AT HOP card to pay.

To get an AT HOP card go to [AT.govt.nz](https://www.at.govt.nz) or visit a Customer Service Centre.



Metro

Healthline 0800 358 5453

COMING UP



Next term we hope to be launching the Linc Ed 'Hero' app. This will assist us in further improving communication between school and home. More information on this will be shared shortly.

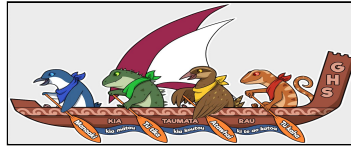


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Whanau Team Notices

Term 1 Week 7



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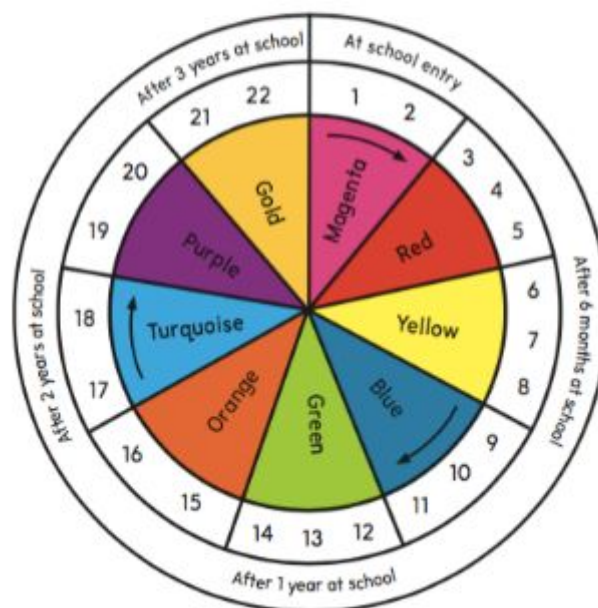
NEW ENTRANT/YEAR 1 (Gill Steel Year Group Leader)

Hand Towels Thank you to everyone for sending these in. If possible it would be easier for little children to have either a hand towel or flannels. If these could be named it would be much appreciated.

YEAR 2 (Melissa Stilwell Year Group Leader)

Some parents have asked if we could explain how the Reading Colour Wheel works. You may have noticed that some books have a coloured wheel on that back. This is to show which reading level the book is aimed at. The colour wheel begins at the top, at magenta where the books are simple and repetitive, and move through red, yellow, blue, green, orange, turquoise, purple to gold. Each colour gets slightly longer and more complex.

Reading Expectations and the Colour Wheel



We have also had a few questions about reading levels and grouping this year so we thought we would clarify how we run our programmes and what our expectations are for the year. Groupings



are flexible and are often changed with ongoing testing and your child may not remain in the same group at all times.

Children will not always have a new book each day. We often work on a two day cycle where the child reads the text at school in a guided session (so when they read at home it may seem easy) and on the second day we work on understanding new vocabulary and comprehension, phrasing and fluency.

Some children are still learning alphabet letters, sounds and basic sight words and may have sight words to practice each night until mastered.

Other children are developing their understanding and comprehension. To improve depth and greater understanding of the text the children move more slowly through the colour wheel. These children may not always read with the teacher each day as they are working on independent tasks. Children within these levels may bring home a chapter book from the library which they are also able to read at home.

All children are learning to read with a smooth, fluent and expressive voice. When reading at home please model this to your child, bringing their attention to punctuation.

TEINA WHANAU

YEAR 3 (Mel Creagh Year Group Leader) & YEAR 4 (Rebecca Wong Year Group Leader)

Steps and Prototec - It's great to see so many children using these websites as part of their regular homework routine. The steps programme is all new for the year three students, and it does take time and practise learning how to log on and work the programme. We have been showing resilience in class as we learn this new skill, it will get easier with practise.

Paper Towels/ towels - Thank you to those people who have sent in paper towels/towels to help us with handwashing. It would be great to keep this supply coming as we are thoroughly washing hands multiple times a day. We have had fun singing songs and counting down from 20 while we wash.

TUAKANA WHANAU

YEAR 5 (Ruth Trevathan Year Group Leader)

Production

Rehearsals continue today for our production. Groups are now smaller and children involved will need to practice their dances at home. Please find a link to videos of them [here](#).

Hand Towels Thank you to everyone who has sent these in. Please send in a roll of paper towel for the class or have a hand towel in your child's bag for them to use.

YEAR 6 (Nathan Hanwell Year Group Leader)

What a stunner week 7 was for year 6! We have continued looking at how statistics affect our lives, following a question through to how to record the data and how to present it so that it is easy to follow.

We completed our NZ Writes postcards, linking each year 6 class to another class in New Zealand, where we each completed a complex poem, tying in with our use of descriptive language. We also studied idioms - metaphorical phrases, such as 'it's raining cats and dogs'.



Our production rehearsals continue to go at full-speed, and we are continuing to show the school values despite the current challenges that we face all around us. True resilience. Great effort, year 6!

“No matter how much falls on us, we keep plowing ahead. That's the only way to keep the roads clear.”

— Greg Kincaid



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



Wicked Wash - free water blasting for the school



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