

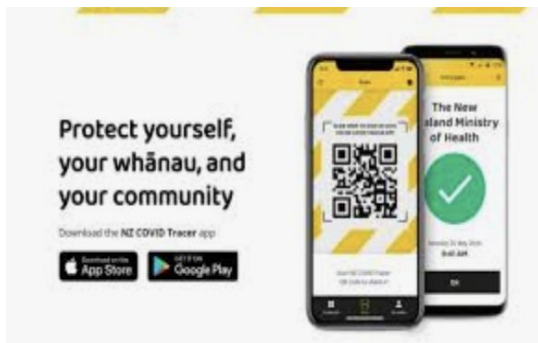
# WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## TERM 3, WEEK 7

Hi,

It has been great getting back in the swing of things this week and welcoming new children to Gulf Harbour School. We also welcome Hayley Brass to the Gulf Harbour School whanau, as our new Room 9 (new entrants) teacher.

Thank you to all for supporting your children in coming back to school.



As per the Prime Minister's announcement today, we will be continuing to operate at alert level 2.5 next week and would like to thank all of the parents that are coming onto the school grounds for using the contact tracer QR codes at our entrances. It is vital that we have all visitors monitored and ask that if you have not installed the app already on your phone, that you do. Let's all work together to get New Zealand back down to level 1.

### SCHOOL VALUES

For the rest of this term we are focusing on our school value of **RESPECT**. We would really appreciate your support with this by working on respect at home as we often forget that children aren't born with a built-in sense of respect for others. Our children need to be taught to be respectful.



Unfortunately, YouTube, movies, music, and video games all seem to glorify a disrespectful, angry, rude way of dealing with others. As a result, we have to work harder as parents and teachers to teach our kids to be respectful.

In order to form a firm culture of respect in your home here are a few tips:

#### 1. Remember That Your Child Is Not Your Friend

It's not about your child liking you or even thanking you for what you do. It's important to remember that your child is not your friend. He's your child. Your job is to coach him to function effectively in the world and behave respectfully to others, not just you.

When you think your child might be crossing the line, a good rule of thumb is to ask yourself, "Would I let the neighbour say these things to me? Would I let a stranger?" If the answer is no, don't let your child do it, either.

Someday when your child becomes an adult, your relationship may become more of a friendship. But for now, it's your job to be his parent, his teacher, his coach, and his limit setter—not the buddy who lets him get away with things.



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## 2. Confront Disrespect Early and Often

It's good to confront disrespectful behaviour early, if possible. If your child is rude or disrespectful, don't turn a blind eye. Intervene and say:

*"We don't talk to each other that way in this family."*

Giving consequences when your children are younger is going to pay off in the long run. As a parent, it's crucial that if you see your child being disrespectful to admit it and then try to nip it in the bud.

## 3. Parent as a Team

It's beneficial for you and your co-parent to be on the same page when it comes to your child's behaviour. Make sure one of you isn't allowing the disrespectful behavior while the other is trying to intercede. Sit down together and talk about your rules, and then come up with a plan of action—and a list of consequences you might give—if your child breaks the rules. Agreeing on a set of family values and what these look like is really important

## 4. Teach Your Child Basic Social Interaction Skills

It may sound old fashioned, but it's important to teach your child basic manners like saying "please" and "thank you." When your child deals with her teachers in school or gets her first job and has these skills to fall back on, it will go a long way.

## 5. Discuss Disrespect When Your Child is Calm

If your child is disrespectful or rude, talk about what happened once things are calm. Talk about how it could have been dealt with differently. A calm conversation is a chance for you to listen to your child and to understand her problem better. Try to stay objective. You can say:

*"Pretend a video camera recorded the whole thing. What would I see?"*

This is also a perfect time to have your child describe what she could have done differently.

Remember - children really *do* want limits, even if they protest. And they will protest! The message that they get when you step in and set limits is that they're cared about, that they're loved, and that you really want them to be successful and able to function well in the world. **Our children won't thank us now, but that's okay. It's not about getting them to thank us, it's about doing the right thing.**

## KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

We are always trying to find ways to keep our children safe online. If you have not done so already, we thoroughly recommend a *free* service provided by Cloudflare, a US based Content Delivery Network, that enables families to have a level of protection, which whilst not foolproof, does help eliminate the obvious stuff. The service is very simple to implement, requiring a couple of safe changes to the household internet router and its description can be found in:

<https://blog.cloudflare.com/introducing-1-1-1-1-for-families/>.

If privacy of the service being provided by an american company is a concern, Internet Service Providers in New Zealand generally provide a "family filter" service that can be subscribed to, such as:

<https://help.slingshot.co.nz/hc/en-us/articles/360000047893-Slingshot-Family-Filter>.

We have a lovely parent who has offered to assist with supporting families with setting this up in your home if you struggle. Just let me know and then I can pass on your details.



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**IMPORTANT UP & COMING DATES (September)**

DATE	TIME	EVENT
<b>TERM 3</b>		
<i>Our mud run, celebration of learning and Kawau bake sale have all been put on hold until we are at level 1. We will keep you posted.</i>		
<b>Friday 25th September</b>	<b>School closes at 3.00pm and reopens on Monday 12th october 2020 at 8.30am</b>	

**Whanau Team Notices**

**Term 3 Week 7**



**PURAPURA WHANAU**

**NEW ENTRANT/YEAR 1 (Gill Steel)**

**WELCOME**

A very big warm welcome to our 8 new children who started school this week in Room 9 and to their teacher Ms Hayley Brass who has joined the Gulf Harbour team.

**HAND TOWELS**

Please make sure that your child has a hand towel in their bag. It is important that children have a clean one every week .

**DO YOU HAVE ANY SPARE KEYS LYING AROUND ?** We need a considerable number to make some instruments. If so can you please send them along and give them to Mrs Steel.

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

**Hero** - Have you logged into Hero lately? We would like to encourage you to regularly check your child's learning progress and comment on your child's learning posts.

**We need your jars!** If you have any empty glass jars with lids, can you please bring them to school and give them to your class teacher.





### TEINA WHANAU

#### YEAR 3 (Mel Creagh Year Group Leader)

**Welcome back** - We have been so impressed with how the children have settled back to school they have been really resilient with changes to the timetable and extra handwashing.

**Sanitizer and hand towels** - Thank you to everyone who has sent these along this week, it really helps if children have their own sanitizer to use at times throughout the day. Please continue to send these items to school.

#### YEAR 4 (Rebecca Wong Year Group Leader)

**Welcome back** - The children all did an amazing job during lockdown and have all settled straight back into work at school. All of the year 4 teachers are impressed with their resilience and want to thank all the Year 4 families for supporting our learning partnership during this time.

**Towels** - Thank you to everyone who has sent in hand towels or paper towels for hand drying. The teachers have set up pegs in class to ensure hand towels are easily used.

### TUAKANA WHANAU

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

Welcome back! We've had a busy week settling back in, continuing with developing our products, practicing for production and beginning our calendar art.

Next week we will be starting to create props for the production. We would welcome spare newspapers and cardboard from home please!

#### **Reminders:**

**Devices** - please send these fully charged each day.

**PE Kit** - please ensure PE kit comes to school daily.

**Hand washing** - check your child has either a hand towel, paper towel or sanitiser each day.

#### YEAR 6 (Nathan Hanwell Year Group Leader)

Another tremendous week in year 6 this week! We have begun to ramp up our preparations for our Production of Alice in Wonderland and **your help is needed!** We need to get hold of a collection of props. **Prop list will be sent out very shortly - keep your eyes peeled!**

Year 6 have also been working on their fractions, decimals and percentages and how they tie in together. Leadership sessions began this week - was great to see the kids putting in place their actions and really stepping up in how they approach one-another, the community and how they see themselves - great stuff!



Finally, I want to thank all of the parents for their support with our home learning plans over the previous 3 weeks - never an easy time, and knowing that you were all on board with what we were trying to achieve (as well as actively encouraging the children's independence) meant we went without a hitch, so thank you! Let's hope we don't need to revisit the lockdown learning scenario for the rest of this year and allow the year sixes to finish their primary school life in a more 'normal' environment!

**Reminders:**

- **Devices in school every day and charged, please**
- **Cardboard needed! For production, and our marketing evening, any cardboard will be needed please (thick cardboard preferential - any size!)**

**Whangaparaoa Enrolment Night:**

The next Enrolment Night for 2021 is:

**Wednesday, 12 August 4 - 6.30pm**





## GULF HARBOUR SCHOOL 2020 SPONSORS



Our [local Four Square](#) store continues to support all Gulf Harbour School fundraising events in 2020.

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

For kindly donating three water fountains



Wicked Wash - free water blasting for the school



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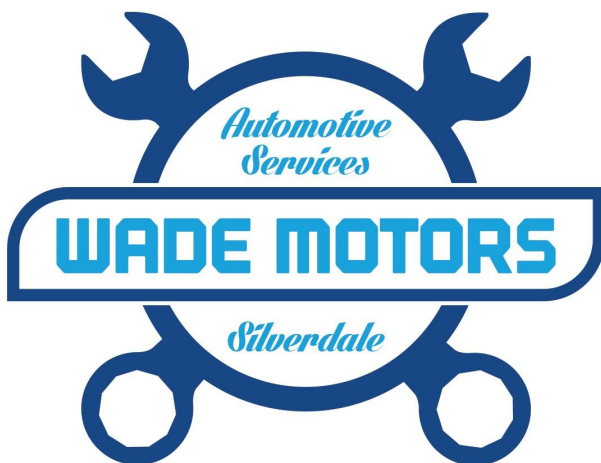
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Thank you so much to the following local businesses for supporting the school with our fun mud run this term:

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