

# WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## TERM 1, WEEK 6

Kia ora,

You may have seen that the World Health Organisation has now declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic. As noted by the Minister of Health, this doesn't change what New Zealand is doing to respond to coronavirus.

The Ministry of Health has been working through its pandemic plan since January. You will also know the Government has already implemented a range of measures to minimise the impacts to New Zealand. This includes border restrictions, a requirement to self-isolate on arrival in New Zealand from China, Iran, Italy and the Republic of Korea and immediate and detailed contact tracing of any confirmed cases. It is important to note that those four countries account for more than 90% of cases globally and China and the Republic of Korea have significantly declining numbers of new cases.

We have 5 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in New Zealand and it is pleasing to know they are all doing well and are at home. Their children, four students at Auckland schools, continue to be well and show no symptoms. While we expect that more cases will arise, the Ministry of Health says that with continued vigilance the chance of widespread community outbreak is expected to remain low in New Zealand. We all have a role to play in this.

For our school, our pandemic plan is also ready to be implemented if needed. In the meantime we will continue to focus on good hygiene practices. Hand washing and good cough etiquette are very important tools in preventing the spread of illness including colds, flu and COVID-19.

With that, there is a good video clip from Nanogirl that will help your children to better understand the virus - [YouTube clip - Nanogirl](#)

You may have also seen the Prime Minister sat down with Dr Michelle Dickinson (aka Nanogirl) and the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor, Juliet Gerrard, to talk about coronavirus:

- [Watch on the PM's Facebook page](#)
- [Read and watch on the Newshub website](#)

One other action we can all take is to be vigilant about our own health and the health of our children. I will be encouraging my staff to stay away from school if they are showing signs of illness such as coughs and colds. I ask that you please do the same with your children. Colds and flus are common in schools and by staying away, seeking medical attention and practicing good hygiene, we can all keep any spread of illness to a minimum.

### 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](mailto:g.steel@ghs.school.nz).



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**DATES FOR THE DIARY - WEEK 6 (Friday 13th - Friday 20th March)**

DATE	TIME	EVENT
<b>Sunday 15th March</b>	10.30 - 2.30pm	GHS Working Bee 'LOVE OUR SCHOOL' event. All meet at the front office even if you can only stay for an hour. Your help is greatly appreciated
<b>(Running all term)</b>	8.30am - 8.50am	Free breakfast club running from the food tech room
<b>Monday 16th March</b>	All day	Teina Whanau (Years 3) Beach Education Day
<b>Tuesday 17th March</b>	12.30 - 2.00pm	Tuakana swimming trials - only for registered children
	All day event (classes rotating)	GHS football open day run by Hibiscus Coast football (free). Year 4 to 6 children need PE kits in school
	6.00 - 7.30pm	Strategies to protect & promote well-being in your family at Whangaparaoa College Auditorium. ALL WELCOME
<b>Wednesday 18th March</b>		Walk to School Day (please see information below)
<b>Thursday 19th March</b>	8.45am	Parents & carers morning tea in the Staffroom. Come and make new friends. All welcome, including little ones. If you have limited data this is also the chance to use our wi-fi for free
	4.00 - 5.00pm	Weetbix Tryathlon training at Manly beach/park
	7.00 - 8.00pm	Sports Managers and Coaches Meeting in the staffroom
<b>Friday 20th March</b>	All day	Teina Whanau (Years 4) Beach Education Day
	2.45 - 3.15pm	Ice creams for sale from the galley for \$2



<b>Sunday 22nd March</b>	<i>Early start (exact times sent to individuals who have registered)</i>	Weetbix Tryathlon at Manly Park
<b>IMPORTANT UP &amp; COMING DATES</b>		
<b>Tuesday 24th March</b>	3.15 - 4.45pm & 5.30 - 7.00pm <i>(childcare will be provided if needed)</i>	Parent Workshops - we will be offering a variety of workshops that you can opt in to attend, including maths, literacy, anxiety, core values & zones of regulation. More information will follow
<b>Thursday 26th March</b>	12.30 - 2.00pm	Interschool swimming sports at Northern Arena for selected children
<b>Sunday 29th March</b>		Dental Unit arriving
<b>Monday 30th March</b>		Purapura Whanau (Years 1 & 2) Beach Education Day
<b>Tuesday 7th April</b>	5.00 - 7.00pm	Celebration of Learning Evening
<b>Wednesday 8th April</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.00PM RE-OPENS TUESDAY 28TH APRIL AT 8.30AM</b>	

**THIS SUNDAY - PLEASE HELP US MAKE OUR SCHOOL BEAUTIFUL!!!**

### GULF HARBOUR SCHOOL WORKING BEE

**WHEN?** Sunday March 15th 10.30 to 2.30pm

**WHERE?** Meet at the school front office

**WHAT?** Paint planters, stain wood, weed, trim bushes, repair fences and wood work and give our school grounds a spruce up before Autumn and Winter kick in

**BRING?** Gardening Gloves

Paint Brushes

Shovel

Tool Belt

*(if you can)*

..... And a smile!!!

Kids are welcome but parents must take responsibility for supervision.

Light snacks and drinks will be provided.

If you are able to help, please RSVP to Fiona at

[f.southgate@ghs.school.nz](mailto:f.southgate@ghs.school.nz).



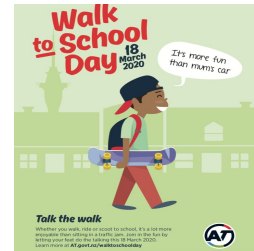
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## WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Please encourage your children to walk to school and join in the fun. To register please see the links below

Website: <https://at.govt.nz/walktoschoolday>



## TEACHING AND NURTURING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER

**Gulf Harbour School Parent Workshops Tuesday 24th March 3.15 to 4.45pm OR 5.30 to 7pm (child care available)**

Please complete this digital [form](#) to indicate your need for any childcare and choice of workshop session.

The workshops are as follows:

- 1.Literacy Junior Years 1 to 3 – How we teach reading at school and how to help your child with reading at home
- 2.Literacy Senior Years 4 to 6 – Reading and writing in senior school and how you can support your child before they start college
- 3.Maths – How to help at home and making math relevant in our everyday lives
- 4.Behaviour – Positive behaviour steps/strategies you could use at home
- 5.Self Regulation – Helping you to help your child deal with their emotions
- 6.Digital Dependency – Breaking digital addictions

If you have any particular questions for a session that you are hoping to get addressed please post these in the box in the front office (labelling the question with the session subject).

## IMPORTANT CAMP INFORMATION

### Outdoor Adventures:

Outdoor Adventures will replace our traditional school camps. These will be offered to all children at Gulf Harbour School from Year 2 to Year 6. However there will be a cap on numbers that we can take, and for some camps a criteria will be put in place to ensure the health and safety of all students. Outdoor Adventures will take place during weekends and school holidays; this is an optional extra that is voluntary for our students. These outdoor adventures will be progressive and will continue to be offered in year groups. There will be a compulsory charge for each camp to cover costs. Members of Senior Management will be leading these camps with sufficient ratios of adults. Please see the detailed correspondence sent out separately for more information (following shortly). Please note that all outdoor adventures will still be signed off by the Board of Trustees and will carry the same standard of health and safety audits as traditional school camps.



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## SPORTS REGISTRATIONS

This is a reminder that sports registrations for Term 2 are now open. Please go to the school website and visit the 'sports registration' tab.

## AUCKLAND RUGBY LEAGUE SESSIONS

Our Teina and Tuakana Children had great fun yesterday at the ARL sessions here at Gulf Harbour School. We would like to extend the invitation of joining the Monday after school clinics to our year 3 and 4 children. ARL are running these sessions from 3:15 - 4:15 Mondays on our rugby field. Please register your child on our sports registration page that you can find on our school website before this Monday 16 March if you would like them to join. There is no charge for this event.

## SCHOOL BUS CONDUCT

If your child travels to or from school on the bus they will be sent home with a GHS bus code of conduct letter that we would like you to read through with your child, sign and then return to the school office. It is important that all of our children follow our values of kindness, responsibility, resilience and respect even before and after the school bell rings.



## START OF SCHOOL DAY

We have noticed an increase in the number of children arriving at school well before the 8.30am bell rings. Please note that we are not responsible for any children before this time and teachers are busy preparing for the day ahead.



## KEEPING SAFE

We are hearing about several break ins in the Whangaparaoa area - please be vigilant and lock doors and windows?

Recently we have received reports of undesirables causing issues at school over the weekends and out of school hours. If you are concerned by their activity please don't confront them but dial 510 and speak to the police about them. Thank you.

## DENTAL UNIT ARRIVING 29TH MARCH

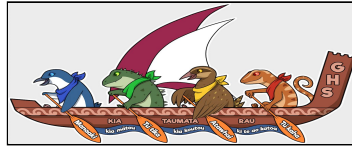
The Tiri Tiri Matangi Dental unit will be arriving at Gulf Harbour School on the 29 of March 2020 to commence examination and treatment of the students that are due to be seen. Their opening hours will be 08:00 am to 16:30 pm. Parents of New enrolments can enrol children on the website at [www.ards.co.nz](http://www.ards.co.nz) Parents who are concerned regarding their children's teeth can contact the Dental unit at the following number PH 021 496954.





## Whanau Team Notices

### Term 1 Week 6



#### PURAPURA WHANAU

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

**WELCOME** - A very big welcome to the 13 new children who joined our Gulf Harbour Purapura Whanau this week. We are pleased you have joined us.

**Beach Trip to Okoromai** - Information for the Year 1 and 2 beach trip went home this week. The date for this will be on Monday 30th of March. If you are able to assist on the day as a parent help, please fill in the form and return it to the classroom teacher as soon as possible.

**Toys** - While we do not encourage children to bring toys to school we understand that they like to share things that are special to them. We are happy to keep these news items for the day, however cannot take responsibility if they are lost or broken.

#### TEINA WHANAU

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

**Beach ed** - Our Beach Education Days are next week (Year 3s Monday 16th March, Year 4s Friday 20th March). The children can wear mufti for the day with suitable walking shoes. Make sure that swimwear is worn underneath clothing to save time. Please bring along a **named life jacket** if possible.

**Shoes** - There have been many children leaving school without shoes on their feet. Please help the teachers by ensuring that your child arrives at school and leaves school wearing the correct footwear. Thanks.

#### TUAKANA WHANAU

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

This week we continue to explore the history of New Zealand beginning with the first Polynesian explorers, Captain Cook, sealers, whalers, early settlers, through to changes in immigration policy throughout the 1900s.

We are also completing the writing of poetry to send to another school in New Zealand. The children have enjoyed using Google Maps to explore some less traveled parts of New Zealand.

**School Google Accounts** these are to be used for school learning only. This could be in school or completing work/WAKA challenges outside of school. For any online activity outside of school that is not connected to learning and requires an account, a home account should be used.



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

Another tremendous week for year six.

**Production** - It has been wonderful to see how our year sixes are engaging with our Production of Alice in Wonderland. The sense of team and children showing their Tu Tika (responsibility) has been awe-inspiring. From lead cast practicing lines in their own time, then 'acting' on guidance from Sophia Pederson, to singers, dancers and those more 'behind the scenes' with marketing, food tech and art - wonderful stuff!

**PE Kit/Hats** - This continues to be a priority across year six, as it is crucial that children take active responsibility for their belongings, as well as showing greater independence. *PE kits need to be in school every day*, as children will be doing physical activity on every school day. **This Monday, there will be a PE and hat check to ensure children are following these important school rules.**

**'Citizenship'** - Year six begin their Citizenship rotation this week. This is where children will be completing targeted modules related to 1. Peer Coaching, run by Mr. Hanwell (children help and support one-another to achieve in an area of learning; 2. Group and Teamwork, run by Mrs. Kiata (children become more adept at working within a group or team) and 3. Growth Mindset, run by Mrs. Thrush (children will be taught how to overcome adversity, and how to manage potential anxiety) - ask your child how their session went and what they've learnt!

**"THE GREATEST GIFTS  
YOU CAN GIVE YOUR CHILDREN ARE  
THE ROOTS OF RESPONSIBILITY AND  
THE WINGS OF INDEPENDENCE."**

*- Denis Waitley*



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COMING UP IN THE COMMUNITY



## Strategies to Protect & Promote Wellbeing in Your Whanau

Tuesday 17 March, 6.00 -7.30 pm  
Whangaparaoa College Auditorium  
All Welcome

We would like to invite all parents in our Whangaparaoa community to attend a parent evening on **Wellbeing**. Presenting will be Adrienne Buckingham from the New Zealand Institute of Wellbeing & Resilience.

This session will cover:

- An understanding of what wellbeing is (including the role that mental wellbeing plays in our every-day lives and relationships)
- An appreciation of why promoting whole school well-being is urgent and important
- Key findings from wellbeing science relevant to school contexts
- How different schools are promoting wellbeing within their respective communities
- What parents can expect to happen in the year ahead as your school embarks on their whole school wellbeing journey



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