

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 1, WEEK 2

We have enjoyed a busy four day week here at Gulf Harbour School with lots of learning and fun.

Our children are still all looking so smart in their Gulf Harbour School uniforms and we thank you all for supporting our policy. This week we had an assembly about the importance of wearing our correct uniform and that it is regarded as a privilege and helps build a foundation on which to build respect and pride. Children were all reminded about the importance of wearing a school or plain navy blue bucket hat and wearing long hair back in a hair tie.

BREAKFAST CLUB.

Many children were excited this week to see our popular breakfast club open again. With the help of Mrs Harrison and some wonderful parent helpers we are now offering toast in room 5 from 8.30 to 8.50am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. This is absolutely FREE and open to everyone. If you think you would be able to lend a hand, please contact Jacki Harrison at j.harrison@ghs.school.nz.



PARKING PROBLEMS - **Let's work together to keep our children safe!!**

As a primary school we are extremely lucky to have the car parking facilities and double entries to the school compared to many others. However, we are aware that this is still not enough for the number of children we have. With this in mind we are asking that you plan out your drop offs and pick up from school. Please could you take the following into consideration:

- Prioritise parking for those with younger children. If your child is confident and responsible enough why not arrange a meeting place a short distance away from school for collection and drop off.
- Ask your child to wait either at the front or back entrance to the school and leave it a few minutes for the mad rush to calm down before collection.
- **ABSOLUTELY NO PARKING IN UNDESIGNATED PARKING AREAS, INCLUDING THE GRASS AND FOOTPATHS.**
- **NO PARKING IN THE DROP OFF ZONES.**



STEPS

Thank you to everyone that has paid \$12 towards their child's STEPS WEB license. We really appreciate this as we would like to set up accounts for all of our Year 3 to 6 children. Please remember that this can be paid either on line through our school shop, via our HERO app or at the front office. We can only offer this online resource with your financial support.



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TEINA & TUAKANA ROTATIONS

We are really excited to start our Friday rotations with our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children this week. The workshops include Performing Arts with Sophia from Northern School of Performing Arts, Kapa Haka with Whaea Ana, Pasifika Dance with the Hibiscus Tuakana group, Garden to Table project with Mrs Brown and STEM to name but a few. All donations received are contributing towards these additional learning opportunities and enable us to be more creative with the curriculum we offer.

BIRTHDAY CAKES & LOLLIES

We love celebrating our children's birthdays at school by wishing them a happy birthday and singing to them but we do ask that cakes and lollies are not brought into school.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION NOTICE

Nominations are open for the election of two parent representatives to the board of trustees.

All eligible voters will receive a nomination form and a notice calling for nominations – you can use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community.

If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at noon on Thursday 4th March 2021. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Election Day Voting closes at 4pm on Tuesday 6th April 2021.

Sharon Beard

Returning Officer



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday 17th February	6.30pm	Board of Trustees Meeting in the Staffroom
	7.00pm	PTA Deckhands Meeting in the Library (everyone welcome)
Thursday 18th February	5.00 - 7.00pm	New families picnic on the field in front of double block
	7.00pm	Parent coaches & Managers sports meeting in the Staffroom
Friday 5th March	SCHOOL CLOSED	
Thursday 4th March	7.00pm	PTA Deckhands Meeting in the Staffroom (everyone welcome)
Wednesday 10th March	NE & Yr 1 - 4.45 - 5.45pm Y2 - 6.00 - 7.00pm	Purapura (Yr 1 & 2) discos & parent workshops
Thursday 11th March	Yr 3 & 4 5.00 - 6.00 Yr 5 & 6 - 6.15 - 7.15	Teina & Tuakana (Yr 3 to 6) discos & parent workshops
Friday 19th - Sunday 21st March	TBA	Tuakana Whanau (Yr 5 & 6) Leadership Outdoor Adventure at Camp Merc (details to follow)
Thursday 1st April	7.00pm	PTA Deckhands Meeting in the Staffroom (everyone welcome)
Friday 2nd April - Tuesday 6th April	EASTER - SCHOOL CLOSED	
Friday 9th April	TBC	Teina Whanau (Yr 3 & 4) Sleepover Adventure
Wednesday 14th April	From 3.00pm	Celebration of Learning



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Thursday 15th April	SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.00PM FOR HOLIDAYS
Sunday 18th April	GHCC Charity Classic for Gulf Harbour School
Monday 3rd May	SCHOOL REOPENS AT 8.30AM

FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL TREATS

Friday treats at Gulf Harbour School Term 1
2.45 to 3.15pm
From the Galley



Ice Cream Wafer \$2

Ice Blocks \$2



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COMING UP



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COMMUNITY NOTICE



OPEN FOR THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS

New Play area
COME CHECK IT OUT

 From 9am-1pm

WE ARE BACK



 **THE BEST PLAYDATE MEETING POINT** **ONLY \$10 INCLUDING A HOT DRINK** 

16 KAREPIRO DRIVE WHANGAPARAOA

Party Kingdom notice

Looking for a safe, fun and exciting place for before and after school care we still have space available .

from only \$15. Drop off and pick up included.

U12 WATER POLO 2021

Hibiscus Coast Water Polo Club is a family focused, friendly club based in Stanmore Bay, Whangaparaoa. We are excited to kick off the U12 season in February 2021. New members are most welcome.

- Muster – February 23rd and 25th 7pm
- Where – Stanmore Bay Leisure Centre
- E-mail – hbc.waterpolo.u12@gmail.com for an information sheet

Teams will have regular coaching, games and tournaments through until September.



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Whanau Team Notices

Term 1 Week 2

PURAPURA WHANAU

NEW ENTRANT/YEAR 1 (Gill Steel & Abi Copley)

A very big Welcome to all our new children who have had a great start to school life. It was such a busy week in Year 1 settling back into school life and all that that entails.

Just a couple of reminders

- If you haven't bought stationery can you get it as soon as possible and give it to the class teacher .
- With the importance of handwashing, can children please have a named hand towel .
- We drop children off at the classroom door, however you can come into the class on Fridays when it's Whanau day.
- Children are dismissed at 2.55pm at the end of the day.

YEAR 2 (Melissa Stilwell Year Group Leader)

It's great to see the healthy lunchboxes that your tamariki are bringing to school! We can see that a lot of time and effort is going into their lunchboxes. Please pack fresh fruit and vegetables so that your child has something to eat during Brainfood Break and please don't send lollies to school.

In order to keep our tamariki safe, please ensure that your children are **not at school before 8:30am**. Teachers are not required to be in their classrooms until 8:30am and classrooms are locked until this time. From 8:30 children will go straight to class and stay inside to build relationships with their peers and teacher. **Parents are welcome to come into the classroom on a Friday to celebrate their learning experiences.**

Stationery - Thank you to those who have brought in their stationery already. Just to clarify that in Year 2 we do not require a pencil case. Instead junior classes pool together pencils and crayons for all the students to share.

TEINA WHANAU

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

The Year 3 and 4 children have made a great start to the year. All the teachers are pleased with how well the children are settling into their new classes and showing the school values from day one! We are working on building responsibility and this is especially important as they move through the school. Families can help at home by giving their children the responsibility of packing their own bags each day.

Home learning: Teina homework will begin in Week 4 of this term. This will consist of reading, basic facts, and Steps. Home learning books need to be returned to class each Friday - another great responsibility for our Year 3/4s.



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Whanau Fridays: The children and teachers look forward to seeing parents on Friday mornings before school for Whanau Fridays. If you need to see your child's teacher on another day, please email to arrange a time.

TUAKANA WHANAU

YEAR 5 (Ruth Trevathan Year Group Leader)

Welcome to Year 5 Tuakana. We have had a great start to the year and have been busy getting to know each other and building strong relationships in our classrooms.

Reminders:

- PE Kit is required in your child's school bag each day.
- Tuakana children should be walking by themselves from the school gate in the morning and to the school gate for collection at the end of the day with the exception of Whanau Fridays when parents are welcome to pop into the classroom.

Coming up next week:

- EOTC trip to Shakespear Park on Thursday
- Elective Rotations on Friday

YEAR 6 (Nathan Hanwell Year Group Leader)

Welcome Back!

Wow! It has been a stunning first week back for our new year sixes. We have been so incredibly proud of how they have approached the beginning of this year. It has been a delight seeing them really leading the school, adapting to the higher expectations and really relishing what being a year six at Gulf Harbour School is all about - fantastic stuff!

It was also wonderful meeting so many of you during the 'Setting Up For Success' meetings as it was a great opportunity to get to know our Whanau a bit more before we started.

Here are just some reminders:

1. Homework will begin in week 4, running Monday-Monday
2. Shakespear Visits - Thursday, 18th and Thursday, 25th Feb (weather permitting)
3. Drop off and Pick-up - except on Fridays, please refrain from picking your child up from the classroom. They will need to make their way to the pick-up zones.
4. Whanau Photos - If you haven't already done so, please send in your whanau photo for the whanau display in your child's classroom
5. Friday rotations - our very exciting Friday rotations began today, and will run every available Friday this term, from choir to Pacifica Dance, STEM to Leadership - all very exciting!

AS PART OF OUR SCHOOL VALUE OF BEING RESPONSIBLE THERE IS THE EXPECTATION THAT MONDAY TO THURSDAY ALL TUAKANA CHILDREN ENTER AND LEAVE THE SCHOOL INDEPENDENTLY



Responsibility - Tū tika . Resilience - Tū kaha . Kindness - Atawhai . Respect - Manaaki

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