

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 1, WEEK 6



It has been awesome to get back to some form of normality this week. The school has been buzzing with activity, full of children and staff, just the way it should be.



Thank you to all of our parents and carers who have kept away from the school site during alert level 2 and have arranged alternative drop off and pick up locations and routines.

At the beginning of this week we also welcomed 10 new entrants to Gulf Harbour School who have all settled in beautifully. Them, like many other new entrants last year, waved their parents goodbye and walked into their classrooms by themselves. Already they have shown that they are able to carry out their morning responsibilities of hanging up bags and putting away their water bottles independently. Great stuff!!

From Monday we will be operating at alert level 1, however, we will still be encouraging parents and carers of our older children from year 3 to 6 to drop off and collect children from outside of the school gates and for all parents to refrain from entering classrooms. However, we look forward to opening the classroom doors on whanau Fridays.

AMERICA'S CUP FEVER!



We have had lots of fun today at school supporting both team Emirates and Luna Rossa and some of our classes have been learning about the history behind the America's Cup challenge. There's some exciting racing ahead!



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GHS NEW FAMILIES PICNIC- AT ALERT LEVEL 1

At alert level 1 we are able to welcome our new families to Gulf Harbour School by hosting a picnic on the grass area outside the double classroom block. This is a very casual event whereby we invite you to bring a picnic and blanket and enjoy meeting some new faces.



Everyone who started GHS in Term 4, 2020 or Term 1, 2021 is invited to attend

GHS NEW FAMILIES PICNIC DINNER

Bring your dinner, a picnic blanket, and your family for some socialising and fun!

THURSDAY 18TH MARCH, 2021 • 5-7 PM

The grass area by the double block and spider web.

ANY QUERRIES CONTACT REBECCA WONG RM 15

FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL TREATS NEXT WEEK - AT ALERT LEVEL 1

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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DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday 18th March	5.00 - 7.00pm	New Families Picnic
Friday 19th - Sunday 21st March	Friday 5.00pm to Sunday 2.00pm	Tuakana Whanau (Yr 5 & 6) Leadership Outdoor Adventure at Camp Merc
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	4.45 - 5.45pm Y1 6.00 - 7.00pm Y2	Purapura (Yr1 & 2) Disco and Parent Workshops
Thursday 15th April	5.00 - 6.00pm Y3/4 6.15 - 7.15pm Y5/6	Teina Whanau (Yr 3 & 4) & Tuakana Whanau (Yr 5 & 6) Discos
Thursday 15th April	SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.00PM FOR HOLIDAYS	
Sunday 18th April	Gulf Harbour Country Club Charity Classic for Gulf Harbour School POSTPONED UNTIL SUNDAY 14TH NOVEMBER	
Monday 3rd May	SCHOOL REOPENS AT 8.30AM	



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Whanau Team Notices

Term 1 Week 6

PURAPURA WHANAU

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

A full and fantastic week at school! Thank you to all our families for supporting us with distance learning last week. We have got straight back into learning this week and the children have been amazing.

A few reminders:

Lunchboxes: In our whanau, we stop for a brain break'. At this time, we have a healthy snack of fruits or vegetables. Please can you ensure that something is in their lunch box for this time. You might like to add a little more for later in the day, as our children are very active and build up quite the appetite come lunch time.

Family Photo: Thank you to all those families who have sent one along. If you haven't yet, we would be very grateful if you could send this in asap.

Handwashing: please make sure you either provide a hand towel or paper towel for your children.

Toys: please do not allow your children to come to school with toys. They are easily lost and distract from learning.

YEAR 2 (Melissa Stilwell Year Group Leader)

Family Photo: Thank you to all those families who have sent one along. If you haven't yet, we would be very grateful if you could send this in asap.

Book Bags - As our school readers cost around \$10 a book, it is vital that they are kept safe in a book bag. Our school rule if children don't bring their book bag to school, a new school reader will not be given out. Please ensure that your child brings their book bag to school every day.



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TEINA WHANAU

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

Thank you for the support with your child's distance learning last week. We were blown away with the effort some of the children put into their work. It is great to be back at school and we have hit the ground running. A few reminders:

Homework

- Homework goes home every Monday and is due back on Friday

Family Photo:



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- Thank you to all those families who have sent one along. If you haven't yet, we would be very grateful if you could send this in asap.

Headphones

- Children are able to bring their own headphones to school to use with the devices. Thank you to those who have already done so.

TUAKANA WHANAU

YEAR 5 (Ruth Trevathan Year Group Leader)

Homework

- Homework will be due back on Wednesday next week due to our trip on Thursday.

Second Trip to Shakespear

- Our second trip to Shakespear Park is planned for Thursday the 18th. Students will need to arrive at school in their PE kit and wearing good walking shoes. They will need to bring with them a sunhat, sunscreen, rain jacket, togs, towel, jandals, a packed lunch and water.

Reminders

- Reminder that your child needs their PE kit every day.
- They also need their headphones daily and a charged device (if they bring one).

YEAR 6 (Nathan Hanwell Year Group Leader)

It's been fantastic to be back in school and back together as a year six this week. We've begun our statistics theme in Maths, researching key information as a tally and converting into bar graphs. We also enjoyed coming up with some excellent writing as part of our quick writes and descriptive writing theme linked to our Shakespear trips.

Please see below some reminders:

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Uniform:

- PE kits & shoes - every day please. Children should be coming home with shoes on, and in their 'normal' school clothes.
- If your child is unable to wear appropriate uniform on a given day, they must have a note.

Fitness:

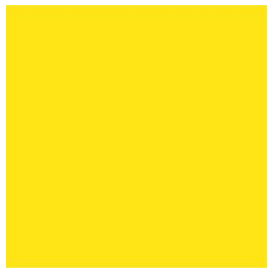
- If your child is unable to take part in fitness, due to illness or injury, their teacher will need notification of this (via a note or email). Daily fitness is a very important part of the school curriculum, as it incorporates the science of a healthy body, as well as enables the children to gain greater confidence as their fitness improves (especially after lockdown scenarios)



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