

# WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## TERM 2, WEEK 1

Welcome back to Term 2

## GULF HARBOUR SCHOOL 2021

*Be the difference to ourselves, others and the world.*

### WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE?

A community of adults & children that guide and support one another

Quality teaching whereby children will experience academic success and make progress

A NZ curriculum that is diverse and localised

A community that works together to improve our learning environment



### WHAT WILL THIS ACHIEVE?



A confident GHS citizen that makes a positive contribution to society

This year we are working on some key areas to improve (see above for a basic overview). Here is an update of just a few things we have been doing so far this year to achieve our goals:

We have been trying to improve and further build links and partnership with whanau. In Term 1 with 'Setting up for Success' meetings with teachers with 92% of our school community joining in with these. Also in Term 1 we held a number of workshops to support learning and behaviour and have Parenting Toolbox sessions starting next week.

At Gulf Harbour School we are always looking at ways of how we can improve and enhance the teaching and learning experience for our children. In Term 1 all of our Year 1 teachers were trained in the Better Start Literacy programme along with the introduction of a new early literacy intervention programme. Our younger children have also benefited from our teachers being trained and resourced in Numicom, a new



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structured math approach. In Years 3,4,5 and 6, our teachers are beginning to roll out SPIRE, a new targeted literacy programme. We are also continuing to purchase new reading books and learning resources across the whole school.

All of our staff are receiving InnerFit training. InnerFit helps build better Kiwis using sport as a context to develop foundational life skills. We are very excited to be part of this initiative that will only benefit our children and help promote our school values through physical activity.

As a decile 10 school we receive minimum funding from the Ministry of Education especially in relation to additional support. For 2021 our Board of Trustees has allocated more funding towards extra Teacher Aide support. Whilst your child may not personally be receiving this support directly they will no doubt be benefiting as the more adults we can have in a classroom allows the teacher to teach targeted groups and give maximum attention to all.

We have lots of exciting actions planned for the rest of the year including the start of our GHS Outdoor Adventures experiences, the launch of our very own mums/dads and tots music group for pre schoolers, an array of community events and a big fundraising drive towards upgrading our school playground.

## INTERNATIONAL DAY

We had lots of fun yesterday celebrating our cultural heritage. At Gulf Harbour School we are so lucky to have both students and staff from all over the world. It was truly amazing to see so many children proudly wearing their colours. We enjoyed a school assembly presented by the International Crew and ESOL children that included a conga line of 600 people! At lunchtime we also had fun taking part in an international flag hunt around the school.



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## ANZAC DAY PARADE

Thank you to the children and their whanau that joined us to show their respect at the Stanmore Bay RSA on ANZAC Day. They were a credit to our school.



## PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Great to see so many of our parents and carers on Monday attending meetings with their child's teacher. If you have not got around to making an

appointment it is not too late. We are holding more meetings on **Monday 17th May**

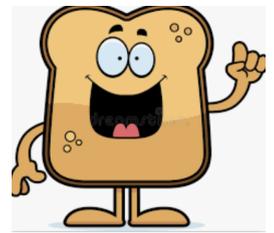
from **3.30pm to 7.00pm.**

These meetings are a chance for you to meet with your child's class teacher in person to discuss learning goals and progress. It is really important that you book into one of the time slots available using the link and code below:

Event Code - **5n4km** <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>

## BREAKFAST CLUB

We are looking forward to starting up our popular free breakfast club again next week. If you think you are able to offer some help to run this, please get in contact with Jacki Harrison at [j.harrison@ghs.school.nz](mailto:j.harrison@ghs.school.nz). Thank you in advance for your support.



## GREEN GORILLA BAGS

Take a look at our new fund raiser at Gulf Harbour School.

We have partnered with Green Gorilla (100% kiwi owned) to provide our community with 3m3 Gorilla bags and raise money for our school. In one bag you can place garden and household rubbish so no need to book different bins for different purposes.

Available to purchase from the school office for \$164 which includes GST AND PICK UP. The collection of the full bag is booked directly on the Green Gorilla website



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## COMING UP ....

### MOTUORA CELEBRATION

A big well done to our team Motuora who were the winning team of Term 1. They managed to achieve an average of 76 house points each over the whole term. As a celebration for their achievement that are invited to a pizza lunch and non-uniform day on **FRIDAY 14TH MAY**.



### PINK SHIRT DAY

Join us on **Friday 21 May, 2021** as we Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying, after a peer was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. In Aotearoa, Pink Shirt Day works to create schools, workplaces, communities and whānau where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

At GHS we invite all of those that wish, to come to school wearing pink on Friday.



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday 8th May	10.00am - 2.00pm	Working Bee
Thursday 13th May	7.00pm	Teina Whanau (Yr 3 & 4) Camp Parents Meeting
Friday 14th May	School day	<b>Motuora non uniform day and pizza lunch</b>
Monday 17th May	3.30 - 7.00pm	Parent/Teacher interviews



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Wednesday 19th May	6.30pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday 21st May	School day	Pink Shirt Day
Friday 28th May	Exact times will be communicated	Year 3 & 4 Sleepover
Thursday 3rd June	7.00pm	PTA Deckhands Meeting
Monday 7th June	SCHOOL CLOSED - QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	
Friday 25th June	SCHOOL CLOSED - TEACHER ONLY DAY	
Thursday 1st July	7.00pm	PTA Deckhands Meeting
Thursday 8th July	4.00 - 7.30pm	Matariki Festival
Friday 9th July	SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 3.00PM FOR HOLIDAYS	

## [NEW ENTRANT/YEAR 1 \(Gill Steel & Abi Copley\) YEAR 2 \(Melissa Stilwell Year Group Leader\)](#)

Welcome back to another exciting term and a very big welcome to Mrs Cochrane and the 8 new children who have joined the Purapura team in Room 4.

### **Life Education:**

Thank you to all the families that have paid for our wonderful Life Education experience. This programme will run from **May 26th to May 31st at a cost of \$6 per child**. You can pay for this through the school shop on the school website. **Unfortunately, if the school does not have enough parent support with the cost of this event then we will have to cancel the programme.**

### **Whanau Fridays:**

A quick reminder that all whanau are more than welcome to come into the classrooms on a Friday morning. Your child may want to show you their work on display, work in their books or read a story with you. Your child's class teacher will also be available to have a quick chat with. However, this is not an appropriate time for an in-depth discussion. Please make contact with the teacher to book an appointment should you wish to.

### **Mornings:**

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. On arrival to school, children will go straight to their classes, stay there with their classmates and be ready to start at 9.00am.

## [TEINA WHANAU](#)

[YEAR 3/4 \(Rebecca Wong & Hayley Brass Year Group Leaders\)](#)



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Welcome back to another fun-filled term at GHS. We started off our inquiry learning with our International Day yesterday. It was fantastic to see all of the cultures represented and the learning that has begun.

**Home learning:** Home learning will start again next week with an emphasis on basic facts practise. You can support your child by helping them practise their flash cards each night. Reading may look different for some children who will be bringing home copied reading texts. If you have any questions please see your child's classroom teacher.

## TUAKANA WHANAU

YEAR 6 (Nathan Hanwell Whanau Team Leader) YEAR 5 (Ruth Trevathan Year 5 Team Leader)

Welcome back to what is sure to be another exciting, and crammed term! We've certainly started with a bang with our International Day yesterday - it was wonderful to see so many Tuakana children engaging with theirs and each other's cultural backgrounds and the learning that came with that in-class. We are blessed to have so many children and whanau from other countries and cultures in Tuakana and to celebrate that in the way we did was wonderful to see.

### **Reminders:**

**Basic Facts in Maths:** We are going to be streaming for Maths (Basic Facts) beginning in week 3 as part of our basic facts 'big push' this term. Your child may have already mentioned this. More information will follow in week 2, but the aim is to enable your child to make accelerated progress in their basic facts, so they are at their most confident when they leave at the end of year six.

**Homework:** This will begin again in week 2, following a similar outline to last term, but with more of a focus on our Waka challenges, Space Topic Theme and areas needed to practice in basic facts.

**Attendance:** In this current climate, it is unwise to send your child into school if they are unwell. However, if your child is missing too much of school over an extended period, this can hugely affect their ability to achieve, especially at this age. Please do everything you can to ensure your child is in school, learning, when they are able.

**Helpful Resource:** For basic facts practice, your child can try:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Really great for quick-fire competitive (against the clock) times tables practice!



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