

COMMUNICATION FROM GULF HARBOUR SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

IMPORTANT UPDATES

Gulf Harbour School Becomes Years 1 to 6

The Ministry has now completed their consultation process surrounding the Year 7 and 8 provision at Gulf Harbour school. The Board of Trustees have been formally advised by the Ministry to completely close the Year 7 and 8 provision at Gulf Harbour School from January 2018. This decision was made by the Ministry after carefully considering all the information provided to them, including all responses to the survey, minutes of our consultation meeting with our community, the historical data provided and their own independent investigation.

We have been served notice under section 150 of the Education Act that Gulf Harbour School will become a Year 1 to 6 contributing school from **7th February 2018**.

The school has been proactively talking to our current Year 6 and 7 students and their families during this process to ensure alternate options for 2018 were investigated. Now that there is certainty regarding 2018 for these students, we will continue to help the students and their families with this transition. If any parents have any questions about next year please don't hesitate to talk to us.

Gulf Harbour School Adopts Cohort New Entrant Policy

We have consulted with our community and local Early Childhood Centres regarding changes to our cohort entry policy (when children can officially start school). This has resulted with 90% of the community supporting the following:

- *Only having one intake of children at the beginning of each of the 4 terms throughout the year.*

From this overwhelming response Gulf Harbour School will be operating a termly new entrant policy from **7th February 2018**. Children will only start school on the first day of each term according to when their birthday falls. Parents still can choose which term their children start in, through to the age of 6 years.

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| 2018 | Start of Term | Proposed cut off dates | End of Term |
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| TERM 1 | 7th February | <i>Term 1 cut off 5th March</i> | 13th April |
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| TERM 2 | 30th April | <i>Term 2 cut off 28th May</i> | 6th July |
| * Children starting after June 1st will be considered as Year 0. | | | |
| TERM 3 | 23rd July | <i>Term 3 cut off 20th August</i> | 28th September |
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| TERM 4 | 15th October | <i>Term 4 cut off 12th November</i> | 20th December |

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