

GULF HARBOUR SCHOOL JULY NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to Term 3 at GHS

Despite the bad weather I hope that you were all able to enjoy a restful winter break and some family time together. We are so happy to see all of the children back at school looking smart and eager to learn, play and have some fun.

In Term 3 we are continuing our key understanding for 2017 - *As a citizen in my world I am a participator and contributor*. The children will be focusing on science - living World and life processes.

In math we will be using some of the equipment purchased with the money raised from the Mathathon in Term 1, to study measurement, ratio and proportion, along with ongoing regular teaching and review of number sense and number knowledge.



The literacy focus is explanation writing, with all children trying to fill their writers toolboxes and working towards getting their writing published on our GHS Treasure Chest - <http://ghswriters.blogspot.co.nz>

All of our children will continue to work on their fitness and will be working towards the school cross country event being held at the end of this term.



RESILIENCE - RESPECT - KINDNESS - RESPONSIBILITY

This week we are launching our new Gulf Harbour School values with our children. On Friday 28th July children need to come to school wearing their GHS uniform, but at 12.00pm they will be asked to change into their house colour t-shirt. Red for Motuora, blue for Motutapu, green for Tiri and yellow for Kawau. Please don't stress, if you don't have a t-shirt in the correct colour, a hair tie, scarf or cap will do. In the afternoon children will be taking part in fun house team activities all based around our school values of kindness, resilience, responsibility and respect.

Starting this term, each week all children from Year's 0 to 8 will take part in PB4L lessons that will teach our children what our school values mean and what they look like. Hopefully they will come home talking about what they have learnt.

HOUSE TEAM UPDATE

All of our house teams worked their socks off last term. It was great to see all our senior leaders working with their teams.



Tiri was the winning team for Term 2 with a staggering 6542 points.
2nd place - Kawau 6316 points
3rd place - Motutapu 6049 points
4th place - Motuora 5844 points

The race is now on to collect the most house points to win the trophy for Term 3!

Sports Update - Gulf Harbour School - Term 2 - 2017

We are proud to say that we have approximately 300 students involved in playing regular sport on a weekly basis at Gulf Harbour School. This number is constantly growing and we expect that this will increase over Term 3 with many new registrations coming in. We have offered the following sports this term in keeping with the seasons codes and we believe that the latest improvements we have seen in our standardised fitness testing is a result of students participating in regular sport.

Basketball: 35 students participating. (Year's 0 - 8)

Our year 1 & 2's were undefeated all season, while our year 3 & 4's, and 5 & 6's have had more wins than loses. We have had a lot of parental support with basketball. Most students have been attending the Sunday coaching sessions along with coaching clinics here at school coached by BJ Wilson, Linda Marley and Alice Crosier. We are fortunate to have this support.

Cheerleading: (21 students participating. (Year's 0 - 8)

This is a sport that is gaining a lot of momentum in our school at the moment. We have strong interest from all year groups. We are looking at breaking this group into

Juniors and Seniors as it is growing at an increasing rate. Sheri (Infinity Cheerleaders) and Tammy Jenkins are heading this group. They have entered into the North Harbour Competition that is to be held in Term 3.

Flippa Ball: 45 Students participating. (Year's 3 - 6)

This has been a new sport for all our students and coaches this year. The progress throughout the term has been outstanding, both parents and students are really involved in this competition. We have had both our year 3 and 4 teams in the semifinals with our 2nd year 3 & 4 team making the finals at the end of Term 2. These two teams have been trained by Matthew Pedersen, Tash Bryhn, Roger and Ruth Taylor. Training on Thursdays with Sarah from NZ water polo has been working out really well. Year 5 and 6 teams have been coached by Matt and Miriam Preece. Sheryl Takayama has been managing these teams.

Football: 80 students participating. (Year's 3 - 8) Extending to Year's 0 - 2 in Term 3.

An incredible term of Football, thanks to the hard work from Richie Boutell. Our boys placed first in the Coast competition with our girls coming second. Outstanding result. Our Saturday team grade 9 coached by Manuel Valiie and Max Brown have had wins and loses. Three 8th grade students have been chosen to be in the HBC football development squad. Wayne Widdowson is supporting Richie with our Year 3 and 4's.

Hockey: 42 students participating. (Year's 4 - 8)

Our hockey squads have had regular weekly training in preparation for an exchange with Snells Beach school early in Term 3, Year's 3 - 6. We are working towards the coast tournament for Year's 5 - 8 that is to be held in August. Donna Kitching, Belinda Vrettos, Roger and Ruth Taylor have been working intensely with these students.

Netball: 51 students participating. (Year's 0 - 6)

Laura Thrush and Jayne Shaw have been the delegates for our school for netball. We have a team of wonderful coaches, Laura, Denise Ayres, Rachel Hickmer, Skye Swann and Munopa. Our girls have shown steady improvement to date. Big thanks to Rachel McDonald who has been instrumental in the management of these teams. Our teams have not been fortunate in winning too many games in Term 2, but we look to build the expertise of our coaches and look forward to further developing this sport. We are entered into the coast competition held in August this year.

Rippa Rugby: 70 Students participating. (Year's 3 - 6)

Our year 3 and 4 teams have had their first tournament where their first team was placed 3rd overall on points. Nathan Hanwell and Trina Jennings have worked really

hard with these teams training them weekly. The year 5 & 6's are working hard towards their first tournament. Jo Wright, Ruth Taylor and Tony Smith are working with these students. We have our top mixed team competing at the North Harbour Competition to vie for a position to compete in the national competition in Wellington.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the opportunity to grow sport at Gulf Harbour School. We look forward to really maximising the potential that our school community has in raising fit, confident, self disciplined, determined, well rounded and successful young people.

This term we will also be offering the chance for children from Year's 3 to 8 to visit Snow Planet at a discounted rate.

At lunchtimes we also offer a senior choir club with Karen Holleron and junior recorders with Robyn Shore. Starting this term is the opportunity for your child to participate in Spanish lessons. This is at an additional cost and will be held on Thursdays at lunchtime and after school. For more information contact **Cristina on 021-0734528**.

Fundraising

What a successful roll of fundraising we have had last term.

- Ladies Night made an amazing \$6000.
- Wigs on Wednesday raised \$600 for Children's Cancer Society.
- Matariki Festival raised \$2071.18 towards new Kapa Haka uniforms for our children.

And now we are setting the challenge to all of our families to sell soap, which is going great. Please remember that for each full box of soaps sold the child/family will earn 50 house points for their team. Names will also be put into a draw to win additional prizes. Thank you so much for all of your ongoing support.

School Building Projects

This holiday Ritchie, our Property Manager has been extremely busy. You will notice that the overgrown shrubs at the front of the school have been removed, leaving us space to plant some fruit trees. The secret garden area has been tidied up, Room 6 has been completely steam cleaned, and we are hoping that we get the go ahead from the Ministry to reopen this room for our next new entrant class later on this term. We have also started work on our childrens toilets in the double block, including new flooring, automatic lighting and extractor fans - we aim to replace the toilet systems and flooring in all of the toilets over the remainder of this year.

We have also had a video surveillance system installed around the school grounds. Unfortunately this is a measure we have had to take due to an increase in vandalism and break ins. We want to keep our school a safe and crime free place.

PTA

Our next PTA meeting is being held in the staffroom on **Wednesday 26th July at 7.30pm**. It would be great if you could come along to be a helping hand and make new friends.

Looking Smart

The children look fantastic in their GHS uniforms. Please remember that all children from Year's 0 to 8 should now be wearing **plain black** footwear and **black/navy blue** socks or tights. No leggings are allowed. If wearing a thermal long sleeve top underneath the uniform, please ensure that this is navy blue.

Thank you for helping our children wear their uniform with pride.