



Gulf Harbour School



COMMUNICATION - *'we want to get it right!'*

We are trying to improve our communication to you. We currently use a variety of methods to pass on information, including paper newsletters, emails, Yammer and the weekly Porthole. As a parent myself I understand that this may be confusing and so we would like to trial just using the Class Yammer pages as a means of communication.

This means that you must accept the invite to your child's classroom. If you have not done this then please contact your class teacher to re invite you. You may need to also check your spam account if this invite is not received. We suggest you check the Yammer page at least a couple of times a week so that you don't miss any important correspondence or information about what the class have been up to. The Yammer app is also available to download free of charge to all mobile phones (just google and download!!). We are encouraging all of the teachers to ensure that their class pages are regularly updated and used as their main form of communication to you.

By reducing the amount of paper that is sent home over the period of one year the school will save a significant amount of money which could be spent on enhancing our children's education.

If you still wish to receive paper copies of newsletters, we will ensure that a small number will be held at the main school office. We are also installing a notice board shortly outside on the main playground which will be used to update you about important events.

We will review this at the end of Term 2 where we will ask for your feedback.

HOUSE TEAM LUNCH MUSTER

This Friday 17 March we will be holding our first house lunchtime muster. Can your child please bring a top to wear that is their house colour. **Tiri Green, Motuora red, Motutapu blue, Kawau yellow.** They will still need to wear their school uniform to school but will change into their house top at lunchtime. CHILDREN WILL BRING THEIR USUAL PACKED LUNCH TO SCHOOL. All house groups will have lunch together followed by some fun house games so that the older children can support the younger children and create a positive culture in their house groups.



TERM 1 DISCO



Whole school disco will be held on **Wednesday 5th April** at the Whangaparaoa Golf Club. Check class Yammer pages for more information nearer the time. Please if you can help out in anyway pop into the office or give the school a call.

CAMP INFORMATION

You may be aware of the flooding that occurred this week down at Camp Adair in the Hunua Ranges.

We were scheduled to visit the camp last Friday to finalise arrangements for the Year 5 camp next term, but this was obviously unable to happen.

We are hoping to visit next week instead.

Due to this we need to reschedule our camp information evening.

It will now be held on Thursday 23rd March at 7pm. Year 5 parents will meet in the staffroom and year 6 parents will meet in room 8 and 9.

Apologies for any inconvenience but we want to have as much information for you as possible for the meeting.

IMPORTANT DATES



Monday - Friday Morning tea Triathlon Training - Tuesday and Thursday please bring your bikes.



Thursday 16 March Year 5-8 Ultimate Frisbee Fun Day - MillWater.

Friday 17 March - Module one Senior Leadership Yr 6-8 Block 2.

Sunday 19th March - Triathlon Course Trial - Manly Park - 4:00pm (MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY PARENTS)

Thursday 23 March - Year 5/6 Camp meeting - 7:00pm Gulf Harbour School

Sunday 26 March - Weetbix Tryathlon - Manly (MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY PARENTS)

Wednesday 5th April - Whole School Disco at Whangaparaoa Golf Club - 6.30pm

Thursday 6th April - Whole School End of Term Assembly at Wentworth - 9.30am

Thursday 13th April - TERM ENDS



THE WHOLE SCHOOL CHALLENGE IS ON MONDAY - SPONSORS NEED TO BE IN BY WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH. WE REALLY WANT TO BUY MORE PRACTICAL MATHS EQUIPMENT FOR ALL OF OUR CHILDREN TO USE TO SUPPORT THEIR LEARNING. SPONSORS CAN ALSO BE MADE THROUGH THE 'GIVEALITTLE' PAGE ONLINE (SEARCH FOR GULF

PTA

THURSDAY 30TH MARCH @ 7.30pm in the staffroom - Join The PTA And Make New Friends!

In New Zealand parents have the opportunity to take part in many aspects of school life. They can actively shape the school experience of their children and enjoy the feeling of belonging and friendship that members of a lively community share.

The Parent Teacher Association, PTA, is a group of parents and teachers that organise fundraising events for the school that bring everybody together for fun activities and gain some desperately needed income for the school. The money our school gets from the Ministry of Education is not enough to provide the high standard of learning experiences that we want for our students. That's why we are continuously looking for ways of creating more income for our school.

If you are interested in joining our PTA - even if you can only spare an hour of time here or there - please come to the meetings that are announced on our website and on class Yammer pages.

We would love to see you there!

