



# GOLDIE

Golden Bay High School Newsletter  
4 December 2009



Staff Farewells: The final Goldie for the Year is always a rather sad one as it usually farewells members of staff.

Jan Stark returned at the start of the year to fill in for Vikki Adam in the English department. Those of us who knew Jan well were fully aware that she would become involved in far more than the English department and so it has proved – productions, Pirate Day, Lipsync (Nina the ballerina will go down in the folk lore of GBHS) - for example. Jan leaves us at the end of the year having made considerable personal sacrifice, to return to her life and husband in London.

Vikki Adam will not be returning to Golden Bay High School, having made a decision to remain in Brunei. Ms. Tasmine Palmer who has graduated from the University of Canterbury post graduate teacher training programme will begin her career as an English teacher from the start of term 1.

Heather Wallace, who in 2008 set up our SPEC programme and for the past two years has been the teacher overseeing the programme

for some of our students with special education needs, is finishing at the end of term. Heather approaches her job with a great deal of care and compassion for the students under her care and has always been an advocate for inclusiveness of all students in the daily life of the school. Heather McKendry will take over both the Special Education role and the teaching of the SPEC classes.

Lisa Savage has once again earned our gratitude for demonstrating her versatility by taking over the SPEC classes for the past term. In her various relieving roles, there will be few curriculum areas that Lisa has not covered, and no doubt she will continue to provide great service as a day reliever.

Liesje Stevens has been the secretary to the Principal and to the Board since 1996. In recent years, considerable responsibility has been added to her role as she took on the mantle of Executive Officer. As such she knows the workings of the school probably better than most and certainly knew the ins and outs **of the Principal's job!** Liesje initially took a year off to study at Victoria University, a continuation of the distance learning programme that she had previously somehow managed alongside her job. Such has been her success that she has decided to continue there and pursue an academic career. She leaves knowing that she has the support of everyone who worked with her and is a great example to

all of us that learning is life-long. Jude Edmondson stepped in initially in a long term relieving role, but I am very pleased that Jude has agreed to continue on a permanent basis.

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★ **Junior Closing Ceremony** ★  
★ All parents, family and ★  
★ friends are cordially invited ★  
★ to attend the junior closing ★  
★ ceremony, to celebrate the ★  
★ achievements of our ★  
★ students in years 7 – 10. ★  
★ The ceremony begins in the ★  
★ school hall at 2.00pm on ★  
★ Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. ★  
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### Home & School Uniform Sale Dates

Tuesday 26 January 2010 11am- 1 pm  
Friday 29 January 2010 11am- 1 pm  
in the school hall

Prices (subject to change)

Green Polar Fleece Vest: 10-14 \$33  
Green Polar Fleece Vest: S, M, L \$36  
Green Fleece Sweatshirt: 10-14 \$38  
Green Fleece Sweatshirt: S,M,L \$47  
House Coloured T-Shirt: (Red, Green, Yellow, Blue) 0-16 \$15  
Black PE Shorts 8-Large \$25  
Plain White T-Shirt: **10-14 \$10**  
Plain White T-Shirt: S,M,L \$12

Goldie Return Slip  
The winner of the final canteen voucher for the year is Oliver Bailey

### Notes from the Office

- The Office will close on Friday 11 December. Please ensure that your fees are paid up so that we can finalise our end of year accounts.
- Please retrieve all lost property. Anything left behind at the end of the year will go to Trash Palace
- School Magazines should be available from Tuesday 8 December. They will be distributed to families who have paid their activity fee. Extra copies can be purchased from the school office for \$20.

### Quiz Night

(Home & School Fundraiser)

- \* Wednesday 6th January 2010
- \* 8pm Pohara Hall (doors open 7.30)
- \* Tickets \$10pp (includes food platter)
- \* Bar & Beverages available (no byo)

*Prize donations and setup help urgently needed. Please Ph May Packard on 525 9846*





## FROM THE LIBRARY



Another year has gone by and I am in the middle of the annual Library Stocktake before we close the library. As is our policy, we do not let books out over the Christmas/New Years holiday period as they tend to get misplaced. If there are any books that students would like to reserve for next year please fill out the reserve slips on the New Books display stand in the library.

### LIBRARY HOUSEKEEPING – Returning library books

By now Year 10 should have returned all their library books before heading off on their electives. The rest of the school (Year 7 to 9) your library books are to be returned by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec at the latest. If not we will be ringing home during the week to get them all back in.



### HOLIDAY READING

Looking for something to read during the holidays, check out our Library Blog, which has undergone a face-lift, and Wikis for suggested books, lots there for you to browse through. Why not find yourself a theme and see if you can read all the books suggested on the Reading Lists.

Library Blog

<http://gblibrary.blogspot.com/>

NCEA Wide Reading Wiki (For Yr 11 – 13, some titles suitable for Yr10, lots of Themes on this wiki)

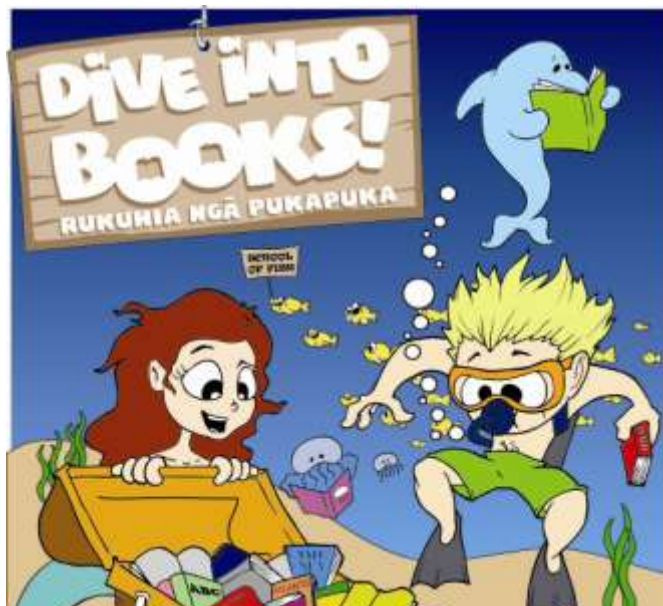
<http://nceawidereading.wikispaces.com/>

The Sandbox (For Yr 0 – 10, a variety of lists for this age group)

<http://gbhs-sandbox.wetpaint.com/>



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY



**Join Tasman District Libraries  
Summer Reading Programme!**  
Enrolments open **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

For children aged **5-12 years**

To complete the programme children must read daily and check in at the library at least four times between 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan

Contact: Doris 525 0059

### **MUSIC STUDENTS'**

**AFTERNOON CONCERT**

On Wednesday 3 December we held our annual music concert hosted by our music students, who played one of their favourite pieces for each other, their parents/caregivers and other family members.

We would like to thank the audience for coming and hope you all enjoyed the performances.

Congratulations to all the music students. Keep practising over the summer holidays to maintain your skills or even improve!

*Happy Holidays, Angela*



This is the last Goldie for 2009.

Have a safe and happy holiday and we will see you all back next year.