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From the Principal

Staffing: Sadly for us we farewell **Justine Butler**. 'JB' arrived as a beginning teacher in 2000 and in the ensuing eleven years there would be few students who have not got to know her and appreciate the huge contribution she has made to GBHS. In Economics and Business Studies, her area of expertise, she has developed an incredible record of success with Young Enterprise teams, making the national finals on no less than six occasions. As Year 10 dean she developed our diploma programme and each year organised the Year 10 cross-curricular challenge; her extra-curricular involvement has been immense, whether it is coaching or organising



netball, helping run a disco, stirring up the staff and taking a lead role in the staff lipsync performances, or organising the 'Miss Golden Bay' fundraiser; and of course, as her students will testify, she has been a very effective classroom teacher, not only in her senior specialty subjects, but also in Social Studies and English. Justine leaves us to take up a middle management position at Garin College.

Also on the move is the school Executive Officer, **Jude Edmondson**. Jude stepped into this complex role with ease almost two years ago and those of us in the school management and administration who have worked with her have really appreciated her expertise and collegiality. She too will be a huge loss, and a very hard act to follow!

Jeanine Taylor, Year 7 dean, will be on study leave for most of the year, enrolled in a Postgraduate Diploma in Education through Massey University. Her teaching position will be filled by **Sue Mitchison**.

Funding: The school has made two recent successful applications for funding. We received \$5,000 from the **Canterbury Community Trust** to enable us to replace outdated and unsafe gymnastic equipment. The second grant, also \$5,000, is from the **Network Tasman Trust** and will be used to kick-start a much needed computer network upgrade.

Start of Year Dates:

Wednesday 2 February:

Deans will meet with senior students:

- Year 11: Mr. Childs will contact you with an appointment time
- Year 12: Please meet with Mr. Slow after 10am if you still have timetable issues that need to be resolved.
- Year 13: You are expected in school between 10am and 2pm to meet Mr. Batten.

Please note that school buses will not be running on this day.

Thursday 3 February: All students at school. Whole school assembly at 8.50am. Please note that the stationery sale day will be Monday 7 February, and students will need to ensure that they have pen and paper with them prior to that date.

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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 Thursday 9 December.

Year's End: Golden Bay High School, in spite of the funding shortfall that hasn't improved over the eleven years I have been here, continues to be a very successful school, and it is the people within the school: teaching and non-teaching staff, and of course the students themselves, who I need to acknowledge and thank. I also appreciate the work of our Board of Trustees who through their governance role support the work of the staff. The Home and School once again has proven to be a very committed group of people who also provide effective support for staff, students and families. Thank you, too, to parents, community organisations and local businesses, who all provide the considerable support that schools cannot possibly do without.

To those students leaving us, our very best wishes. I hope that you have gained something of what you need to make a positive impact on the world outside of school, but remember you have only just begun a lifetime of learning. Those of you who are returning in 2011 need to do so ready to take on even bigger challenges. In the meantime, I would like to provide some thoughts about **'summer holiday learning:'**

School's out but brains don't need to go on holiday too.

Families can enjoy being together and keeping on learning during the long weeks of summer. Children easily lose ground if learning stops during the summer break. Fortunately, learning never has to stop. With your help, children are more likely to remember what they learned last year. A recent study estimates that summer loss for all students equals about a month of academic learning so keep those brains busy and occupied through the power of books.

The following tips from a recent Principals' Digest publication suggest how you can do this.

- Children who read throughout the summer gain skills and can start the new school year with a better understanding of language and the world around them. The more they like to read, the more they will read.
- Start a journey of discovery together. Make regular visits to the library to find books, magazines, and movies on the topic your child is interested in. Look for related fiction as well as non-fiction.
- Ask questions as you read together or when your independent reader finishes a book. Ask your child to

tell you something new or surprising they learned, or to read a section that was full of interesting words.

- Taking a field trip together to have a hands-on experience can add to what you have been learning from books and movies.
- Keep a record of what you learn together - start a journal, create a scrapbook, or send a handmade postcard to family or friends. Start a blog or social networking site for extended family members, especially grandparents living far away.
- Give children material that motivates them to read. Try comic books, directions for interesting projects, and mystery stories. Have them read information about possible activities as you plan your summer vacation.
- Support them as they read. Read their book aloud to them, help them decode, and make it easy for them to get the meaning. Show them that reading is a way to find out what they need to know, and to entertain themselves.
- Give them easy reading. Summer is supposed to be relaxed. Let them get absorbed in the book. When you read with them, make it your goal to enjoy the book together. You don't have to make them read perfectly! Avoid too much correction. In school next year, the teacher will help them. If you have any worries, jot them down to mention to the teacher when school starts.
- Be a model of reading. Bring books to the beach and read them. If you are travelling, find a book for the whole family to read and discuss.
- Have reading matter conveniently available. You might carry children's books and magazines with you and have them ready when there is spare time or you have to wait.

Start a long, more demanding book as a read-aloud for the holidays. Set a time each evening and read a chapter. The whole family will quickly become absorbed in the story and look forward to the nightly treat.

Have a great holiday.

Roger File



Notes from the Office:

- The Office will close on Thursday 9 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 Wednesday 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.



FROM THE LIBRARY

Another year has gone by and I am about to start the annual Library Stocktake. As is our policy, we do not let books out over the Christmas/New Years holiday period, as they tend to get misplaced, unless the students are part of the Summer Reading programme.

LIBRARY HOUSEKEEPING

All library books should have been returned to the Library this week, for those who haven't accounts will be sent home to parents/caregivers.



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.

DON'T FORGET TO SUPPORT OUR PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR ALL YOUR READING NEEDS OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

WEBSITES FOR THOSE WHO LOVE READING

GBHS New Books wiki ****updated****

Want to know what other new books have come into the library?

Check out our NEW BOOKS here:

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



Golden Bay High School Library Blog

More books listed on this website:

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

The Sandbox

Even more lists on this website:

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



Golden Bay High School Uniform Sale Days 2011

Uniform items will be available for sale in the School Hall on

Thursday 20th January 10.30am - 12.30pm

Wednesday 26th January 10.30am - 12.30pm

Report from Takaka Athletics Club

We have had some great results from our athletes so far this season. 25 athletes attended the first competition of the season at Motueka, Lauren Gardiner broke the Tasman district record for the 12 yr girls hurdles with a time of 15.1 seconds. Club records broken so far for the season:



Rosie Taylor-Richmond beat Helen Renwick's 1986 1.32m record for 12 year old girls High jump with a jump of 1.34m and Geena Gross beat Louise Nalder's 2009 7.64m record for 13 year old girls shot put with a throw of 8.56m , these girls are sure to increase their performances by the end of the season.

12 girls

Lauren Gardiner 1st Hurdles 15.1 1st (Tasman record), 1st Discus 19.7, 2nd 400m 68.1s, 3rd 200m 30.6

Rosie Taylor- Richmond ... 1st High Jump 1.32, 1st Long Jump 4.13, 2nd Hurdles 15.4, 2nd 100m 14.9

Drew Jackson 2nd Discus 17.32, 2nd Shot Put 6.57

12 boys

Ari Wells 2nd 800m 2.41.0, 2nd 1500m 5.27.8, 3rd 100m 15.4

13 girls

Geena Gross..... 1st Hurdles 15.1, 1st 100m 14.6, 1st Discus 22.45, 1st Shot Put 7.90.

Katerina Clarke..... 3rd Shot put 5.31

14 girls

Cara Wells..... 1st 100m 16.2, 1st 1500m 6.19.7

14 boys

Marco Symmons 1st 100m 13.4, 1st 200m 26.8, 1st High Jump 1.54, 1st Long Jump 4.55

Danyon Fleming 1st 800m 2.30.8, 1st 1500m 5.02.8, 2nd Shot Put 7.05, 3rd Discus 22.06

Calum Lewis..... 1st 400m 65.3s, 2nd 800m 2.47.9, 3rd Long Jump 3.71, 3rd 100m 14.3

Santa Parade
Saturday 18th
December
10am to Noon

Floats * Decorated
Bikes * Costumes
Spot prizes for kids in the parade
FREE Face Painting
Meet at Bickley's yard 9am



Junior Closing Ceremony

Thursday 9 December 2.00pm
in the School Hall

Families and friends of GBHS students are warmly invited to join us in celebrating the achievements of our junior students.

GBHS would like to thank the following businesses and individuals who have contributed to the Prize Giving Ceremonies (both Senior and Junior), either with prizes to acknowledge students' efforts, or by sponsoring pages in the Magazine. Your generosity is greatly appreciated:

Alliance Plumbing, Anatoki Lodge Motel, Arista-cat Mussels Ltd, Bay Agencies, Bill Richards, BNZ Takaka, Brief Affair, Charlton Trust, Cleaning Technology (Nelson) Ltd, Country Women's Institute (Uruwhenua Branch), Feel Good Foods, Finishing Touch, Fontara, Frank Byrne Builder, Fresh Choice Takaka, Glasgow Harley Solicitors, Golden Bay A&P Association, Golden Bay Coachlines, First National Golden Bay, Golden Bay Community Board, Golden Bay Dental Centre, Golden Bay Lions Club, Golden Bay Rubbish Collection, Golden Bay Surveyors, Golden Bay Organic & Educational Trust, GB Hammer Hardware, Harcourts-Nikki Ryan, Jennian Homes, Karen Savage, Kahurangi Farm Services, Kevin Hebbard Motorcycle & Mechanical, Knuckles Driving School, Laser Electrical, Manawhenua Ki Mohua, Matariki Hills, McKee Trust, Mondo Travel, Mussel Inn, Nelson Management Ltd, NMIT, NZ King Salmon, Orange Mechanical, Pinetree Liberation Front, Pohara Beach Top 10 Holiday Park, Pohara General Store, Rural Service Centre, Shade Upholstery & PVC, Takaka Concrete Products, Takaka ITM Building Centre, Tui Spiritual & Educational Trust, Waitapu Engineering Ltd, Warn and Associates, Whitcoulls Ltd, Rose & Philip Windle Bruce and May Packard, Freefarm.

DO ALL YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING FROM HOME AT WWW.YOURFASTSHOP.CO.NZ AND SPEND MORE TIME RELAXING

Over 75 online stores and all shopping raises money for Golden Bay High School

- Books from online bookstores, The Nile and Fishpond.
- DVDs from Real Groovy.
- iPods, iPhones and the latest gadgets from Apple Store.
- Toys from IQ Toys and Mighty Ape.
- Gifts from Bestow Gifts, plus much more!

Just go to www.yourfastshop.co.nz and select **Golden Bay High School** for great discounts and online offers.

?? Quiz Night !!

Golden Bay High School Fundraiser



Wednesday Jan 5
8.00pm

Pohara Hall

Doors open 7.30 pm

Tickets at the door \$10/head

Includes a complimentary food platter for your team (4 - 6 people)

Bar and beverages available on the night (NO BYO please)

Suitable for adults and older students (13 years and over accompanied by an adult)



Host Families Needed - If you have ever thought of hosting an international student now is your chance. AFS have students from Chile, Japan, Bolivia, Germany, Switzerland and many other countries looking for host families next year. AFS is a volunteer based, non government, not-for-profit organization. An AFS student becomes a member of your family; they are your sons and daughters, not a guest. They are willing to help with chores, share rooms if necessary and take an active part in the family, school and community. Hosting a student is a great experience, giving your family a chance to learn about other cultures and the opportunity to see our country through fresh eyes. If you can help contact Suzy at AFS Nelson 03 5477845 or National Office 0800 600 300.



This is the final Goldie for 2010. Farewell to all those who are leaving us. To those returning, see you next year.

Have a Safe and happy Christmas Holiday