



# GOLDIE

Golden Bay High School Newsletter  
3 July 2009

From the Principal:

Staff Farewells: The end of term sees the departure of the Grace family, who are returning to England, where Jo is taking up a middle management teaching position and Stuart intends returning to university to continue working towards a Masters degree. Stuart has been HOD Physical Education for the past eighteen months, sharing management duties with Gaylene Wilkinson. He has taught PE to most year groups in the school and has been the form teacher for one of the Green House vertical forms. One legacy that he leaves the students is the game of Ki-o-rahi that he introduced from Northland, a game that our students have taken to with enthusiasm. Stuart was also responsible for setting up the initial Get 2 Go team in the school and took them to the national finals last year; his input into the school climbing team will be missed.

Jo has this year taken over the SPEC (South Pacific Educational Courses) teaching at Years 9, 10 and a composite senior class. A measure of her success can be seen in the item that follows. Jo has also been a very effective relief teacher for us over her

time in the Bay. We wish the family very best wishes on their return to the UK.



The SPEC classes will be taught next term by Kristina Kahn, who has done some relief teaching for us earlier in the year. The PE position has been advertised and the appointment process means that we are unlikely to have a permanent teacher in place before the start of term 4. In the meantime, the PE classes will be taught by Lisa Savage and Mark Allinson.

Student Achievement: Congratulations to Lisa Gill (Year 12) for achieving NZQA accredited National Certification for Mainstream at Level 2. Lisa is the first individual in the whole of New Zealand to have completed and passed four South Pacific Education Courses (SPEC) which cumulatively make up the Level 2 Certificate in Mainstream award. (This includes: Shooting Star, Level 1, Level 2, and Level3). Lisa's work was to such a high standard that it will be part of the exemplars of work nationally for all SPEC teachers and students. Lisa

now has a portfolio of evidence generated by the courses that will enhance success at interviews in the future and is a shining example of the success of vocational courses nationwide. Lisa's work ethic is also a great example to other students.

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### Term 3 Calendar

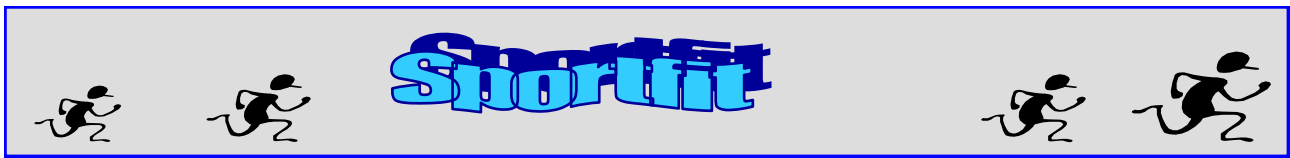
- 20 July..... Term 3 begins
- 29-30 July .... Lipsync
- 31 July..... Goldie
- 4 August..... ICAS English
- 5-7 August.... Yr 11 Work Experience
- 12-14 August Yr 7 & 8 Winter Tournament
- 14 Aug ..... Goldie
- 17 Aug ..... BOT Meeting
- 19 August..... ICAS Maths
- 28 August..... Goldie
- 31 Aug- 4 Sept.. Winter Tournament
- 31 Aug- 4 Sept .. Yr 9 Rotoiti Camp
- 31 Aug- 4 Sept .. Yr 11 & Yr 13 Exams
- 31 Aug- 4 Sept .. Yr 12 Work Experience
- 9 Sept..... HPV Vaccine Dose 3
- 11 Sept..... Goldie
- 14 Sept..... BOT Meeting
- 16-18 Sept.... Outdoor Education Trip
- 17-18 Sept.... Yr 12 First Aid
- 23-24 Sept.... Junior Production
- 25 Sept..... Goldie
- 25 Sept..... Term 3 End

### Goldie Return Slip

Get your parent to sign this slip and put it in the box at the office to go into the next draw to win a \$5 canteen voucher. **Congratulations to this week's winner** Bonnie Cottle from GA02 please pick up your voucher from the office. (If you receive your Goldie by email and would like to enter your student into the draw, send an email reply and I will pop their name in the box.)

Yes, I have read the 3 July issue of Goldie:

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/caregiver)



We have now reached the end of a very busy sporting term, including Tapawera Exchange, Murchison Tournament, Climbing, Cross Country etc.

**Murchison Rugby and Netball Trip**  
 We left school at 6.30am on Wednesday 1 July and travelled to Murchison where we were the first team to arrive! The games were organised by Ben from Greymouth High School. Here is a quick glimpse of the day.

**Rugby:**  
 The first game was against a Murchison/Tapawera side (who fielded a few 17 and 16 year olds, much like the team that they brought to Golden Bay for our exchange). Our boys were pushed hard on defence for most of the game but kept the score a lot lower than last time. In the next game they played Greymouth,- a more evenly matched game. Even though they had a loss, they can take away from the game the things that they need to work on before tournament week.

**Netball:**  
**The girls' first match was against Westland High School**, this was very close with a 24-all third quarter, but in the end the Westland girls took the match 35-30. The stand out players for this game were **Jen O'Byrne in mid court and Kate Gill in defence**. After a 10 minute break the girls took to the court again, against Greymouth. There was no time for the girls to get over the previous match, to stretch, or even have a sit down. Greymouth, who we have met before at the South Island tournament, won the game convincingly. Once again my stand out players were Jen, and this time, Arna Petterson who covered WD, GA and the GD positions. Courtney had a strong game under the hoop.

**The girls were just great, they didn't complain, they just got on with things.** The school should be really pleased to have these young women as our ambassadors.

Thanks to Bruce Packard for driving, Shelley Pomeroy for supporting, and my girls Jen, Ella, April, Arna, Millie, Courtney, Kate, Caydie and Jana, Well done Girls.

**Rugby Referee Course:** Last week Nigel Jones from Tasman Rugby travelled over to take a group of students for a two day Rugby Referee course. This course can earn the students 8 credits at Level 2: 4 credits for written and 4 credits for practical. The students got a lot out of doing the course (besides the whistles they were given and with which they drove the staff batty at lunchtime). Hopefully we will see a few of them up at the rugby grounds on a Saturday morning putting into practice what they have learnt.

I was lucky enough to be able to sit in with them during their class and was most impressed by their good behaviour and the respect they showed to Nigel. The students who participated were Luken Chamberlain and Kyle Davies Y10, Kieran Mason, Jayden Parata, Joel Milne, Kent Barrett and Courtney Clarke Y11, Ella Dixon and Arna Petterson Y12. Yes we even had girls take this course and I know they found it invaluable.



Junior Rippa Rugby game

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 End of Term: Yet another term at a frenetic pace; that **won't change next term, so the holidays provide a time to recharge the batteries, reflect on the past term and make plans for next term.** Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the interview evenings.

Your support is invaluable to **your child's success. I hope that the interviews provide a springboard from which student goals can be rethought and commitment to achievement renewed.** I read this recently, **I'm not sure who wrote it, but it is most appropriate:**  
***"Life, happiness, prosperity and***

*success all take effort. The best secret in life is that if you decide what you want and then work hard to achieve it, the odds are excellent that you will be successful. After all, it's called work for a reason."*

Roger File

# Endometriosis!



Endometriosis affects around 1 in every 5 girls and women and can cause long-term health and fertility problems. If your menstrual period affects your quality of life, you may have endometriosis. Early diagnosis and treatment is essential.

On 22nd July at 9.55am, all year 10 girls will go to Room 12 to attend a seminar facilitated by Elaena Havell, the Endometriosis Foundation Educator. Elaena will explain about the condition and answer any questions.

Any other female friends, family or members of the community who would also like to come along to hear Elaena speak are very welcome.

When: Wednesday 22nd July 2009  
(Day 3, Week 1)

**Time:** 9.55am – 10.50am (period 2)

**Where:** Room 12

**Who:** Year 10 girls and any other female guests.

**Cost:** Free or (Koha for Endometriosis Foundation would be appreciated)

*Please contact me if you have any queries.*

*Annette Compton - HOD Health*

*Ph. 525 9914 ext 824*

## Climbing Competition June 2009

Three teams of keen climbers went over the hill to try their hand at competitive climbing against the best climbers in the region. It was a challenging day and most of the teams faltered at some point. Unfortunately our resident speed climbing champion (Jess) was unable to defend her title.

The lead competition on the Tuesday was always where Golden Bay High School was going to shine. The four best climbers Leon Schrader, April Crawford, Jess Philp and Luke Johnstone really pulled out all the stops. Both the girls won their grades with ease, in fact April nearly beat Jess, an expert from the Intermediate category on the same final route. Luke opted to move from intermediate to expert which almost certainly cost him a place, but well done for honesty.

Leon fought a classic inch by inch battle with the climbing wall local Alex. Both boys had scored evenly throughout the competition topping out all the routes in style. On the final Route Leon went first and achieved an outstanding position on the holds some six or



seven meters along the roof. We watched as Alex cruised to just below where Leon fell and gasped as he grabbed and held onto Leon's final hold. Then he fell!

**A SUPER FINAL.**

Again Leon went first and made

his way along the freshly prepared roof swinging confidently from hold to hold not putting a finger in the wrong place. Alex followed, he faltered, regained his composure and finished the route in style.

Much discussion was made of the final, before a draw was given and both boys walked away with the championship.

There cannot be many events where Golden Bay High School has come away with three first places out of four categories. I am very proud of the achievement of these guys and am sad that after many hundreds of hours of climbing and coaching I will not be able to see them compete in Christchurch in the South Island Championship. I wish them all well.

Stuart Grace

## Arts News

### SENIOR PRODUCTION

It was a delight to see the amazing quality of acting by our students who performed in '**Another Spring**'. Mr. Jim Barnes had chosen his cast very carefully and it was great to see how every individual was able to execute the character of his/her role so well. Congratulations to the whole crew; what an achievement! Thanks to the commitment of performers and other people involved, it was not hard to go the extra mile.

### KIWI KID BAND SEARCH: NICK ROCKS

Nickelodeon is conducting a national band search for students up to 15yrs old. Is there any student member of a band, who would jump at the opportunity to spend a day at a recording studio to show his/her talent to a national television audience?

For more information have a look at the noticeboard outside the music suite and/or ask Mrs. Machin for further details.

## LIBRARY NEWS



### HOLIDAY READING

There will be a lot of books due back to the library during the school holidays. To avoid getting overdue slips PLEASE make sure you return them first day back at school.

### NCEA WIDE READING WIKI

Senior students looking for books for their Theme and Wide Reading achievement standards can find title suggestions on our wiki at:

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

WHEN RETURNING YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS **PLEASE** check that you are returning them to the right library. We have books being returned to the town library and town library books being returned here. The town library books have their barcodes on the front.

## LipSync is coming...

LipSync will be held on Wed 29<sup>th</sup> July and Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> July. Performers are to have their registration forms and a copy of the lyrics to the Office on the first Monday back at school, which is Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Auditions will be held on the following Wednesday & Thursday at lunchtime. More information in Morning Notices next term.



*"Winter edition of Jam Mag out now. Check out what's been happening around the region. Great competitions with cool stuff to win"*

## "IT'S FREE and IT'S ALL GOOD"



Free dental care is available for all adolescents aged Year 9 up to 18 years old. Not everyone knows about this free service. To find out more about dentists who provide this service.

Phone 0800 "ITS FREE" (0800 487 3733) or (03) 546 1536

## The Lady Killers, Live in Concert Saturday July 11th 7.30pm Golden Bay High School Hall



Pre sales: \$30 from Brief Affair, Door sales: \$35. Supper being provided by the 'A' Netball Team. Selling/ signing CD's on the night, with \$5 from every sale going to the netball girls.

## Rock Music Course

*For 12 to 17 year olds*

**\$30 per course**

**Courses: Mon 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July  
(First week of school holidays)**

**10am to 5pm**

**Drums \* Bass \* Rhythm \* Lead  
Vocals \* Song Writing**

**Tutor Mike Nyland**

**From Wellington Band "Son's Of Midas"**

**Interested?? Contact Dave Myall  
525 8876 or 027 66 97 142**

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## Home and School Association News

Thanks to all those who helped out with the supper for the senior production, especially Judi File and Justine Butler who took charge of the supper on Saturday night. Over \$300 was raised.

Home & School continues to support our students and has recently donated \$500 towards the year 7 & 8 reward scheme as well as making substantial contributions towards travelling sports teams.

Coming Event: Spring Quiz Night 8th August.