



GOLDIE

Golden Bay High School Newsletter
5 June 2009

From the Principal

Very sadly we learnt at the weekend of the tragic death of former student Natasha Graham, as the result of an accident nearly two months ago. Natasha attended GBHS for five years from 2002. Her funeral service was held yesterday in the school hall.



Influenza Reminder There has been talk in the media this week of potential school closures due to the Influenza A virus. The Ministry of Health is concerned that the stability of figures in New Zealand has seen the issue largely slip from public consciousness and a sense that it will soon be all over. The likely reality is the opposite. The Ministry believes that it is a matter of when, rather than if, the virus appears in our communities. Their response will be informed by what is happening overseas and while we have a pandemic plan in place, our response is largely directed by the Ministry of Health. Health issues such as this are problematic for schools and this is why they are suggesting that an early response would be to close schools in affected communities. This makes it important to emphasise the need for up-to-date contact details for all parents / caregivers, as such a closure could happen at very short notice.

The Ministry of Health advises that families who have travelled to

countries where there is a spread of the virus should keep their students home for a week upon their return, even if they have no symptoms. Any further advice around this should be obtained by the families concerned directly from Public Health authorities.

In the meantime, it is worth reiterating simple precautions which apply to any similar illness:

- staying at home and away from others when genuinely sick
- covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue and putting used tissues into a rubbish bin
- avoiding touching eyes, nose or mouth
- being careful to wash hands often with soap and to dry them thoroughly – hand hygiene is critical: a simple guideline is the 20/20 rule – 20 seconds washing and 20 seconds drying.

40-hour Famine: Congratulations to Year 13 students Jen O'Byrne and Dan Reilly for a well organised and managed disco. Thanks also to the other students in Year 13 who supported them on the night. A good turnout of students from Years 7 – 10 ensured that the goal of boosting the 40-hour famine effort was achieved (well in excess of \$500 was raised) and all students had an enjoyable and trouble free evening. A reminder though to students who participated in the famine to return booklets and money raised to the student

leaders at the common room, if you **haven't already done so.**

Budget 2009: There were no real surprises in the Government's budget announcement last week. There was little of anything to excite us positively, and certainly nothing to improve our ability to resource the school. There are concerns though, with suggestions of reduced government spending on staffing from 2011; we already suffer an inadequate and outdated staffing formula that simply does not meet our needs. Funding for Adult and Community education classes is to be cut drastically and this may curtail our ability to run such classes in the future. To obtain details of the budget as it relates to education, visit: <http://www.minedu.govt.nz/theMinistry/Budget/Budget2009/EducationInitiatives.aspx>

Roger File

Term Calendar

- 8 JuneHome & School Meeting 5pm
- 10 JuneTasman Badminton
.....ICAS Science
- 11-13 June....Senior Production 7.30pm
- 15 June BOT Meeting 7.00pm
- 19 JuneGoldie
- 21-23 June....Yr 13 Geography Trip
- 22-23 June....Tasman Climbing
- 3 JulyGoldie
- 3 JulyEnd of Term Two
- 4 JulySenior School Ball

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 Hamish Foxwell** from 7T 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 5 June issue of Goldie:

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

From the LIBRARY

NEW BOOKS

New books are being added to the New Books wiki regularly, so if you want to have first dibs on the new books in the library, check them out on:

<http://gblibrary.blogspot.com>

Or

<http://goldenbayhslibrary.wikispaces.com>



- NZ Adventure
- NZ Rod & Rifle
- NZ SpeedSport
- Pet New Zealand
- Sport Unleashed
- Tearaway
- Upstart

We ask that students look after these magazines when they borrow them so that others may have the benefit of reading them also.

REMEMBER:

Ask for help if you need it.

Aim to learn how to find information you require to help your studies.

Find books to read for pleasure - the more you read the better your reading.

MAGAZINES

We have a variety of magazines to cater for our students' reading needs; the ones listed below are available for borrowing. These are:

- Girlfriend (magazines older than 12months)



Sportfit



Tasman Cross Country. Congratulations to April Crawford who was placed



second in the senior girls' race in a quick time of 15.52 minutes for the 4 km course. Although all students who were placed first, second or third in our own cross country were eligible to enter the regional event, only five took up the challenge. Unfortunately due to illness on the day we were down to only one student.

April's determination to run, even without a team with her, should stand her in good stead for the Nationals in Nelson in June. Well done April.

NETBALL CAMP

The GBHS 'A' Netball team are going to run a Netball camp as a fundraiser (to travel to SISS Netball in Timaru this year). The first 30 students (open to boys and girls) of each age group will be accepted with a waiting list to cover any student that may pull out. Included in the camp fee is a photo, information, and a camp tee-shirt for students participating in all three days. Students can come and collect a leaflet from myself at my office.

When: 13/14/15 July 09

Where: Golden Bay High

School Age groups: Y5/6 -Y7/8

Fees: \$15 a day or \$40 for 3 days

Contact: Cherie Chamberlain
on 5257089, 5259746
or 0274081357

GBHS Hockey Team

Lots of new players with improvements in play every week. In last week's game against the Drastix players of the day were Tristan Markman for great play in defence and new player Taylor Escott for good all round play and commitment.

NZ Black Sticks Women

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India

Saturday 20th June

1.30pm

Sunday 21st June

1.30pm

**Saxtons Hockey Field
Free Entry**

Hockey NZ are holding an after school hockey training for the High School team and any interested youth and adult players on Wednesday 17th June 3.30 to 5.00pm

Barnardos Free Group Programmes

Parenting through Separation?

How can we do what's best for the children?

Barnardos and Family Works provide free presentations to help you:

- Assist your child's journey through separation
- Increase your awareness of the impact of separation on your children
Learn to negotiate shared care arrangements.

Contact Barnardos 5390019 for dates and times.

Footsteps to Feeling Safe Programme

A free programme for children who are dealing with the impact of domestic violence. The group is free for children who meet the criteria of being covered under a protection order. Group covers children from 5 yrs to 14 yrs. Contact Barnardos 5390019 for dates and times.

Mid Year Reports

Years 7-10,

10 June - posted to parents

16 June - Parent /Teacher Interviews

Years 11-13

18 June - posted to parents

30 June - Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

**Driving Instruction available
L.T.N.Z Approved Instructor**

Class 1 practical only

\$32/hr, ½ hr \$20

If using driver car

\$.50 per km


Contact S.Shaw


Ph. 525 8099.

Can't read her mind.....

Have to read a book Instead!

Y-Read Challenge at Takaka Memorial Library
Are you aged between 12 and 17
and want to be in to win cool prizes?
Weekly phone top ups, prezzy Cards
and spot prizes?
Come down to the Library and find out more.
6 Week challenge, limited places, don't miss out!!
Register now!!!

 Tasman District Libraries

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Another Spring

The tickets for this year's Golden Bay High School's senior drama production, "Another Spring," are now on sale so be quick before they sell out.

Mr Barnes and Ms Stark have been impressed by the talent, sheer hard work and commitment that has been shown by the cast over the past few weeks. As a result you are in for a real treat.

This is a play that entertains on a number of levels. Firstly there is the story of three young people Jason, Liz and Amanda, played by George Machin, Lucy Hindmarsh and Millie Eggers, who find themselves on a quest. They are helped on their quests by the enigmatic character Raven, played by Kip Clere. Raven is a character who mysteriously steps out of the pages of a book Jason is reading and into the lives of the three main characters.

As Jason, Liz and Amanda pursue their quests they are joined by a number of other characters who either help or hinder them as they search for the answers.

There is the deeply unpleasant character Richard Cheatem, played by Hamish McDonald or the freedom fighter come martyr Sam Terra, played by Jack Tuffery and many, many more. It is pleasing to see so many of our senior students participating in this production.



A rehearsal in full swing

But this is not just a good story. This drama provides its audience with many ideas to think about such as how are we treating our planet and what does the future hold if we continue as we are?

But wait there is more. Good story, excellent acting, thought provoking ideas plus dancing and music written by Caitlin and Sika two well known Golden Bay musicians. What more could you want for a good night out?

Tickets are being sold now at Golden Bay High School's office and Take Note. Prices are \$10 for an adult, \$5 for a child and \$25 for a family concession ticket. Performances begin at 7.30pm in the Golden Bay High School hall on the 11th, 12th and 13th of June. Be in quick.



40 Hour Famine Fundraising Disco

