



GOLDIE

Golden Bay High School Newsletter
25 September 2009

From the Principal

Staffing: Our very grateful thanks to Mark Allinson and Lisa Savage, both in Physical Education/Outdoor Education, and to Kristina Kahn in SPEC, who have relieved in those subjects throughout the term. Lisa in fact will be back next term to take over the SPEC classes until the end of the year. At the start of next term, we will also welcome our new HOD PE into the school. Rob Anderson comes to us having taught PE at schools in the Canterbury region.

Student Achievement

Regional Science Fair: Congratulations to Year 13 student Jasmine Wintour who received a **Gold Award for her project "Take me to your leader."** Her study looked at the development of leadership qualities in primary school aged children and included practical research and some very impressive data analysis. Jasmine received three additional prizes for her work: the NZ Statistical Association and Statistics NZ award, the Nelson Federation of Graduate Women Trust Tertiary Study award, and the Dick Roberts Memorial award, putting her up amongst the very top students in the fair.

Year 9 students Oliver Bailey and Hamish Clark also did extremely well in achieving a gold award for their project **"Calling a Crash,"** a very topical theme for which they did some extensive practical research on the effect of using a cell phone on a **person's reaction time, linking this to using a cell phone while driving.**

SPEC: Congratulations to the following students who have shown

that they are developing key competencies extremely well.

Shooting Star awards gained by year 9 students Benji Wick, Flynn Pentecost-Goldingham, Joe Thomason and Matt Jenkins.

Year 11 students Ashlee Kumar (Level one) and Josh Jenkins (Level one).

Climbing Team: Our team of Jessica Philp, April Crawford, Leon Schrader and Luke Johnstone were 2nd in the mixed teams event at the South Island Secondary Schools' rock climbing championships, another great achievement.

Former GBHS Student Achievements: The University of Otago has advised us of recent graduates:
Benjamin Compton, Ph D;
Nicola Gaffney, MB, CHB;
Fletcher Boixo, BSc;
Shane McConnon, BA.

Senior Course Information Evening: this is for all students in years 10 – 12 and their parents / caregivers. The information evening is on Thursday 15th October (first week of next term) at 7.30pm, in the school hall. Course Information Guides have been given out this week to those students. Making informed choices for 2010 involves students talking with parents, with subject teachers, with deans, or with the Careers Advisor, Mr Batten. Decisions must be made on the basis of pathways that are needed to pursue **tertiary education programmes or career choices and certainly not on the basis of what friends might be doing.** The information evening is a critical part of the process. *continued on pg 2...*



Staff get into the spirit of pirate day

Term 4 Calendar

- 12 Oct Term 4 begins
- 15 Oct Sen. Information Evening
- 16 Oct Nelson Arts Performance
- 19 Oct BOT Meeting 7pm
- 21 Oct Variety Concert
- 23 Oct Goldie
- 26 Oct Labour Day (holiday)
- 6 Nov Goldie
- 9 Nov Year 8 Camp
- 10 Nov Year 7 Camp
- 10 Nov Last day for Seniors
- 11 Nov Senior Closing Ceremony
- 16 Nov NCEA Exams begin
- 19 Nov Goldie
- 20 Nov Teacher only day
- 23 Nov BOT Meeting 7pm
- 4 Dec Goldie
- 7-19 Dec Yr 10 Electives
- 11 Dec Junior Closing Ceremony
and last day of term 4
- 14 Dec BOT Meeting

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** Rose Stocker from Yr 13; 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 25 September issue of Goldie:

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

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External Exams: For years 11 – 13 these are rapidly approaching. There are only 21 school days remaining before you are on exam leave. The remaining time is critical, **including these holidays**. School work and home study have to be the priorities and it is vital that parents support this. Set aside regular time for home study. **If you have no set homework, it most definitely does not mean that you have no study to do!** The time needs to be well used – ask the questions of your teachers that will help you to improve your achievement. For most of you, simply achieving 80 credits at

your level of NCEA is not especially significant. The endorsement of certificates with merit or excellence needs to be taken very seriously if you wish to remain competitive with students from outside of the Bay. It is certainly motivating students in other parts of the country! The endorsements are also being used to discriminate between students applying for places on courses or for many jobs. The external exams need to be taken seriously. They show prospective employers and tertiary course providers whether you have the commitment and drive to succeed beyond the school gate.

Key dates for seniors:

- Last day of lessons for Years 11-13: Tuesday 10 November
 - Senior Closing Ceremony: Wednesday 11 November
- NCEA External exams start: Monday 16 November

Teacher –Only Day: The second of the teacher-only days granted by the Minister of Education to help implement the new curriculum will be held on Friday 20 November. This means that school will be closed on that day (except for students sitting external exams). A letter will be sent out closer to the date.

Roger File



Below are the Interhouse results from the lunchtime netball and volleyball competitions
We are looking at running an interhouse unihockey competition starting in the first week of term four.

Results for Netball were:

Intermediate		Senior		Total Combined	
Red	12	Red	9	Red	21
Yellow	8	Green	8	Yellow	12
Blue	4	Blue	4	Blue	8
Green	0	Yellow	4	Green	8


Results for Volleyball were:

Intermediate		Senior		Total Combined	
Red	6	Blue	6	Blue	10
Blue	4	Green	4	Red	10
Green	3	Red	4	Green	7
Yellow	1	Yellow	1	Yellow	2

‘Come on all of you students - get in behind these events; it fills in your lunchtime and you can support your house.’

TWILIGHT NETBALL

Starts : 19 Oct 09
 Where: GBHS
 Cost: \$85.00 (if providing your own umpire).
 \$100.00 (if umpire is provided).
 Who: Yr 10s and up.
 Team: Teams to have no more than three males on the court at any time but you may play with more than four females
 Contact: Cherie Chamberlain 0274081357 with team name and contact cell ph number.
 Info: Please play in a uniformed top; bibs provided. Bring your own first aid. Sub to be paid to Cherie before play on the first night in one-team-payment.





**TAKE A KID TO FOOTY
 TASMAN MAKOS
 PLAYAUCKLAND**

Trafalgar Park
 Sunday 27 Sept at 2.35pm

Curtain Raiser:
**Buccaneers v The Parliamentarians
 12.30pm**

A few very good Takaka Old Boys playing in this match, come watch them take on some MP's.

Top Rewards at the Nelson Science Fair

After months of work on their Science Fair projects three of our students travelled over the hill to compete in the annual regional final in Stoke. Two of our year 9 students; Oliver Bailey, and Hamish Clark, had enlisted the help of both senior students and staff in testing the effect of mobile phone use on driver reaction times. This neatly coincided with new legislation to ban the use of mobile phones when driving. Experimenting with humans in a scientific way is always a challenge in fair testing, however their carefully constructed experiment produced some statistically significant results. Oldies will be disappointed to learn that their reaction times are consistently slower than youngsters, whether using a mobile phone or not. Females had faster reaction times, for all age groups. Oliver and Hamish won a Gold Award and \$100 for their entry, entitled "Calling for a Crash".

This is the last year that Jasmine Wintour will be with us, after 3 consecutive years of increasingly sophisticated investigations into learning and behaviour amongst Primary School students. Social Science experiments are notoriously difficult to design, but Jasmine was able to use her experience to produce one of the top entries in this years competition. Her work, entitled "Take me to your Leader", researched the development of leadership skills amongst students at the local primary school. Jasmine designed a co-operative task for students to carry out and then monitored their performance, looking for a variety of behaviours that show leadership. She was assisted



throughout her work by Katelyn Whitaker. Her hard work and dedication was rewarded with a number of awards including a Gold for her year group and Silver for the overall Science Fair. In addition to cash prizes amounting to hundreds of dollars, she was also awarded a scholarship for her university study next year.

Golden Bay High School always wins some awards at the annual Science Fair and this has been the most successful in recent years. If you have an interest in doing your own thing in science see Mr Durkan to start thinking about an entry in next years Science

FROM THE LIBRARY

Stocktake

The annual library stocktake will take place on the 3th & 4th Dec. The library will be closed during this time.

Advance Notice for senior students

Senior students I would like to have all your library books back to the library by the **6th Nov** at the latest.



School Library Blog

For homework help check out the Library Blog, lots of links to interesting websites can be found there:

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

HOLIDAY READING

There will be a lot of books due back to our library during the school holidays. To avoid getting overdue slips, or accounts sent home, PLEASE make sure you return them the first day back at school and to the right library. The town library books have their barcodes on the front cover.



Have a Safe and Happy Holiday

Are you going to be in the senior school in 2010?

If so, when you are thinking about your subjects for 2010, you might also want to consider joining the Gateway programme.

What is Gateway?

- It is a programme for Year 11 - 13 students, that enables you to combine school study with workplace experience and learning.
- While gaining practical experience in the workplace, you also study selected Unit Standards that are important for your proposed career.
- These Units Standards are mostly assessed in the workplace by an assessor from your chosen industry.
- The credits that you achieve count towards your NCEA.
- Gateway can also provide assistance for students who want to develop a career in the Performing Arts.
- Gateway supports you in the steps you take from school to further education and training or employment.



Is Gateway for me?

It might well be, if you can answer "Yes!" to most of the following questions:

- Do you have a good level of motivation and an ability to study independently?
- Do you know your career path and want to make contact with an employer, with the possible aim of gaining an apprenticeship, entry to a tertiary course or full-time employment when you leave school?
- Do you already have casual work and want to add to the practical skills and qualifications you have gained in that industry?
- Would you like support to achieve some of your goals in the Arts, if that's where you see your future?
- Do you know your career path and need financial assistance to gain appropriate experience in it?

What would be my obligations as a Gateway student?

Gateway students are expected to:

- gain at least 10 credits from Unit Standards completed in the workplace.
- keep up to date with any school work missed because of work placement.
- attend all work placement days (usually about 3 hours a week) and keep a logbook.
- demonstrate the qualities of a good employee.

In which industries are Gateway placements available?

Automotive, Retail, Hospitality, Performing Arts, Building, Hairdressing, Fishing, Cooking, Farming, Early Childhood Education, Joinery, Road Transport/Contracting, Jewellery, Animal Care, Computer Technology, Equine, Plumbing, Electrical,and many more.

I'm interested. What should I do next?

- Feel welcome to come and talk over your options with Ms Price, the Gateway Coordinator, in the Careers Room (Mondays to Thursdays: phone 5259914) She will answer any further questions you might have.
- Discuss your interest in Gateway with your parents or guardian.
- Pick up an application form from outside the Careers Room and return it to Ms Price or to your Form Teacher.



YouTube Session
at Takaka Memorial Library
Make your own video clip, learn to edit, and add music to it! Bring your cell phone, digital camera, or video camera if you have one ... and a friend. (You can join the session without those things as well!)

Time: Monday 5 October 2009, 2 pm – 5 pm
Age: 12 years and up!
Bookings essential!!! Spaces are limited!!!
Cost: Free!

Unihockey
Fun For All Ages
Mixed Teams

Golden Bay High School Gym
Tournament Starts -
Wednesday 14th October 6.pm
FREE Game @ 5.30 for youngsters
School Teams \$35 ** Adult Teams \$45
Gear Provided. Please wear non-marking shoes. ****All Welcome****
Phone Dave: 525 8876

