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GOLDEN BAY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL, JONO HAY

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Tēnā koutou katoa,
Tēnei te mihi atu ki a koutou. Welcome back to the 2026 school year. It has been great to see all of our students back

at school. In particular, welcome to all of our new students and staff. We started the year with a pōwhiri to welcome our new staff and students. It was a fantastic event and very well attended.

It has been a great start and I look forward to the year ahead as we work in partnership with whānau to support the learning goals of our students.

Nau mai, haere mai to our new staff

Welcome to our new staff for 2026. They are Mr Dan Hanson, Ms Saramah Chacko, Mrs Hannah Hay, Mr Mac Bowmar and Miss Marina Profendiner. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated, experienced and skilled practitioners joining the staff.

Year 7 & 8 whānau BBQ

The whānau BBQ is an opportunity to grow the home, school, student partnership by making connections and developing relationships. I hope to see you on Tuesday 17th February, outside the library from 5 - 6:30pm.

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is critically important for setting students up to succeed in education. Our expectation is that each student's attendance is greater than 90%. If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

You need to let the school know if your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure.

If you are finding it hard to get your child to school, please talk with us so we can work together. Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school.

Please feel free to contact me.

TERM ONE 2026 CALENDAR

17 February.....Yr 7/8 Whānau BBQ 5-6:30pm
20 February.....House Activities
23 February.....Board Meeting
24 February.....School photos
24 February.....Uniform Shop open
27 February Goldie
6 MarchAthletics Day (at Rec Centre)
10 March.....Uniform Shop open
13 March.....Goldie
20 March.....Swimming Sports

Yr 7 and 8 Whānau BBQ Tuesday 17th February

It has been lovely to see the Year 7 and 8 students settling into their form classes. We are really enjoying the energy they bring to school.

We will be holding a very informal BBQ for Year 7 and 8 students and whānau on Tuesday 17th February from 5-6:30pm.

We will provide sausages and bread, coleslaw and a juicy.

We would love to see you and your whānau there!

Please feel free to get in contact if you have any questions, concerns or positive feedback.

I can be contacted by email

principal@gbh.school.nz,

through the office or on 027 416 5232

Ake ake kia kaha

Jono Hay



Saramah Chacko

Whanaungatanga



Mac Bowmar

Manaakitanga



Dan Hanson

Wairuatanga



Hannah Hay

Kaitiakitanga

Photos above of some of our new Staff:

GOLDEN BAY HIGH SCHOOL

December 2025 Junior End of Year Ceremony Recipients

Sporting Achievement Awards

Year 9 and 10 Sportsman of the Year - **Lucas McCleely**
 Year 9 and 10 Sportswoman of the Year - **Zara Hames**
 Year 7 and 8 Sportspersonship - **Hendrix Housley**
 Year 9 and 10 Sportspersonship - **Ali Reynish**

Arts Awards

Year 7 and 8 Arts Award - **Lucinda Blackett**
 Year 9 and 10 Arts Award - **Amelie Harrison**

Endeavour Awards

Year 7 and 8 Endeavour - **Indika Powell**
 Year 9 and 10 Endeavour - **Taj Dadley - Moore**

Achievement Awards

Junior Māori Achievement Award Trophy - **Mori McCuskey**
 Most Improved Reader Award - **Kaylee Funnell**
 Speaking And Communication Trophy - **Ali Reynish**

Contribution to School and Community

Year 7 and 8 Citizenship Award - **Ella Bryant**
 Year 9 Citizenship Award - **Elvy Cottle**
 Year 10 Citizenship Award - **Cosmo Campbell**

Manawhenua ki Mohua Awards

Year 7 and 8 Manawhenua ki Mohua Award - **Melika Cooper**
 Year 9 and 10 Manawhenua ki Mohua Award - **Aarion Cooper**

Junior Dux

For overall Excellence in Academic Achievement - **Cosmo Campbell**
 For overall Excellence in Academic Achievement - **Georgia Tinkler**



Some prize winners clockwise from top left: Ella, Xavier, Indii, Marlee, Lucinda, (Mr Burt), Amelie, Cosmo, Georgia, Ali, (Mr Haynes), Indika.

And below, clockwise from left: Lachlan, Odinn, George, Hendrix, Kush, Luna, the haka for Melika and Aarion, Cosmo, Angus, Declan, Zara, Emily, Micah, Rātā, Frankie, Neve, Zoe, Isla, Hamish.



Year 10 December 2025 tramp

Eight hardy year 10's plus Aaron (Finn's Dad), Mr Mackenzie and Mrs Murray headed for the Cobb.

A fun 3 days were had by all, with plenty of deer spotting included (7 at last count).

The trip into Salisbury Lodge was the longest day.

Day 2 was a quick trip up Gordon's Pyramid followed by a short tramp to Balloon hut for the night.

Day 3 started extra early with a speedy walk out to Myttons

carpark. Tramping boots were replaced by 4WD crocs due to blisters but there was never a complaint.

While the adults ate freeze dried meals, students cooked up banquets.

Aaron was a hit with the students talking about hunting as well as getting in some track clearing and toilet cleaning wherever he went.

An entertaining trip had by all with a very enthusiastic group of young rangitahi.

From Fleur Murray



2026 TERM DATES

Term 1 - Wed 4th February to Thurs 2nd April

Term 2 - Mon 20th April to Fri 3rd July

Term 3 - Mon 20th July to Fri 25th September

Term 4 - Mon 12th October to Tues 15th December (tb c)

2026 Public Holidays

Easter: Good Friday: 3rd April (during term break)

Easter Monday: 6th April (during term break)

GBHS observes Anzac Day: Monday 27th April

King's Birthday: Monday 1st June

Matariki: Friday 10th July (during term break)

Labour Day: Monday 26th October

Mark, Mel and Fleur complete St Arnaud training course *from Fleur Murray*

Last term December 2025, we set off at 5.30am for St Arnaud to complete our final assessment towards our Bushleader 1 certificate.

A long but rewarding day in the hills and yes we all passed.



From Boots to Blades.

In the final week of 2025, 19 Year 10 students paddled the length of the Abel Tasman, from Tata Beach to Mārahau. Having known these students since Year 7, it was profoundly rewarding to see them return to the park where they once walked as Year 8s, now navigating the sea with independence and grit.

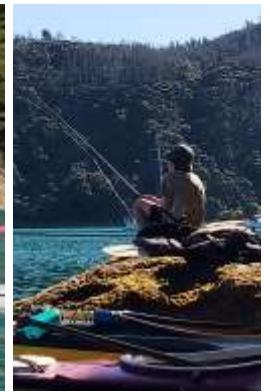
Over four days, we rounded Separation Point to Tōtaranui, found sanctuary in Mosquito Bay, and shared stories at Anchorage. The students managed their own food and logistics, rotating boat partners daily—a true testament to their growth as a team.

An expedition like this is a massive "behind the scenes" operation. My sincere thanks to the office staff for the mountain of paperwork, the senior leadership for their unwavering support of outdoor education, and the relief teachers who covered my classes so I could witness this "outdoor magic" firsthand.



Thank you to Golden Bay Sea Kayaks, Kahu Kayaks, our guides Mary and Harley, and "super camp mum" Lee. At Te Waka Kura o Māhua, we are lucky to have such a supportive community to help our students find their strength in the wild.

Paul Skerten



The NBS Tinburn Triathlon

10:30AM Sunday 1 March 2026

Sea Swim (300m) - Bike (6.5km) - Run (5km)
Individual and team entries

Pohara Top 10 Holiday Park

Prizes include GOLD for the
Fastest Golden Bay boy and girl

goldenbaytinburn.blogspot.com
facebook.com/tinburntriathlon



*Gold prizes can only be won by children who have lived in Golden Bay permanently for the last three or more years.



NBS Community



UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will be open for Term One 2026 on



February 24th, March 10th & 24th

fortnightly on Tuesday this term from 1-2pm (lunch break). Please check with the school office for directions to the Uniform Shop.

You will need either cash, or phone internet banking and to show us the transaction before you can take the uniform.

Uniform Acc: 03 1354 0575666-01 and use student's name as reference, please.

Any uniform returns must still have tags on the clothing, and not have been worn; thank you.

Any enquiries please speak to the uniform co-ordinator
Maki Reed Email gbhsuniforms@hotmail.com

TEEN KIDZTHEATRE HEATRE



Term 1 drama classes
start 5 February
Phone Ronnie to enrol
P: 027 5555 937

Ronnie Short
Speech & Drama ATCL, LTCL

20 APPS PARENTS & CARERS NEED TO KNOW www.SocialWorkersToolbox.com

<p>Snapchat Messages and photos disappear. Children can be pressured to send images because they believe they will not be saved. Location sharing can show where a child is in real time.</p>	<p>Roblox Although it looks like a children's game, it includes chat features. Children can be contacted by strangers and slowly groomed through friendly game play.</p>	<p>Kik Messenger Accounts can be anonymous. It is often used to move conversations away from apps parents may check.</p>	<p>Fortnite Voice chat allows children to talk to strangers during games. Language and behaviour are often inappropriate.</p>
<p>TikTok Children can see adult content, receive sexual comments, and be contacted by strangers. Live videos allow real-time interaction, which can quickly become unsafe.</p>	<p>Telegram Messages and groups are encrypted, making them difficult to monitor. It is used to share sexual images, harmful material, and to keep conversations hidden from adults.</p>	<p>Hoop The app connects directly to Snapchat and encourages children to add new contacts quickly, including people they have never met.</p>	<p>Reddit Children can easily access sexual, violent, or extreme material through posts and comments.</p>
<p>Instagram Messages allow strangers to contact children directly. Many children run secondary accounts that parents do not know about. There is strong pressure around appearance and popularity.</p>	<p>OmeTV Random video chats with strangers. No effective safeguarding. Sexual content and adult behaviour are common. Children have no control over who appears on screen.</p>	<p>LiveMe Children can broadcast themselves live to anyone watching. Viewers can comment in real time, including adults.</p>	<p>BeReal The app prompts children to take photos instantly, which can lead to oversharing without thinking about safety.</p>
<p>WhatsApp Private chats and group chats are often used for school or friendship groups, but bullying, exclusion, and sharing of images can happen quickly and spread widely.</p>	<p>Yubo The app is designed to meet new people. Children can live stream and chat with strangers, which can quickly become sexual or exploitative.</p>	<p>Calculator+ These apps look like calculators but are used to hide photos, videos, and messages from parents and carers.</p>	<p>Twitch Children watch and interact with live streamers through chat, which often includes adults and unmoderated comments.</p>
<p>Discord Children join private chat servers linked to gaming or interests. These spaces are often unmoderated and can include adults, sexual content, or</p>	<p>Monkey Children are placed into random video chats with people they do not know. They have no control over who appears on screen.</p>	<p>YouTube Children can be exposed to adult content through suggested videos, comments, and live streams, even when watching innocent clips.</p>	<p>Bumble This is a dating app. Despite age limits, some under-18s access it to talk to adults looking for relationships.</p>

School Photographs

School Form Class and individual photographs will be taken on **Tuesday 24th February.**

An email will be sent with further details. Photos can then be ordered from the Photo Life website.

Te Whare Kai

has re-opened next to the Science Block. **Carl McRae (Manager) welcomes all students and staff to come and enjoy some kai every Thursday and Friday during term time.**

The GBHS GUIDE to SIGNING OUT QUICKLY:

1. Bring a note from home explaining where you are going or why you need to leave the school grounds. Valid appointments only!
2. Show it to your Form Teacher and/ or Dean.
3. Ask them to sign it.
4. Bring it to the office and show it to the office person when it's time to go.
5. Sign out— put your note on the spike.

Quick Reminders — IT communications

Kia ora Whānau

Just a few notes on how we share what is happening at Golden Bay High School and keep you informed.

1. **Website** — gbh.school.nz
2. **Goldie Newsletter** — comes out on a Friday every fortnight via email and available on our website (under About GBHS then Goldie-Newsletter).
3. **Facebook page** — please follow us [facebook.com/gbh.school.nz](https://www.facebook.com/gbh.school.nz)
4. **Email** — we send emails using the email address we have in our Kamar Student Management System.
5. **Google Classroom Email Summaries** — after accepting the Email Invitation, you can receive weekly Email Summaries from your students subjects. For students who are new to our school, if you have not received one recently, this will happen over the next week.

These invites are sent to the email address we have in Kamar (provided at enrolment time).

6. **Progress Reports** — we send these to the email address in our Kamar.

If you do not receive an email from us:

- Please ensure we have the correct email address for you on Kamar. You can check this in the Kamar Parent Portal. You will have received an email this week explaining how to access the Kamar Parent Portal.
- Always check your Email Spam or Junk folder regularly, as we understand some find them in here.

Ngā mihi
Coralie Stopford
Deputy Principal

Te Waka Kura o Mohua Health Nurse Clinics

Free and confidential service.
Every Monday 8.30 - 11.30 am
at the Green House.

Drop in or text Caroline on 027 203 1213

Get tautoko or advice about
acne and mole checks,
alcohol and drug support,
contraception,
diet and weight management,
muscles sprains and pains,

puberty and period questions,
skin issues,
STI checks,
sexuality and gender questions,
vaccinations,
whānau and relationship concerns,

as well as GP and health referrals.

The YOUTH HABITAT Monthly schedule
84 Commercial Street, Takaka

Contact us for more information!
Lisa: 027 525 6151 | lisa@ghwct.org.nz
Karen: 027 253 1916 | karen@ghwct.org.nz

Mon	Tues	Weds	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
09	10 CAS Lunchtime Visit Make your own pizza 3:30-5pm WHEELS PROGRAMME	11 Bacon Butties 9-10 am OnD 3-5:30pm	12 Hang out space 3-5 pm	13 Movie and munchies 4 - 7 pm	14	15 Climbing Day 11 am-3 pm
16	17 GBHS lunchtime visit Games afternoon 3.30-5 pm WHEELS PROGRAMME	18 OnD 3-5:30pm	19 Pool Playoffs 3-5 pm	20 HABITAT CLOSED Team Connection Day	21	22
23	24 GBHS lunchtime visit Disk Golf 3.30-5pm WHEELS PROGRAMME	25 Waffle Wednesday 9-10 am OnD 3-5:30pm	26 Hang out space 3-5 pm	27 Collingwood Hall MOVIE NIGHT 4.30 - 7.30 pm	28 Hang out space 12 - 2 pm	

@theyouthhabitat GOLDEN BAY WORKCENTRE TRUST

Skinny Jump

Free broadband for the school year

Supporting students to learn from home

Sponsored by: **ciena**

- Free 210GB of data every month
- Free modem
- FREE No cost No contract*
- Until the end of the 2026 school year

What is Skinny Jump?
Skinny Jump is a flexible prepaid wireless broadband service. Ciena and Skinny Jump have teamed up to sponsor Jump for selected homes. This means your family could be eligible for free broadband for the entire school year.

How do I sign up?
Check that Jump is available at your home address on the Jump address checker. If yes, fill in the form on the reverse with your caregiver and take it to your closest Ciena Jump delivery partner. Check out jump.co.nz/ciena for an up to date list of locations.

What is the Ciena Jump for Students Fund?
The Ciena Jump for Students Fund is intended for students who don't have a current connection at home. This fund helps students to get a broadband connection to study and learn.

Already have Jump?
You can still be a part of the Ciena Jump for Students Fund. This means you will no longer need to pay for Jump. Talk to your closest Ciena Jump delivery partner about switching your plan.

*You will get free broadband until the end of December 2026. After this you will have the option to move on to standard Skinny Jump which is \$5 for 30GB.

This is for families with students who currently don't have broadband at home
For more information on this fund please check out skinny.co.nz/jump/ciena