GOLDEN BAY HIGH SCHOOL
Ake ake kia kaha

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GOLDEN BAY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL, LINDA TAME — 9 FEBRUARY 2018

Tena koutou katoa
Ko Lofty te maunga
Ko Murray te awa
Nō Adelaide ōku tīpuna
Nō Adelaide ahau
Nō Mohu tōku kainga noho
Ko Barbara tōku Mama
Ko Ren tōku Papa
Ko John tōku Tane
Ko Jack, Georgia, Zoe, Frank tōku tamariki
Ko Linda Tame tōku ingoa.
Nō reira
Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa

It is a great honour and privilege for me to serve as the Principal of Golden Bay High School. I am looking forward to meeting as many of the community as possible, and learning about the community and school so that we can provide the best possible education for our students.
My cellphone number is 027 222 4798. Please feel free to phone or message me and I will get back to you.

I am holding a few informal drop in coffee chat sessions. You are welcome to pop in - for 5 minutes or an hour! Just come to the front office:

Tuesday 13th 8.30-9.30am	Tuesday 13th 5.00-6.00pm
Wednesday 14th 5.00-6.00pm	
Thursday 15th 8.30-9.30am	Thursday 15th 2.45-3.45pm

We have welcomed new teachers Ms. Katrina Fort (Mathematics) and Ms Emma Rouse (Year 7). Some of you may not be aware that Miss Palmer has decided not to return from her refreshment leave.

The unconfirmed 2017 NCEA results have been received. Some changes are currently occurring and as soon as these are confirmed (early March) I will report them to you.

The school year has got off to a great start with an amazing powhiri on Tuesday 30th. I was 'blown away' with the quality of the students' haka and waiata. I am also really impressed with the lovely atmosphere around the school. Students are all very friendly and it is a real privilege starting to get to know them.
Linda Tame Ake ake kia kaha

New and recently appointed Teaching Staff for 2018 from left: Emma Rouse, Kat Fort, Becky Rouse, and Roisin Warner.

What If? – A new focus on connecting with the Community

What if? has undergone changes following feedback and feed forward responses last year from both staff, students and the community hui.

A new format for **What If?** will be developed around a single day per term.

We are seeking to make contact with community groups willing to join with the school on one day projects for groups of students to help make a difference in the community.

Time has been set aside for planning and meeting with community groups prior. GBHS already has commitments to Project Janzoon and staff have talents to share with the community and students.

For those parents who are feeling uncertain as to where this fits in to modern education the motivation comes straight from the Principles of the New Zealand Curriculum relating to Community engagement.

If you are part of a community organisation/group that would like to be take part in a special project with student involvement please contact **Richard Baker** ph: 035259914 or email richardb@gbh.school.nz with your proposal.

Aspiring 2018 and Past Itinerant Music Students. Be alert for the letter in this Goldie giving the details of options for itinerant music tuition in 2018 at GBHS. If you are not on email, a printed version will be provided.
Read the information provided carefully. Note that there is enormous goodwill to provide tuition but limited staffing allocation, so be sure to return by email, or the tear-off slips, your ranked choices by **14th February.**

Staff Accommodation: A BIG THANKYOU to all those wonderful parents and caregivers and member of the community who came forward with accommodation options for our new staff at the end of last year. It was fantastic to be able to pass on the information and make them feel really welcome. What a wonderful place to live!

Thank yous from Linda

Thank you to Home and School and all their volunteers for issuing the stationery to students on a very wet and windy day. Thanks also to Home and School for the fundraising Quiz night, which I am sorry to have missed as I was away from the Bay.
Thank you to Daphne Dijk for the enormous uniform issuing task.
Thank you to Martyn Farr for a superb talk on Cave Diving. It was great to meet so many members of the Golden Bay Community.

BOARD REPORT.

" What a start to the year. Expected drought conditions followed by record temperatures and almost record rainfall, king tides and blood blue moons. For those who believe in omens, please don't tell me what it means.

I do know what augurs well and that is our school year ahead. A new Principal, Linda, who has hit the ground running, new staff both permanent and fixed term and hopefully a refreshed and re-energised staff as well.

The board are rearing to go and get our teeth into the nuts and bolts of the governance side of the school operation.

As governors of the school, your board sets the direction for the school in its charter and policy framework and monitors progress towards achieving your expectations. The principal is delegated responsibility for how the school will achieve the board's expectations, working within the law and the board's policy framework.

The board's role has four main aspects:
- looking forward – designing the future
- looking back – being accountable for the school's performance
- looking out – acting on behalf of the board's stakeholders
- looking in – being a good employer

The Hui last year along with many conversations with parents, students and staff have contributed to the decisions and direction which will determine our pathways this year. Please remember that both the governance and the management of the school are ready to hear of your dreams, aspirations and concerns for our and your school. As has been mentioned many times before, we have an awesome school, students, staff, parent support and community support. We can become better and more awesome, but it will take all of us acting positively to build on the pride and expectations we have in our young folk. We all have different job descriptions, whether it be Principal, teacher, support staff, parents or student, but our goals are the same. To educate and engage our students with varied, high quality learning programmes and to provide opportunities to develop the knowledge, skills and personal resources to lead satisfying, balanced and responsible lives. *AND HAVE FUN DOING IT.*

Enjoy the year ahead.
Regards
Andy, Bev, Cherrie, Cynthia, Gareth, Jack, Susi, Vanessa, Linda and Alison."

TERM ONE 2018 CALENDAR

14 Feb .....Yr 8 ENG parents evening 7pm
20 Feb .....Swim Sports
21 Feb .....Yr 9 ENG parents evening 7pm
23 Feb .....Goldie
26 Feb .....Vic Uni visit
26 Feb .....BOT Meet 6.30pm
28 Feb .....Yr7 Meet Parents/Teachers 7pm
1 March .....Athletics day/SwimSports backup
7 March .....Yr 10 ENG parents evening 7.30pm
8 Mar .....Home & School Meeting 7pm
9 Mar .....Otago Uni visit
9 Mar .....Goldie
12 Mar.....Science Roadshow
14 Mar.....Special Olympics swimming
15 Mar.....Immunisation Yr 7&8
18Mar.....TinBum Triathlon
21-23 Mar .....Science wananga - Onetahua Marae
23 Mar.....Goldie
26 Mar.....BOT Meet 6.30pm
27 Mar.....School Photos
28 Mar-3 Apr....Waitomo Caving Trip
30 Mar-3 Apr....Easter Break
6 Apr .....What If? Day TBC
6 Apr .....Goldie
11-13 Apr .....Yr 7&8 Sailing
13 Apr.....End of Term One
13-15 Apr .....Secondary School Adventure Racing Champs
30 Apr .....Start of Term Two
11 May.....Goldie

What's New?

This year we have changed our Year 9 and 10 curriculum to allow students greater choice in the contexts in which they study. The rotation system has been shelved for these Year groups and a choice of subjects provided that they can study longer and in-depth.

The view is longer term with students completing compulsory aspects of the curriculum over two years in Years 9 and 10.

The outcome will be better prepared students for Year 11 when they start making choices about their specialist study areas. It will also promote better student engagement as a result of their own decision making.

Year 12 Study periods have also been revisited with practical subjects which require hands on time in the classroom not having studies while those subjects which are more theoretical have one period of independent learning per fortnight (study) in preparation for tertiary study when they will be reliant on their own personal motivation.

2018 TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS

Term 1 Tuesday 30th January - Friday 13th April ; Good Friday Friday 30th March ; Easter Monday Monday 2nd April ; Easter Tuesday Tuesday 3rd April ; Anzac Day (in holidays) Monday 25th April
Term 2 Monday 30th April -Friday 6th July ;Teacher Only Day Friday 1st June (TBC); Queen's Birthday Monday 4th June
Term 3 Monday 23rd July- Friday 28th September
Term 4 Monday 15th October-Wednesday 12th December;
Labour Day Monday 23rd October; Teacher Only Day Monday 5th Nov (TBC)

Please note that Teacher Only Days are to-be-confirmed (TBC) and an extra Community of Learning Day will be added.

HOME AND SCHOOL

All parents are welcome to come to our first Home and School meeting of the year on ***Thursday 8th March in the staffroom at 7pm***

Julie Gill is the Chairman, and Linda Tame will be at the meeting. Business will include applications for funding support, an update from the Principal and discussions about business for the year.

Home & School

SPORT START FUNDING

SportStart is a grant scheme that has been made available through Sport Tasman through various funders in our community. The purpose of the scheme is to help young people take part in sport and physical activity by providing assistance where financial hardship is a barrier to participation.

THE CRITERIA FOR THE SPORTSTART GRANTS SCHEME:

- Financial hardship is a barrier to participation
- Grants are for a maximum of up to $30 - $50 per application (see our website)
- Available for 5 - 18 year olds who reside in Tasman, Nelson or Marlborough
- Applicants are entitled to a maximum of two SportStart applications per year

PROCESS TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE

- Sports clubs and school must be register as a provider with Sport Tasman (All SportStart forms can be found at our website below)
- Applicants are to complete the top half of the application form and then the sports club or school are to complete the bottom half and return to Sport Tasman.
- Both applicant and provider will be notified of funding acceptance.

For more information contact Lynette Lloyd by phone or email finance@sporttasman.org.nz

Thanks to our current funders that make this scheme possible.

SPORT REPORT

UPCOMING TSS EVENTS: (These events are purely for Y9-13 with no exceptions)

15 FEB Tennis Championships Pollard Park Blenhiem
25 FEB Touch Champs Tahunanui Fields Nelson
28 FEB Ki-o-Rahi Tournament GBHS Takaka
6 MAR Triathlon Rabbit Island Richmond
14 MAR Athletic's Saxton Athletic Park Stoke
28 MAR Mountain Biking Silvan Park Forest Richmond

Sports Council – This year we have a large increase of students wanting to be involved with offering help, along with organising old and new lunchtime sporting activities. The Sport Council is student based along with assistance from myself (Cherie), we are going to run a survey later in the Term to see what students would like to have offered for Terms Two and Three. We will be starting our year off with A Senior Interhouse Softball competition starting next week run over three lunchtimes along with this we are in the process of having trials for Touch and Ki-o-Rahi.

We would also like to hear from any students/parents who have been actively competing in their chosen sports over the holidays. Please remember I don't follow every sport but I do try to keep up with our students. If your student has had some accomplishments that we need to hear about please contact Cherie at cheriec@gbh.school.nz

GBHS SWIMMING SPORTS 2018
TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

On Tuesday 20th of February we will be holding our Swimming Sports at the High School. The swim sports will start at 9.00am and will be finished around 3.00pm. You are most welcome to attend and the programme on the right highlights when the events will take place. Please ensure students are prepared for the day with sunblock and suitable clothes to protect them from the weather conditions.

The students are practising their swimming technique during PE Lessons. Please ensure students are prepared for lessons and have their togs and a towel for their set lessons. Goggles and swim caps are also advised as they will assist in your child's progress.

For the swim sports, students are permitted to enter a maximum of five events. Students will be able to select their events during form time. Students will need to make their choices by the end of next week.

Kind Regards
Dan Padial, HOD of Physical Education and Health

2018 SWIM SPORTS PROGRAMME

9.10 Medley
9.30 33 Breaststroke Heats
10.10 66 Freestyle Timed Finals
10.30 33 Backstroke Timed Finals
10.45 Morning Interval
11.15 33 Freestyle Heats
12.00 66 Backstroke Timed Finals
12.15 33 Butterfly Timed Finals
12.30 100m Freestyle Timed Finals
12.45 33 Breaststroke Finals
1.00 Lunch break
1.50 66 Breaststroke Timed Finals
2.10 33 Freestyle Final
2.30 House Relays X 6 swimmers per team
2.45 Staff v Year 13 Relay

! Start training now for the....NBS Takaka - Tinbum Triathlon !

Sunday 18 March at Pohara Top 10 Camp

Course: 300m swim in chest-deep water, 7 km mountain bike ride, 5 km run

For more details check out our Facebook page *Golden Bay Tin Bum*

We urgently need more marshals to get this fun event go ahead if you can help please contact Linda Mason (email: johnandlinda@xtra.co.nz)

This fun event is a GBHS Fundraiser!

Notes and reminders from the office team:

Welcome back to another year:

A big thank you to Rosie, Year 13's, and the team of parent helpers from the Home and School Association who ran another very successful Stationery day.

A few reminders :

- You will be able to get stationery throughout the year from the main office.
- **Please ensure you have named everything clearly – stationery, equipment and all clothing, including PE gear and swimwear.**
- Lost property is kept in the sickbay located in the main office. If you have lost some clothing come and check it over.
- Please let the office know if you change any contact details like address, phone numbers and email contact. Also any changes in caregivers or emergency contact person.
- **Goldie (our school newsletter) and other important letters are sent by email**. Please ensure your email is up to date with Linda linda@gbh.school.nz If you would prefer to receive a paper copy, please phone or email the office.

Linda, Rosie, Raewyn and Steph

WANTED

A FEW GOOD VOLUNTEERS!!!

Volunteers are needed for our school canteen
-TE WHARE KAI-
2018

Volunteers are the backbone of school canteens but a common challenge for a lot of schools is finding and keeping volunteers

Anyone can beome a volunteer and there are many rewards:
Learn new skills
Meet new people
Help your child's school
Get to know your child's friends and peers better
Be part of the school community
Volunteering helps keep the canteen prices low
Your child wil LOVE seeing you at school

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Qualifications:
Strong observation skills
Ability to tune out loud noises
Ability to say "No" to puppy dog faces
Previous experience not essential

If you can help, even on the odd day during the term please contact: Tash Batten (Manager)
tash@gbh.school.nz, 021 2929492, HM: 525 9202

Te Whare Kai Menu 2018

We vary each day to try new and exciting things. All our food is homemade and everything has the healthy aspect.

Daily Rotated Cabinet Food

Sandwich/Wrap	$4.00
Ciabatta/Bagel	$5.00
Souvlaki	$5.50
Frittata/Quiche/Tarts	$4.00
Stuffed Potatoes	$3.50
Baked Jacket Potato with toppings	$4.50
Salads (Various Flavours)	$4.00
Salads with Meat	$5.00
Large Salads	$6.50
Bacon Egg English Muffin	$4.00
Bacon Egg Pie/Breakfast Pie	$4.50
Jelly Fruit Cup	$2.50
Creamy Rice Pudding & Berries	$3.50
Yoghurt Fruit Cup with Muesli	$4.00
Fruit Salad	$4.50

Daily Hot Food

Tomato Pasta/Mac Cheese	$3.00
Cheese Pinwheel	$2.00
Hawaiian Pinwheel	$2.50
Bean & Cheese Tortilla	$2.50
Chilli Cheese Bread Stick	$2.00
Garlic Cheese Bread Stick	$2.00
Slice of Pizza	$4.00
50c things	.50c
Toasted Sandwiches	$2.50

Any donation of surplus produce is always welcome and appreciated to help towards running costs.
If you would like to volunteer your time to help in the canteen, please get in touch with Chris or Tash. Many hands make light work. The more hands the less times you need to volunteer.

Occasional Food

Cheese Roll Ups	$1.00
Beef Bean Salsa Taco	$3.00
Burrito/Enchilada	$5.00
Filo Parcel	$4.00
Corn Fritter Stack	$4.00
Rice Cake/Lentil Pattie	$3.50
Waffles	$4.50
Beef/Bean Nacho	$5.00
Kiwi Dogs	$4.00
Sushi small	$4.00
Sushi large	$7.00

Sweet Treat

Muffin/Cookie/Scone	$2.00
Cupcakes	$3.00
Truffle/Baby Cookie	.50c

Seasonal Food

Beef/Vegetarian Lasagne	$4.50
Soup	$3.00
Soup & Breadstick	$4.00
Toasted Panini	$4.50
Mini Roast Meal	$8.00
Gourmet Burgers	$5.50
Curry & Rice	$7.00
Pie Day	$4.50

Drinks

Small Water	$1.50
Large Water	$3.00
Milo	$2.00
Homemade Smoothies	$4.00
Freshly Juiced Vegetables/Fruit	$5.00
Homemade Ice Tea	$3.00
-Other sugar free drinks-	

Find us on

Any questions please phone
Tash & Chris
Te Whare Kai
525 8834

HOW TO USE THE LIBRARY

Library Information for New Users

At the start of the year we usually publish information regarding the use of the Library, mainly for the benefit of our new students, and their parents/caregivers. This information will include use of the library's DVD collection. Please read it so that there will be no misunderstanding regarding the use of the school library collection.

The Library is open from 9am to 3.15pm. It closes at 1.45pm during Form Time and DEAR and re-opens at 2.15pm.
Students are allowed to borrow 5 books at a time and are issued for 3 weeks. Popular and new books will be issued for one week only.
Books can be renewed once and need to be returned to the Library to be renewed.
DVDs – students are allowed to borrow **one DVD** at a time and are overnight loan only. We do not issue them during the last week of term.

Students can reserve books and DVDs by filling out a reserve slip. A notice will be put in the Daily Notices when the book comes in.

Students with overdue books will get reminder notices published in the Daily Notices asking for the book(s) to be returned. You cannot borrow another book until your overdue has been returned. If the books have not been returned, your parents/caregivers will be sent accounts asking for the book(s) to be paid for, or returned.

Any books or DVDs, which have been lost or damaged, are to be paid for.

Check out the updates on our website, blog and the NCEA wide reading wiki (QR codes)

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club brochures are available at school throughout the year and usually come in twice a term. These brochures are aimed at the year 7 and year 8 age groups, although some year 9 and year 10 students sometimes purchase from them as well. Every book that students purchase, gains the school reward points, which are then used to purchase new library books. The books purchased are usually ones that students have requested.

Powhiri photos from last week's welcome for our new principal, staff and students.

The Darkness Beckon - A talk on cave diving by Martyn Farr The Golden Bay High School and local community were extremely lucky to have the opportunity to hear legendary Welsh cave diver Martyn Farr talk. His wide and fast-paced presentation bubbled through the history of cave diving, before taking a deep breath and detailing his local exploits exploring under East Takaka and Gorge Creek, and more recently in Brewery Cave, a likely connection with the Pupu Aquifer. Koha from the talk were destined for the school's caving group, and we are grateful for the community's generosity; $255.60 was given by the 100ish strong crowd. Martyn made a special emphasis in his talk on encouraging the youth of today to step up and fill the boots of the current generation of explorers. The students who attended all left with a dark gleam in their eyes.

Martyn's books, including his 2017 rewrite of "The Darkness Beckons" are available from http://www.farrworld.co.uk/

The Year of the Book!

This year at Golden Bay High School is going to be the year of the book. I want reading to be a priority for every student. I know that reading is a difficult subject to talk about because some people love to read and some people only read when they have to. As this is being written by an English teacher you can safely guess on which side of the scale I fall.

Whatever your personal preferences, there is no denying that being able to read and make meaning from a variety of texts is an important life skill.

The problem with reading is that it looks as if your child is sitting, or lying around doing nothing and we want our children to be outside and active. When a person is reading they are exercising, it's just that we can't see it. The muscle they are exercising is their brain.

It is at this point I want to ask for your help.

School and teachers have a big role in encouraging children to read but we can't do it alone. Seeing reading being role modelled at home or reading with your children is a more powerful encouragement to read than anything an English teacher can provide. Please do not think that your Year 11 child is too old to be read to; they are not.

I would like to invite you into school for a short meeting (and I do mean short) which will include an opportunity to talk with your child's English teacher and also the school Librarians about how we can all work together to encourage your child to read more and/or to read more widely.

The meetings will be held in the school library at 7pm.

Year 8 – Wednesday 14th February

Year 9 – Wednesday 21st February

Year 7 – Wednesday 28th February (in conjunction with the already scheduled get together)

Year 10 – Wednesday 7th March.

Jan Stark, HOD English

" On 12th January the Home & School Association held a Quiz Night at the Pohara Hall to fundraise for GBHS. The night was a bit wild weather-wise but that didn't deter the locals and visitors to the Bay, who turned out and made it a well supported evening. Gareth Batten kept the evening humming along with some brainteasing questions to ponder and answer! Craig Taylor was our Auctioneer extraordinaire and sold all the items that had been so generously donated by our local community.....too many to name here so a public thank you, with businesses and individuals listed has gone into the GB Weekly Friday 9th February issue. The Home and School Association would like to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful staff and parents from our school community who got behind this great event and made it such a great success.....we couldn't have done it without you!"

TEEN KIDZTHEATRE

STARTING WEDS 7th FEBRUARY. AFTER SCHOOL GROUPS FOR ALL AGES IN TAKAKA. EXPAND YOUR CONFIDENCE, IMAGINATION AND OVERALL PERFORMANCE SKILLS! Celebrating 25 years in Golden Bay

Ronnie Short
Speech & Drama
ATCL LTCL

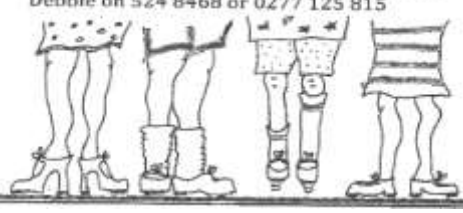
P: 03 525 8538 C: 027 5555 937
Kidzteentheatre, Golden Bay, NZ
E: kidzteentheatre@gmail.com

Golden Bay
Tap Dance Group

classes resume

Monday 19 February

- Existing classes – same day & time as last year Unless contacted. Please text if not returning.
- New enrolments (5yrs – adults) please call Debbie on 524 8468 or 0277 125 815



DRAMA CLASSES

Acting, fun games, confidence building and the creation of an original performance

Classes available for kids (age 4+), youth and adults in Takaka and Collingwood with Martine Baanvinger.

DramaLAB
Registration and more info: info@dramalab.co.nz or call 525 6037 or check out www.dramalab.co.nz

Aspiring 2018 and Past Itinerant Music Students

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Every year a letter goes home offering the children the opportunity to learn a musical instrument or have singing lessons. These weekly lessons during school-time are paid for by the school. There is usually a rush of interest and so waiting lists are created. Once a place is available, the pupil is given a time to attend their lesson. Unfortunately, once the initial excitement has worn off and daily practice is required, some pupils lose motivation and forget to go to their lesson. We expect ALL PUPILS to let us know if they and you have decided to continue or discontinue with tuition so that another pupil can begin. YEAR 7 students in particular need help with remembering to attend their lessons particularly with a ten-day time-table to follow. So – if you and your child wish to benefit from "free" (to you) music tuition, we, the tutors, need your help:

PLEASE:

- Organise regular daily practice - 15 minutes.
- Help your child with ways to remember when their lesson is AND to take their instrument to school (not piano of course)
- Help them to remember to GO TO THEIR LESSON by reminding them as they leave for school.

If your son or daughter would like to be considered for individual music tuition at school, they must agree to the following conditions:

1. The student will remember to come for a lesson every week at the specified time or risk losing the opportunity of any further lessons.
   If ***three lessons are missed other than for sickness*** the tuition will be offered to the next child on the list.
2. The student's daily work schedule must include practice time on their chosen instrument.
3. A $10 instrument hire must be paid every term.
4. Each student will be responsible for the appropriate care of the instrument which may have been hired. The cost of any repairs to the instrument will be the responsibility of the student (other than general wear and tear).
5. Each student will remember to bring their instrument and music on the day of their music lesson.

The instrumental tuition available this year is as follows:

cornet trumpet baritone trombone saxophone clarinet guitar
piano flute voice (singing must also be practiced according to the teacher's wishes)

If you are interested in the piano, you must have a piano or keyboard at home on which to practice. Some of the other instruments are available to hire but these are limited so it would be good to ask friends and neighbours if they have a forgotten instrument you could borrow or hire.

These teachers are looking forward to teaching you: **Mrs Judy Murray, Mr William Holloway, Joachim Maurer and Hera Livingston.**

If you have an interested student who wishes to be considered for instrumental/voice tuition, please fill in and sign the following form and return it to the office by **Friday 14th Feb. 2018, or email preferences to:** april@gbh.school.nz **Kind regards, April Hay** (HOD Performing Arts)

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NAME: ---------- CLASS: ------- PARENTS EMAIL.....

I am interested in learning: (please choose 3 and put **YES** beside the instrument if you have your own instrument)

1st. choice ---------- 2nd.choice ----------

3rd. choice ---------- CELL PHONE: ----------

Parent/caregiver's signature ---------- TELEPHONE: ----------

NOTE: There is limited staffing allocation but enormous good will to provide this opportunity.

Leela and Tyler, year7, enjoying their first science lesson at GBHS.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING DAYS for Term 1 2018 will be:

13th February, 27th February, 13th March, 27th March, 10th April

The Uniform Shop tries to be open fortnightly on Tuesday from 1-2pm (lunchbreak).

All uniform purchases must be paid in full before taking home. This can be done by internet banking (Uniform A/c 02 0764 0090122 01 - name as reference), or cash or cheque on the day.
Please be aware that for us to return any uniform, it must not have been worn and all tags must be still intact on the clothing.
Any enquires please contact Daphne on 021 130 6655 or email uniform@gbh.school.nz

Nelson Marlborough District Health Board
Public Health Service
Nelson / Wairau

P O Box 647, Nelson
Ph (03) 546 1537 Fax (03) 546 1542

P O Box 46, Blenheim
Ph (03) 520 9914 Fax (03) 578 9517

5th February 2018

TO: Staff, Parents and Caregivers of Children Nelson Marlborough Pre-Schools and Schools

PERTUSSIS (WHOOPING COUGH), MUMPS and MEASLES PREVENTION

Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

- Currently this Region is experiencing an outbreak of pertussis, which is expected to continue for some months.

Mumps

- We did not see any confirmed cases of mumps in the Region for the three years 2014 to 2016
- However, we have seen confirmed cases in cases in our Region 2017, and further cases in 2018 including a local outbreak.

Measles

- Fortunately, this Region has not been involved in an outbreak since 2016.
- However, we are concerned that the proportion of our population immunised is below 95%, therefore we are at risk of further outbreaks.

Immunisation

- All the above contagious diseases can cause severe illness, and on occasions can be fatal.
- We have seen a very good proportion of children immunised for many vaccines
- The start of the school year is a good time to check your children's immunisations are up to date, and where appropriate your own too.
- If you are unsure whether your children are covered please contact your family doctor or practice nurse.
- A small proportion of parents may have made a conscious decision to decline immunisation for their children, and may wish to re-consider the evidence on the issue.
- Please note that pregnant women are eligible for free pertussis immunisation which will protect their new baby in the first weeks of its life before she/he is able to have their first immunisation.
- Please also note adults born in 1969 or later can get the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) for free.

Further Information – local and national
Some further information can be found on the attached web links;

- https://www.nmdhb.govt.nz/nmdhb-news-and-notices/whooping-cough-school-children-at-risk-if-not-immunised/
- https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/preventative-health-wellness/immunisation/new-zealand-immunisation-schedule
- https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/healthy-living/immunisation/immunisation-pregnant-women
- https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/measles

Thank you for reading this advisory letter.

If you have any queries please contact your family doctor or practice nurse, or phone Public Health on (03) 546 1537 (Nelson), 0800 HEALTHLINE (0800 611 116) or 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863).

Yours sincerely
(signed)
Dr Stephen Bridgman
Clinical Director of Public Health

KartSport NELSON

Here's a sport with a difference! Very family orientated and provides aspiration from age 6 to 66 encouraging and supporting good driving skills. Our district is very lucky to have a sealed circuit on the Moutere Highway, Redwood Valley. Check out the race calendar on www.kartsportnelson.co.nz to come and watch, or call Kevin Barker 027 555 0148 or Mark Butchart 021 277 3159 in relation to booking a "Have a Go" experience of your own. KartSport is affiliated to NZ Secondary Schools Sports Council (NZSSSC) and they sanction our annual NZ Schools Championships. We also have many volunteer roles if you are interested.