



TE WAKA KURA O
MOHUA
GOLDEN BAY HIGH SCHOOL

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GOLDEN BAY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL, JONO HAY

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Tēnā koutou katoa,

The year is off to a great start. Learning is full steam ahead and we are looking forward to swimming sports in week 5 followed by athletics in week 8. If you have any feedback or questions on the first few weeks of school, please pass it on to our staff, front office or myself. We are always keen to know what is working well and what we can do better going forward.

Critical Thinking

One of the key skills that we actively work to grow with our students is critical thinking. Critical thinking helps us analyse information, solve problems, and make informed decisions. In today's world, where we are constantly exposed to vast amounts of information (not all of it true or correct), the ability to think critically allows us to distinguish between facts and opinions, evaluate sources, and develop well-reasoned arguments. It also encourages creativity, open-mindedness, and independent thought—essential qualities for success in both academic and real-life situations.

By fostering critical thinking at school and at home, we empower students to become thoughtful, responsible individuals who can navigate challenges with confidence and contribute positively to their communities.

One way that you can support this at home, is when information is being shared that relates to our local community - a context that our young people are directly familiar with. This could be around posts on social media or news that you or your child has heard during the day. It is often the type of information that is commonly known as gossip. Encourage and model fact checking using authoritative sources and analysing for potential bias or an underlying agenda or point of view. Encourage students to think critically, for themselves rather than taking what others say, publish or post at face value.

School Evaluation - ERO Report

The Education Review Office (ERO) is the independent agency that monitors and evaluates New Zealand schools, providing feedback on what is working well and next steps. They visited Te Waka Kura o Mohua | Golden Bay High School in November last year with the evaluation report released recently. This can be found on the ERO website or school website - I encourage you to have a read. The report is a positive reflection of the hard work undertaken by our staff and board over several years. The agreed next steps provide clear priorities for improvement



Photo above of another new Staff member:
Talya Harwood



Whanaungatanga

Manaakitanga

Wairuatanga

Kaitiakitanga

TERM ONE 2025 CALENDAR

2 March	Tinbun Triathlon 12pm
4 March	School photos
4 March	Yr 7/8 Whānau BBQ 5-6:30pm
7 March	Swimming Sports
11 March	Uniform Shop open
12 March	Wednesday; school starts 9:45am
13 March	Back up Swimming Sports day
14 March	Goldie
25 March	Uniform Shop open
26 March	Wednesday; school starts 9:45am
28 March	Athletics Day (at school)
28 March	Goldie
8 April	Uniform Shop open
11 April	Goldie, End of Term 1
18 April	Good Friday (in the term break)
25 April	ANZAC Day (in the term break)
28 April	Monday Start of Term 2

over the coming weeks and months. These are all areas that we had identified internally so it is good to hear that ERO's recommendations align with our internal evaluation. We look forward to working with our evaluation partner on an ongoing basis as we undertake the work required to keep improving what we offer for our students, whānau and community.

Year 7 & 8 whānau BBQ

The whānau BBQ is an opportunity to grow the home, school, student partnership by making connections and developing relationships. Due to weather, this event was postponed and rescheduled for 4 March. I hope to see you on Tuesday, outside the library from 5 - 6:30pm. Thank you to Home & School for providing the kai.

Ake ake kia kaha

Jono Hay





SUNSMART

GOLDEN BAY HIGH SCHOOL SWIM SPORTS PROGRAMME 2025



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Wednesday 5th March:

LUNCH - 13:15	Whānau Welcome	100m Fr - Timed Finals
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Thursday 6th March:

LUNCH - 13:15	Whānau Welcome	66 BK - Timed Finals
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Friday 7th March:

8:55	FORM TIME - Swimmers go to Form time.
9.05	WARM-UP 1 - Pool open for students that are racing
9.20	SESSION 1 - WHĀNAU ONLY
	66 FR - Timed Finals
	100 School Medley (raced as Bk, Br & Fr) - Timed Finals
	33 FLY - Heats
	33 BR - Heats
11.00	MORNING INTERVAL
11.15	WARM-UP 2 - Pool open for students that are racing
11.30	SESSION 2 - WHĀNAU ONLY
	33 FR - Heats
	66 BR - Timed Finals
	33 BK - Heats
12.50	LUNCH
13.20	WARM-UP 3 - Pool open for students that are racing
13.30	SESSION 3 - WHOLE SCHOOL & WHĀNAU INVITED
	Houses march on to poolside
	33 FLY - FINAL
	33 BK - FINAL
	33 BR - FINAL
	33 FR - FINAL
	8x33m Freestyle House Relays
	JNR - Team of 8; minimum of 3 girls and 3 boys
	INT - Team of 8; minimum of 3 girls and 3 boys
	SNR - Team of 8; minimum of 3 girls and 3 boys (teams maybe be adjusted on the day due to numbers)
Staff vs Year 13 Relay	
14.50	FINISH
	Student Exec, Student House leaders and Staff to pack up event equipment.

Remember...

If there are any photos or articles or ads you would like put in the Goldie,
please email to goldie@gbh.school.nz

Oceania Orienteering



In January I travelled to the Oceania Orienteering Championships, held in and around Bulls in the North Island.

During all the events, I was really sick with whooping cough which was not ideal and made it very hard to breathe while competing.

I attended 2 warm-up events in New Plymouth. Then travelled down to Bulls and Palmerston North. It was the first time I'd competed at Oceania in 7 years, with the last time being when I was 9 years old, in Auckland.

I had been selected to represent New Zealand in the NZ Oceania Team for the Middle Distance and Relay, as I tend to compete the best in those events. My mother (Fleur Murray) was also selected to represent New Zealand for the Sprint Distance and she placed 6th.

This was a competition between Australia and New Zealand with New Zealand taking the win. First up was the Sprint Distance around Massey University in Palmerston North, in which I came 10th as it is my least favourite event.

The rest of the events were in pine-forested sand dunes on the coast near Bulls.

My favourite event was the Middle Distance because it is often more technical and tricky unlike the sprint and long which are genuinely more of a runner's course. In the Middle Distance, I came 3rd, a minute down on first place and gained a bronze IOF (International Orienteering Federation) medal.

I then tied for 4th equal in the Long Distance and followed that up on the last day with a gold IOF medal in the Relay gaining me three IOF diplomas.

This was an international and world-ranking event used as a trial for the JWOC, WOC and EYOC New Zealand teams.

I was trying to get into the EYOC NZ team (European Youth Orienteering Championships) which is held in Brno, Czechia on the 17th – 21st of July.

After weeks of waiting, I was told on Monday that I was selected for the provisional EYOC 2025 New Zealand team which I am super excited about.

Lani Murray



TSS Tennis Champs



8 keen tennis players headed over to Nelson to play in the TSS Tennis Champs in Div 2.

Results:

Round 1

Penina & Ali won their doubles plus their singles
 Aaro & Wade won their double plus their singles
 Emily & Clara lost double plus their singles (tough first game)
 Caleb & George had a bye which counted as a win

Round 2

Penina & Ali lost their doubles. Ali lost his singles, and Penina won her singles
 Aaro & Wade lost their doubles and both their singles
 Emily & Clara had a bye which counted as a win

Caleb & George lost their doubles. Caleb lost his singles but George won his.

Round 3

Penina & Ali won their doubles plus their singles
 Aaro & Wade lost their doubles and both their singles
 Emily & Clara won their doubles plus their singles
 Caleb & George lost their doubles. Caleb lost his singles but George won his.

Overall placings:

Penina and Ali 3rd
 George and Caleb 4th
 Aaro and Wade 4th
 Clara and Emily 5th



Lunchtime Yoga & Mindfulness

- *Monday Mindfulness with Toni 1.30-1.50pm
- *Tuesday Yoga with Margaret 1.10-1.40pm
- *Wednesday Yoga with Toni 1.30-1.50pm



Where: Performing Arts Room
 When: Mon, Tue, Wed Term 1
 Who: Students of TWKoM

How: Just show up and join

Tools to calm your mind & body



Monthly schedule March 2025

Contact us for more information!
 Lisa: 027 525 6151 lisa@youth.org.nz
 Karan: 027 253 1918 karan@youth.org.nz

Mon	Tues	Weds	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
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	04 Ice-cream sundae 3-5pm	05 D&D 3-5:30pm	06 Hang out zone 3:30-5 pm	07 Expressive writing group 3:30-5 pm	08 Board Games: Dominion 12pm-5pm	09
10	11 Tale journey Book club 3:30-5pm Lunchtime GBHS Visit	12 Smoothies 8-10 am D&D 3-5:30pm	13 Hang out zone 3:30-5 pm	14 Movie night 5-7 pm	15	16 Climbing Day 11am-3pm
17	18 Crafternoon 3:30-5 pm Lunchtime GBHS Visit	19 D&D 3-5:30pm	20 Hang out zone 3:30-5 pm	21 Games afternoon 3:30-5pm	22 Geocaching 11 am-2 pm	23
24 CLOSED BOTH MONDAYS FOR STAFF TRAINING	25 Hang out zone 3:30-5 pm Lunchtime GBHS Visit	26 Pancakes 8-10 am D&D 3-5:30pm	27 Hang out zone 3:30-5 pm	28 Collingwood Hall Movie night 4:30 pm-1pm	29	30
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@theyouthhabitat





100 colours

Year 7 & 8 Art students learning about mixing colours.



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

Mohua Social Services Presents

The Youth Sewing Project

♥ Starting 19th February 2025 ♥

After School, Wednesday's 3:15pm - 6pm

Golden Bay High School Home Economics Room

\$5 per session, includes all materials

A place to learn sewing and design skills, revamp, reuse, recycle.

Eco fashion and design, textile art, wearable art.

Make your own clothes and accessories, soft toys, cushions etc.

Age 10 years and up. Beginners and experts welcome!

For more information...

Call Margy Meys 027 3855 450

The Youth Sewing Project, proudly celebrating 15 years in Golden Bay!

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will be open for

Term One 2025 on

March 11th & 25th, and April 8th

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



SIGN OUT

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.
6. Away you go. Easy!



School Photographs

School Form Class and individual photographs will be taken on **Tuesday 4th March.** Photos can then be ordered from the Photo Life website.

Yr 7 and 8 Whānau BBQ Tuesday 4th March

Tena koutou,

On Tuesday 4th (next week) we will be holding an informal BBQ for Year 7 and 8 students and whānau from 5-6:30pm here at school. We will provide a sausage and bread, coleslaw and a juicy.

We would love to see you and your whānau there!



A letter has been emailed to parents regarding co-curricular music tuition. If your student is interested in learning to play any of the listed instruments, please complete the form and return by Monday 10th March.



Above: Year 12 Pastry Dessert;

Right and below: Year 7/8 Pizza

STUDENT ABSENCES

You can contact the school in any of the following three ways:

Call the school landline on
03 525 9914

Text the school cell phone
027 923 5931

Or

email absences@gbh.school.nz





Yr 7 & 8 Art Students are applying their colour mixing skills to paint a vase of sunflowers inspired by Van Gogh.



House Activities

