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GOLDEN BAY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL, JONO HAY

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Tēnā koutou katoa,

Social Media and the Online World

Social media plays a big role in the lives of young people today. While it can be a great way to connect, learn and share ideas, it also brings risks that families, students and schools need to be aware of.

One growing concern is the spread of misinformation and disinformation online. Misinformation is false information shared by mistake, while disinformation is deliberately created to mislead people. Young people can find it difficult to tell what is real and what is not, especially when content spreads quickly or appears convincing.

As a school, we are working to grow students skills and strategies to differentiate fact from fiction.

The rise of artificial intelligence (AI) has added another layer of complexity. AI tools can now create realistic images, videos and text, making false information look more believable than ever. This can influence opinions, cause confusion and sometimes lead to harmful decisions.

Helping young people develop critical thinking skills, question sources and talk openly about what they see online is essential to keeping them safe and informed in the digital world.

It is also worth noting that most of the social media platforms are for ages 16 and over. Younger students should not have accounts and access to the common social media platforms.

Athletics & Swimming Sports

The athletics sports was a great success. Thank you very much to the Golden Bay Athletics Club for their support and the Recreation Park Centre for hosting the event. An assembly to present the awards will be held on Wednesday 18th March at 8:55am. Good luck to our athletes that are representing the school at the Tasman Secondary Schools Athletics on Tuesday 17th March.

TERM ONE & TWO 2026 CALENDAR	
20 March.....	Swimming Sports
23- 29 March.....	SISS Summer Tournament
24 March.....	Uniform Shop open
27 March.....	Goldie
30 March.....	Board Meeting
2 April.....	End of Term 1
3 April.....	Good Friday (in the term break)
20 April.....	Monday Start of Term 2, Day 6
27 April.....	ANZAC Day observed; school closed
5 & 7 May.....	Lipsync

The next big event is Swimming Sports. The main event is on Friday 20th March. This is a full day event for competitors with the remainder of the school having the opportunity to dress up in house colours and support the finals after lunch. Parents are welcome to attend the swimming throughout the day.

Please feel free to contact me
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

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



Whanaungatanga



Manaakitanga



Wairuatanga



Kaitiakitanga



GOLDEN BAY HIGH SCHOOL

SWIM SPORTS PROGRAMME 2026



Wednesday 18th March:

LUNCH - 13:15	Whānau Invited	100 Fr - Timed Finals
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Thursday 19th March:

LUNCH - 13:15	Whānau Invited	66 BK - Timed Finals
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Friday 20th 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 INVITED
	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 INVITED
	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
	8x33 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.

Action from Athletics Day last Friday– photo credits Ashton Stevenson



Pool closing dates and key returns

The pool closes for the season after Easter weekend, Monday 6th April 2026 – last day for swimming.

Please return your keys to the school office.

All keys must be returned to the school office or placed in the school mailbox by 1st May 2026.



Year 9 Art - Cardboard City

Students have worked in groups or individually to design and construct unique cardboard buildings for their imagined urban landscape, "Cardboard City."

This creative unit has seen students explore structure, design, and scale using recycled materials.

A final magical touch has been added with fairy lights illuminating several of the buildings, transforming the city into a glowing nightscape.

We are excited to announce that "Cardboard City" will be on display in the main school foyer shortly—be sure to stop by and admire the students' impressive work!



The Gateway and Outdoor Education classes combined to complete a two day First Aid course provided by Triple One Care at the end of February.



