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GOLDEN BAY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Haere rā e te rangatira ko matua Eric, haere hoki atu rā ki ngā mātua tūpuna.

He whakataukī mō te wā nei: ka heke te roimata me to hūpē, ka ea te mate.

This whakataukī refers to the tears and snot which fall at the time of grieving a loved one who has passed on, and the importance of grieving openly and fully in order for healing to unfold.



Farewelling Matua Eric (Ngāti Ranginui, Ngāti Porou, Tainui) has been a deeply sad and difficult process for our rangatahi and staff. Matua was so well loved within the school and it is hard to describe the hole he is leaving in so many hearts. Matua was the kaitiaki of the Poutama Program at our kura; he led our students in their Waka Ama journeys; he was the rangatira of all things te ao Māori within our staff and he ran the Māori Department, alongside Elli Yates, teaching Years 7-13 Māori Studies this year. He was a kaiako of raranga, mau rākau and taonga pūoro. He shared his mātauranga freely but always with the utmost mana - he defined manaakitanga. When we think of this value, all we need to do is call Matua Eric to mind.

To mark these sad weeks of grief, we have gathered some mihi from students for their beloved kaiako. We have collected a selection of voices from students across year levels. These are by no means all the voices, but an example of the depth of love we have for him within our kura.

Matua would be touched to know how important he was to these rangatahi, in particular those whose life trajectories he made a major impact on. We share these personal reflections with you in honour of the imprint Matua Eric made on the lives of our precious rangatahi.



Whanaungatanga

Manaakitanga

Wairuatanga

Kaitiakitanga



Rangatahi share reflections on Matua Eric

Matua Eric was the most caring and kind person. He helped me out with everything - life skills, school skills and how to be the person I am today. He was a true leader. He helped me in every way a person can be helped and for him, I am grateful. Rest in peace, my brother. See you in the next life. *Riley Oakden*

Eric was a very kind man who always knew how to make us laugh, it's gonna be a big impact to the school without you here and we are all going to miss you, you were a great teacher and steerer for our waka ama races, thank you Eric. *Zeb Nicholls-Clapp*

Eric was not just a teacher to me. He was someone I could talk to about absolutely anything and he would understand me. I saw him as one of my mates, the kind I could say anything to and he would act the same way back. He was like an older brother to me and my mates teaching us kapa haka and taking us out on the waka. I never used to enjoy school, always getting into trouble but somehow Eric made us all have fun while doing good in school. I'll always remember the laughs we had with him either out on the waka, at school or anywhere even after I left school, I would always see him around town and we would have a chat. He would ask me how work is going and rugby. I always enjoyed having Eric around and it's going to be tough from here on out but I will never forget all the positivity he shared with me and my mates. Ngā mihi Matua Eric. *Toby Godsiff*

Eric was my best friend. *Hendrix Taylor*

Matua Eric, The smile, The laugh, The kindness and the heart he had changed my life forever. Matua Eric was the father figure I never had growing up. Matua helped me enjoy life again. He pushed me out of my comfort zone, not to be scared of change and to do better. I can't thank him enough for everything he has done for me and others. I will forever miss you Matua Eric. Kia tutaki ano tatou. *Skyla Jay Burns*



Compiled MIHI FOR MATUA from year 7 / 8 classes:

We made a hāngi together at Collingwood Area School

Matua was funny, kind, super talented and loved by a lot of people. He was a really special person

Thank you for patting me on the back when I did well.

You were the best Māori teacher

Dear Matua, the whole school is grieving for you. We all miss you very much but I am happy to know that you passed in your happy place. You will forever have a place in all of our hearts.

You were an amazing person, we will always miss you

"Chur! That's the bomb digs!"

Pukana!

Chur bro

Māori All Blacks

Up the Wahs!

We miss you and love you, I miss waka ama and singing Toia Mai and Ka Pīoioi with you

Good wishes to you, Warrior

Everything will be ticketeeboo!

Matua Eric always spread his kindness and he always cracked me up with his jokes and laughs. Whenever he taught us in Māori, he lit up the room and was so passionate about spreading his knowledge. He always had time for everyone - you could talk to him whenever you wanted. Ngā mihi Matua. - Year 9/10 Māori, 2023



Tēnā koutou e te whānau
Ko Piki ki runga te Maunga e rū nei taku ngākau
Ko Tākaka te Awa e mahea nei aku māharahara
Ko Abbey Gilligan tōku ingoa
Kei Tāhuna i whānau mai ahau
Kei Otautahi i tupu ake ahau
Kei te noho mātou ki Mōhua i Te Tau Ihu o Te Waka-a-Māui
Ko tenei taku mihi ki ngā tāngata whenua o te rohe nei
Ka mihi hoki au ki ngā tohu o te rohe nei
E ki ana te whakatauki
Waiho i te toipoto, kāua i te toiroa

Kia ora anō e hoa ma,

We first met 14 years ago at NMIT – we happened to sit next to each other at a course and when we rose, we did so as friends. My hesitancy about speaking today is around not knowing if I can eloquently find the right combination of words to put together to pay any justice to how important you are, to me, to our rangatahi, to Mieke, to your whānau, loved ones and friends, to this community – you are so deeply loved by us all.

Matua, you were my best friend at mahi and one of my closest friends outside – we saw each other everyday and we always shared a bone crushing hug, a kōrero, a laugh, sometimes a mutual frustration and always a genuine awhi and aroha for each other. We shared stories of students both past and present and you were always full of pride and joy for them regardless of their struggles or situations. You were a champion of te ao Māori and showed nothing but patience and kindness as I clumsily started to learn te reo – gently correcting me with a smile and a nudge. Going to mahi will never be the same again without you and I am so so sad that you are gone from this world.

One of the things I deeply admired about you was your ability to keep on your own pathway regardless of obstacles, challenges or popular opinions– sometimes you became frustrated when a wonderful solution seemed to be just right there and you weren't able to move in that direction. You always wanted the absolute best for others and in the face of adversity or resistance, you kept your head up, your heart open and you kept paddling forward with the hope that with time and a bit of reflection, others would come along with you. In your waka, there was always room for everybody. You stayed true to course powered by your values, aroha and belief in the goodness of people.

It was deeply important for you to foster a safe place for rangatahi to thrive and to have authentic sustainable connections with others – whakawhanautanga, manaakitanga and kaitiakitanga were at the heart of all of your movements. You deeply listened to understand and your way of communicating was poetic, metaphoric and rich in nuances, pūrākau and tikanga. Your inside and your outside matched perfectly and you were consistently respectful, showed humility and always moved lightly and with clarity, aware of others wairua.

How lucky I am, how lucky we all are to have been blessed with your goodness, your humor, your smile, your heart, your integrity, your courage, your wisdom and your drive to be tika – to go the right way. While I haven't had the privilege of knowing a lot of good men, Matua Eric, you have been one of the very best.

Arohanui and go well Matua– you will stay in my heart and I will hear your voice in my head and because of that, I will never travel alone. Haere rā e hoa ma.

Purea nei, e te hau
Horoia, e te ua
Whitiwhiti a, e te rā
Mahea ake ngā pōraruru
Makere ana ngā here.

E rere wairua, e rere
Ki nga ao o te rangi
Whitiwhiti a, e te rā
Mahea ake ngā pōraruru
Makere ana ngā here,
Makere ana ngā here

Kia Kaha, Kia Aroha, Kia Manawanui ki a koutou
Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tatou katoa







Tēnā koutou katoa
 Ko Lofty te Maunga, Ko Murray te awa
 No Adelaide oku tikanga
 No Adelaide ahau
 Ko Aorere toku kainga noho inaianai
 Ko Linda Tame toku ingoa
 Ki te tumuaki ki te Waka Kura ō Mohua, Golden Bay High School
 No reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

Whaea, stand tall with your feet apart, take a deep breath and feel the wairua, then begin the karakia. Wise words. Always encouraging. Thank you Matua.

It has been my great privilege to have been Matua Eric's colleague for the last 4 years. He worked Monday to Thursday as a kaiārahi at our kura with two main roles. He taught and supported Māori classes including Te Reo and Waka, and he was the tutor for our Poutama programme.

In this room there are Rangatahi whose lives have been turned around under Matua's support and guidance in that Poutama programme. Rangatahi with qualifications, with an apprenticeship, on positive pathways. He walked with them and their whānau over rocky roads, carrying their bags at times but never compromising values and tikanga.

We all know that Matua loved Waka Ama. What many here may not know is that there are NCEA Waka Ama credits students can gain. However, not everyone is permitted to teach and assess Waka Ama. Matua completed a series of very frustrating and bureaucratic assessments himself so that he gained the required 'consent to assess'. Although he hated the paperwork, he did it for our Rangatahi. Sitting here today are students gaining NCEA Waka credits. Eric and I were both excited about a more intense Waka pathway planned for senior students next year.

I cannot do justice to Matua's contribution to our kura in these few moments, but I promise we will carry on with our journey of learning Reo, of following tikanga and of living through our values of manaakitanga, whanaungatanga, kaitiakitanga and wairuatanga.

Matua Eric, we are devastated by your passing. We extend so much aroha to your whānau.

Matua Eric
 A wonderful mentor
 A wonderful teacher
 A wonderful colleague
 A wonderful friend
 A taonga
 Thank you for enriching our kura and our lives.
 Ngā mihi nui.





FROM THE PRINCIPAL, LINDA TAME

Tēnā koutou katoa

Very proud

I was incredibly proud of our rangitahi at Matua Eric's service. They sang beautifully, and behaved impeccably. It was a long hard sit, and a number of the Tane could not see anything!

Ka pai!

Reminder: Staff Only Day Monday 20th November

A reminder of this MOE Staff only day for NCEA preparation.

Last pool key meeting

The keyholders' committee is holding their last key meeting on Thursday 30th November at 6pm in a room to be advised.

Blessing

Thank you so much to all who came to our blessing on Monday morning. We feel so excited about our new environments. There are some photos within.

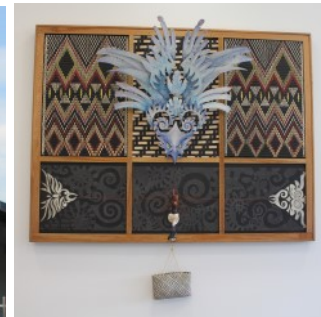
Ake ake kia kaha

Linda



Te Whakatau mo Te Waka Kura ō Mohua





TERM FOUR 2023 CALENDAR

20 Nov **Accord Staff Only Day**
 21 Nov Uniform Shop open
 22 Nov Wednesday; school starts 9:45am
 22-24 Nov Year 9 Camp
 27 Nov NCEA Exams finish
 27 Nov BoT Meeting 6:30pm
 1 Dec Goldie
 4 Dec Senior End of Year Ceremony 7pm
 6 Dec Wednesday; school starts 9:45am
 8 Dec Year 6 Powhiri 12:30pm
 11 Dec Junior End of Year Ceremony 11:30 am
11 Dec Last Day for Students
 31 Jan 2024 Uniform Shop open
 7 Feb Term One 2024 begins for seniors

Can You Help Home & School?

Are you keen to increase your involvement in our school community?

Do you wish to support our children's academic, sporting and cultural endeavours?

The Home and School committee is looking for an enthusiastic and energetic individual prepared to accept the position of Secretary.

If you are willing to consider this rewarding role, please contact Joanne Haldane on 0274 912194 or email: homeandschool@gbh.school.nz for further information.



GBHS students in Bay Art

Here are some of the entries of our students into Bay Art. **HIGHLY COMMENDED** was awarded for a joint year 9 RMT project done at Georgina West's class by Henry Anderson and Layton Millar. In the category 'Youth' and named 'Kuru' (owl).

(photo right) They both were given a prize of \$50.

(photo left) Ruby Markham submitted her wondrous 'Hanging with the Fungi' in the 'Youth' category.

Also we got \$250 for the Arts Department materials budget selling wood cut prints that were displayed in the entrance to the Bay Art / Young@Art exhibition.

Thanks for supporting the Arts department.



UNIFORM SHOP

The last day the uniform shop will be open in Term Four will be Tuesday: **21st November** 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 new uniform co-ordinator Maki Reed, email gbhsuniforms@hotmail.com