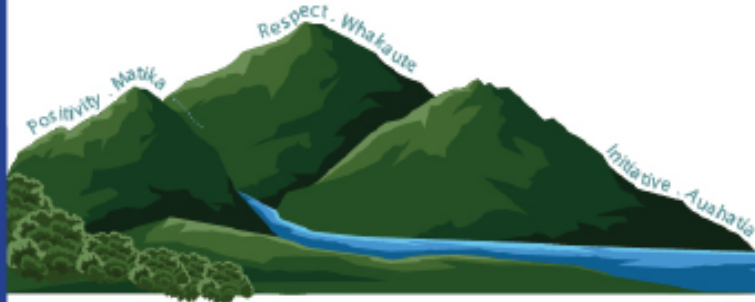


# GREEN BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

11 May 2023

**Kia Ora Koutou** and greetings Green Bay School community. The weather is continuing to have an impact on us with the recent Auckland-wide flooding on Tuesday. We were fortunate in that we did not experience severe flooding at school however, we know that some of you have been impacted and would ask that you please keep us informed so that we can offer support in any way we can. Our sincere condolences go out to the whānau, school, and local community of the student from Whangarei Boys High who tragically passed away while on an EOTC trip when the rain and flooding hit them on Tuesday — kia kaha.

**Green Bay Transport Plan:** It is great to see Tim Rickards (Board Parent elect) and the students who are part of the GBS Transport Team, engage in meaningful discussions on ways to address the transport issues around our school. Thank you, Tim, and students. Our roads need to be a safe place for all—which leads into the following important notice about 'crossing Godley Road safely'. We have had 2 near misses since the start of school this term whereby our students are getting 'caught out' by oncoming traffic as they are trying to cross Godley Road (at peak hour) without using the patrolled crossing. It is imperative that our students are taught to cross the road safely and are led by example, which means we would like all families to use the patrolled crossing please. No matter how far down Godley Road you park, please walk that little bit further and use the school crossing, thank you.

**Hui and Fono Community Meetings:** Our Māori and Pasifika families have been invited to a meet and greet at school tonight. We would encourage our whānau to come along and share in some kai and conversation.

**Attendance:** Our average attendance for the first three weeks of this term is 93%. Regular attendance at school is vital for our students to achieve success in their learning. Please support us in getting your child to school regularly and punctually. If you are experiencing any problems, please get in touch with the school.

**Junior Literacy Workshop:** On Wednesday 17 May, our junior syndicate teachers will be hosting a (BSLA) 'Better Start to Literacy' workshop at school for the parents/caregivers of Y1&2 students. Teachers will be sharing the professional development that they have been participating in through the University of Canterbury and where Susan Jull (Rm22 teacher and Totara Whanau Leader) has now been appointed a BSLA Facilitator (congratulations, Susan!). Parents will have the opportunity to experience some of the learning activities our students do at school; learn about why they are so important, and be shown ways they can support their child's learning at home. We welcome all Y1&2 families to attend.

**Board of Trustees:** Our school Board of Trustees recently sent out an email updating our families on where they are currently at with future school property plans. The first planned fundraiser for the senior playground (\$200,000) will be the [GBS Colour Run](#) on Friday 26 May. This is an online fundraiser and we would appreciate your support in getting this sent out far and wide to as many people as you can.

[Kindo](#) is now live for Green Bay School families. We are still needing some families to make an [account](#) by signing up please, this enables you to order sausage sizzle and sushi lunches during the week and will eventually enable our school to become cashless.

**School Production:** Thank you once again to Daphne and Alice (teachers) who are the organisers of our school production, The Wizard of Oz, happening in Term 3, week 8. The main cast has now been chosen and practices for them will be every Friday. A huge thank you also to the parents/caregivers who have volunteered to help, you will be contacted soon. They are still on the lookout for lighting and sound 'experts' - urgent. Please contact Alice or Daphne if you have any knowledge or resources in this area - [aliceb@greenbay.school.nz](mailto:aliceb@greenbay.school.nz) and [daphnev@greenbay.school.nz](mailto:daphnev@greenbay.school.nz).

**GBS Sports:** As you can see from the Calendar of Events over the page, we are a very sports focussed school. Thank you to Nicole McMillan, Sports Co-ordinator, for organising and pushing our students to be the very best that they can be when they participate in all inter-school sports events. Our students represent Green Bay School with pride and sportsmanship, this is a reflection on how they are taught and by standing true to our school expectations of Respect (Whakaute), Positivity (Matika) and Initiative (Auahatia). Once again, we are holding a bake sale tomorrow with all funds received going towards Netball; umpires, trophies and balls. All home-baking can be taken to the hall on arrival to school tomorrow, thank you everyone for your help.

**Arohanui - He whānau kotahi tātou - We are one family**  
Anand Muthoo, Principal, Green Bay School

## Calendar of Events Term 2, 2023

**Thursday 11 May 6:00pm**  
GBS Hui and Fono Community Mtg

**Friday 12 May**  
GBS Netball Bake Sale  
**Bring your coins**

**Monday 15—Tuesday 23 May**  
Y1&2 Keeping Ourselves Safe with Constable Carl

**Wednesday 17 May**  
Junior Literacy Workshop

**Thursday 18 May**  
Y7&8 Local Walk #2

**Monday 22 May**  
Cornwallis Beach Rms 8,7&2

**Tuesday 23 May**  
Y7&8 Girls Football

**Thursday 25 May**  
Y7&8 Boys Football

**Friday 26 May**  
GBS Colour Run fundraiser  
**Bring your coins**

**Tuesday 30 May**  
Y3-6 Interschool Cross Country

**Thursday 1 June**  
Y7&8 Netball Zone Day

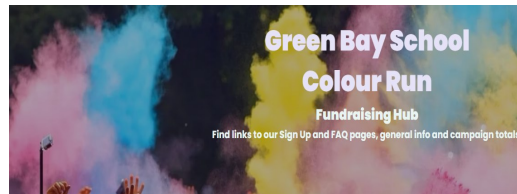
**Monday 5 June**  
King's Birthday—Public Holiday

**Wednesday 14 June**  
Y7&8 Local Walk #3

**Thursday 22 June**  
Y5&6 Cultural Festival Day

**Monday 26 – Thursday 29 June**  
Y7&8 Tongariro Crossing Camp

**Friday 30 June**  
**End of Term 2**  
**2:00pm finish**



The plan for the day is to have a family picnic (with sausage sizzle, bake sale and milo) starting around 12.30pm, followed by the Colour Run - fun starting at 1.00pm.

We need some help though! There are a few ways you can help:

- If you would like to provide sponsorship towards the cost of the 'colour' or prizes, please contact Catherine Rochford ([catheriner@greenbay.school.nz](mailto:catheriner@greenbay.school.nz))
- If you can help on the day with the sausage sizzle, bake sale and milo, please contact Catherine ([catheriner@greenbay.school.nz](mailto:catheriner@greenbay.school.nz))
- If you can help on the day by being a marker for the Colour Run, please contact Nicole McMillan ([nicolem@greenbay.school.nz](mailto:nicolem@greenbay.school.nz))

\* We will need donations of baking for the bake sale to be brought to school on the day.

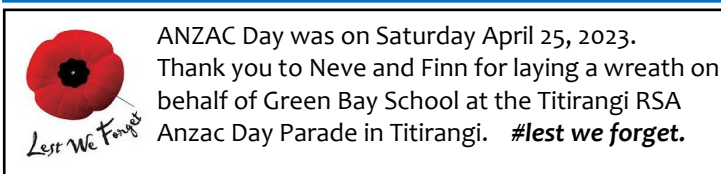
\* We will need volunteers to be at school for 12.15pm on the day.

\* Students will need to wear a white t-shirt and old clothes on the day of the colour run.

Further details about the day and how it will work will be sent out next week, but if you can help, please let us know ASAP. We are really looking forward to this event for our school community.

**GBS Fundraising Team:** Please help us re-start the school fundraising team!

The past 3 years have meant we haven't been able to do much fundraising for the school and we need your help to get going again. Please bring your ideas and enthusiasm and join us for an online meeting on Wednesday 24 May at 7.30pm (link to follow).



ANZAC Day was on Saturday April 25, 2023.  
Thank you to Neve and Finn for laying a wreath on behalf of Green Bay School at the Titirangi RSA Anzac Day Parade in Titirangi. **#lest we forget.**

**GBS Netball Bake Sale**  
**Friday 12 May**



We would like all netballers to please bring home-baking for our bake sale (if you are not a netballer and would still like to bake for our bake sale, we would appreciate this very much). All baked items to the hall first thing tomorrow morning please.



Last week all of Room 21 and a few Room 24 students harvested our Kumara patch and popping corn from our Kai Kete Gardens which are situated behind rooms 21-25. They had an amazing time 😊.

Last year all junior classes grew seedlings from New World 'Little Gardens' and planted them in our new gardens. We also sprouted kumara in jars to grow a kumara crop, unsure of how successful it would be.

We are learning so much about growing vegetables and taking care of the gardens as well as reaping the rewards of our mahi. Here are a few photos of popcorn making by room 24 and their stories. Also photos from our spectacular Kumara Harvest which will be cooked and eaten by the classes involved.

*Today we made popcorn. It tasted yummy. It exploded like a volcano and fell on the floor, but it was still very fun. I really enjoyed it. By Juno*

*The class popped popcorn. It exploded like a volcano and it nearly burnt my finger. I loved the popcorn. It tasted awesome. It was so much fun, and we had an awesome day. By Mackenzie*



Juno, Swanny and popping corn



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