

# GREEN BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**Kia Ora Koutou** and greetings Green Bay School community, we are now at the end of Week 6, Term 1. This week we have had excellent attendance, an average of **95%** for the last **4** days. Please ensure your child has a hat and water bottle every day.

**Meet the Teacher:** Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who attended our Meet the Teacher evening on 23 February. It was a very successful evening and your positive feedback was much appreciated.

**Student Achievement:** Our focus for 2023 is once again to raise our students' academic achievement in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. We would like to acknowledge the Board for always making student achievement the focus and providing the necessary funding to provide for all students' needs.

**Teaching and Learning:** Classroom teaching and learning starts promptly at 8:50am every morning. Your child needs to be in class on time so that they do not lose out on their learning.

**Goal Setting Conferences:** These will take place on Thursday 23 March with school closing early that day **at 12:30pm**. Please ensure your children have their after school pick up plans in place for this early finish time. Goal Setting Conference information will come home next week to all families.

**NZEI Te Riu Roa:** Teachers and principals belonging to NZEI have voted not to accept the current offer in terms of salary and working conditions proposed by the government. Teachers and principals are currently voting on a strike ballot, **if a strike is voted for, there will be a ONE DAY strike on Thursday 16 March**. We will keep you informed of the outcome of this ballot as soon as it becomes available.

**Teacher Only Day (Monday 24 April):** The government/MoE has announced 4 additional Teacher only Days (ToD) across 2023 and 2024 to support all schools in preparation for the upcoming Curriculum Refresh and NCEA changes. The first ToD must be held in the first two weeks of Term 2, between Monday 24 April – Friday 5 May 2023. GBS have decided that our next ToD will be Monday 24 April 2023. **School will be closed for instruction on this day.** All GBS families will be provided with further updates as they are received.

**Transport Plan:** Tim Rickards (Board member) along with a group of GBS students will be working together over the next two terms on a Friday morning between 9:00am – 10:00am on brainstorming a plan to ease the transport issues we are having at the front of school. As all parents/caregivers will be aware, one of Tim's key priorities when running as a candidate for the school board was to "look at working with Auckland Transport to improve the safety of the Godley Road frontage for our kids getting to and from school".

Traffic chaos outside the school gates is something that can be addressed by parents/caregivers who are the licenced drivers; drive to the conditions, no u-turns, no double-parking and most importantly when walking to school, show your children how to cross the road properly by using the patrolled crossing. Our road patrollers and staff are trained by Constable Carl, and we ask that all families show their support by using the patrolled crossing at all times.

**Music Lessons at Green Bay High School:** We would like to acknowledge Green Bay High School for accommodating our Year 4 – 6 students who are receiving music lessons during this year at the high school. Our Year 7-8 students continue to have their technology classes at the high school twice a week in hourly blocks.

**School Sports Teams:** Netball teams are being organised at the moment, Orienteering has already started, T-Ball and Softball are both being played this week. Thank you, Nicole, for your organisation of GBS sports and thank you to our teachers who are also supporting all of our teams by either coaching, managing and transporting. We appreciate all that you are doing to enable our school to be one that takes their sports seriously and are therefore competitive.

**Swimming Pool Committee:** We would like to offer our sincere thanks to the pool committee for the excellent work they have done in ensuring that our school community had access to the pool during the summer break. Your efforts are valued and very much appreciated. **Swimming for key-holders finishes on Sunday 12 March (this date has been extended from what was initially advertised) and keys are to be returned to the school office no later than Friday 17 March 2023 in order to receive your \$30.00 bond refund.** The refund is allocated to your school account. Enjoy your last weekend of swimming!

## Calendar of Events Term 1, 2023

**Thursday 23 March**  
- Goal Setting Conferences  
**School Finishes Early: 12:30pm**

**Monday 3 April to Thursday 6 April**  
- Titirangi RSA Poppies 4 sale

**Thursday 6 April**  
- End of Term 1  
**2:00PM SCHOOL FINISH**

**Monday 24 April**  
Teacher Only Day  
(school closed for instruction)

**Tuesday 25 April**  
ANZAC Day  
(public holiday)

**Wednesday 26 April**  
- Start of Term 2  
**8:30AM GATES OPEN**  
**8:50AM CLASS ROLL CALL**

**Kickstart Breakfast Club:** Thank you, Mel Read, her group of volunteers and also the student volunteers, for getting our breakfast club up and running this term. **All** students are invited, please encourage your child to join us every Monday to Friday 8:30am in the Tech room for Weetbix and milk. There is no charge for breakfast and it's a great way to start the day.

**Tuesday Lunchtime Sausage Sizzle:** We **urgently** require volunteers to bbq for our Tuesday lunchtime sausage sizzle. This job is approximately 2 hours, from 12:00pm until 2:00pm. Please email [ashleighw@greenbay.school.nz](mailto:ashleighw@greenbay.school.nz).

Thank you, Reuben, Aussie Butcher New Lynn and Jamie, New World Green Bay for providing our sausages, bread and tomato sauce at no cost. We appreciate your continued support of our school. Also, a massive thank you to our current parent helpers who are ensuring the lunchtime sausage sizzle goes ahead, without your help, this would not be possible.

**Ice-block Fridays:** Thank you to Rachel Searson and her group of volunteers for organising ice-block Fridays. Our students certainly enjoy this treat on the last day of school for the week.

**Extra-Curricular Activities** - Please visit the school [website](#) to check out all in-school and after-school activities; Marzipan Drama, Dance classes, Playball, Chesspower, Guitar lessons, after school music lessons (Keyboard, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone and music theory lessons) etc etc etc.

**Arohanui**

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



**Surf to School Lessons** for rooms 21 and 23. We were really lucky to be able to have Surf to School come and teach our juniors about water safety. This happened right after the weekend of Cyclone Gabrielle where Surf to School lost some of their property and their teaching aides had also been affected, but they still came out to see us! These lessons are delivered by surf lifesavers and they are a fun and interactive learning experience that allows our students to gain awareness of surf safety, at school.

**Y3/4 Team lining up**



**Whau T-ball Tournament:** On Tuesday 21 February, our school competed in a T-ball tournament. We played against Rosebank, Waterview, Arahoe, St.Dominics, and Glenavon Schools. It was a great day for some T-ball, the sun was shining and luckily, due to the cyclone and floods, the tournament was not cancelled. Many of us learned lots of new skills over the day.

Firstly, all of the students who were participating in the tournament went on a fifteen minute bus ride to Eastdale reserve. The kids were pumping with excitement and ready for a fun and thrilling day of T-ball. People were selling ice blocks and everyone made some new friends. The day was exciting and fun, even the adults had fun coaching!! In the first game, everyone was nervous but by game three, everyone had picked up new skills and focused on having fun instead of worrying about the game too much. Here are the scores: Y5/6 A grade came 1st, Y5/6 C grade came 1st, Y3/4 came 1st, and Y3/4 came 3rd. **WOW!!**

We interviewed some kids who went to the Tournament. Here's what they said: Lucas Rm 4: did you enjoy it? Yes, it was exciting. How many games did your team win? 4/4 games. Who was on your team Korbyn, Reagan M., Ryker, Amelia, Lucas, Sienna, Aroush and Shanaye. Bailey Rm 2: did you enjoy it? Yes it was fantastic because we learned how to do all sorts of things. How many games did you win? 2/4. What was your favourite part? When we had breaks and when we all took part and gave it a go. Mia Rm 1: did you enjoy it? Yes, it was very exciting and fun. What was the most fun part about it? Getting a home run! ...and fielding.

At the end of the day, everyone was exhausted but it was a fantastic day and everyone was really excited about the cricket tournament coming soon!

By Sienna and Amelia Room 2.

**Contact Details:** It is important that if you have changed any of your contact details that you please inform the office of your updated information.



Week 10, Term 1: Monday 3 April to Thursday 6 April, on behalf of Titirangi RSA, we will be selling ANZAC poppies. Students will be at the gates every morning and afternoon with a donation bucket and poppies. Please support Titirangi RSA, **#lest we forget**.



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