

GREEN BAY SCHOOL

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3rd November 2011

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S LAPTOP

Congratulations to the Senior and Junior Kapahaka groups, and their teachers and parent supporters, for a wonderful performance at our Whanau Consultation on Wednesday night. You made us very proud.

Thank you so much to all our parents and whanau who came to support the performance and meet our Board of Trustees. It was a pleasure to hear your views. These will be fed back and combined for our next Board meeting.

Good luck and aroha to our Kapahaka groups for their performance at Corbans' Art Centre next Tuesday at 12 noon. Our Jump Jam team will also be performing.



Essay Competition Winners

Congratulations to three of our students who won distinguished prizes at the West Auckland Historical Association award evening recently (formerly the John T Diamond Competition). Shae won 2nd prize for her historical research on Exhibition Drive, Kari won the Morris Photographic Prize and Haylee won the West Auckland Historical Society Prize.

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CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday 5th November

10am—1pm

\$10 for a stall

Cafe—Sausage Sizzle

Rain date Saturday 12th November

Contact the Office
Ph 817 6666

BOT ELECTIONS

Nominations Close
12 noon

Friday 4th November

This is your chance to contribute your ideas and assist the Board of Trustees with the governing of our school

STUDENTS' CORNER

Recipe for a Dragon

By Ella

Mix a body as long as the Great Wall, a head as big as a dark cloud, eyes that glow like a ghost, and grated wings that are as protective as armour, in a big pot.

Add roasted, fiery, breath that burns like boiling water, then toast pointy teeth that urgently need a dentist check up, and fried claws as sharp as a Devi's horn.

Sprinkle scales as hard as coconut shells, a tail as curved as the crescent moon, refrigerated spikes that are as pointy as a witch's nose on the top.

Mash it all together then whiz it in the blender, let it rot for a million years and ...

POW!! You've got a DRAGON!

Recipe for a Dragon

By Sophia

Make a head as scary as a Halloween pumpkin, and body as long as a roller coaster and claws as powerful as electricity.

Add teeth twice as sharp as a shark, wings like big as the earth and a tail as rough as concrete.

Decorate with glaring sharp eyes twice as scary as a night owl, and spikes like King Arthur's sword. Stir in fire breath as hot as hot sauce and barbecue for 100 years.

BEWARE!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

8th Nov Multicultural Festival—Corbans

16th Nov Juniors Gym Trip

17th Nov Team Photos

18th Nov Assembly

23rd Nov BOT Meeting 6.30pm Staffroom

24th Nov Rainbows End Trip Patrollers

1-2nd Dec Kowhai Syndicate EOTC Days

7th Dec Junior Picnic

8th Dec Church Service

SCHOOL NOTICES

Lost Property

A reminder please, to make sure that all clothing is named, as it will greatly reduce the amount of lost property that never finds a home!!

We are looking for support

We will shortly be having a new issue of our school's newsletters printed. The newsletters will be used throughout the year to keep our families and school community informed regarding school activities.

The newsletters are to be financed through the support of advertisers whose advertisements will appear on the newsletters for a year. This enables the school to receive the newsletters free of charge. Your advertisement will also display in the emailed newsletters.

Should you, or anyone you know, like to place an advertisement on the back of our school's newsletter please contact Dennis or Jeanette Neeve of Newsletters Unlimited, ph (09) 817 3867, or email newsletters@xtra.co.nz.

This is a great way to keep your business in front of the local community and also help our school.

Trade Me wants to help our school

Trade Me will donate \$5 to our school every time someone lists their service in the Services category on [Trade Me](http://www.trademe.co.nz) (for the first time) before 31 December 2011, then emails 5bucks@trademe.co.nz with the following information:

- the email address they use on Trade Me;
- the name of the school they wish to support (please state our school's name!); and
- the school's location.

All sorts of people advertise their services on Trade Me's Services section, including tutors, babysitters, builders, gardeners, lawyers, hairdressers and others.

It's a great place to let the 2.8 million Trade Me members know what you can do and it only costs \$19 for a 90 day listing.

You can find the Services section of Trade Me at www.trademe.co.nz/services

Supa Kids

(Scripture Union Primary Adventures)

This is a meeting where children are encouraged to think about the way they live—their values—from a Christian perspective. There are six sessions per term on Fridays at 1.15pm in the Hall. We start on 4th November.

This term we look at our involvement in the community, having good relationships with others, especially in the lead up to Christmas.

Permission slips will be given out at the first meeting, and may be returned to the school office or the next meeting. Enquiries to Morag Ph 827 3547.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Calling all Sailing Families!

French Bay Yacht Club in Titirangi now has a fantastic fleet of Optis, Starlings, Lasers, Jolly-boats, Zephyrs and more, competing and sailing on a regular basis. We are one of the most family oriented clubs in Auckland, and activities include Learn to Sail for kids and adults, coaching, regattas and racing, and adventure sails to destinations such as Cornwallis Beach. If you own a boat or are a keen sailing family, we are very keen to meet you! Please visit www.frenchbay.org.nz, come down on any sailing day, or attend our Try Sailing O-Day, from 11am on Sunday 13 November. French Bay Yacht Club is located at the bottom of Otitori Bay Road, five minutes from Titirangi Village.

St Dominic's Twilight Fair

November 11 5pm—8pm. 32 Bolton St, Blockhouse Bay. A chance to enjoy food, wine and beer, and the chance to score a bargain. Great prizes to be won.

Learn to Play the Piano or Keyboard

Individual lessons are given in school time at school. Cost \$28 per week. Enquiries to Mrs Glenda Gordon Ph 817 3498.

Waitakere City Swimming Club

Is a family orientated club run by volunteers to enable young people to enjoy the sport of swimming at casual and competitive levels. Training fees are \$50 per term for one training session per week, or \$100 a term for up to four sessions a week. (Mon - Thurs at Westwave). The Auckland Swimming Association fee is paid yearly and is \$135 a child and \$77 for each additional child. Come down on a TUESDAY for a free trial for club entry (must be able to swim 50 m freestyle/backstroke.) Please contact Stephanie Pilling, Club President at jeffpilling@kiltanon.com or 416 5311 or 021 0343 565 for any further information.

DID YOU KNOW ...?

Tips for Helping Your Child's Learning

Writing at Home—Make Writing Fun—Year 1/2

- Help your child write an alphabet letter, then go letter hunting in your house or in a book to find that letter
- Let your child see you writing—you can use your first language
- Encourage them to write shopping lists or make birthday cards
- Water and a paintbrush on a dry path and a stick on sand are fun ways to write letters and words

TIP: Don't worry if your child's letters or words are sometimes backwards or misspelt at this age. The important thing is that they have fun writing at home and are making an effort.

Give them reasons to write

- Write to each other. Write notes to your child and leave them in interesting places, like their lunch box. Ask them to write a reply.
- Help them email, text or write to family, whanau or friends
- Show them how letters and words are formed
- Work with them to put labels on special things—like the door to their room or their toy box

TIP: Display their work. Be proud of it. Share it with others.

Talk about their writing

- Talk about the letters in your child's name and where the name comes from
- Help them create a scrapbook with pictures
- Encourage them to write stories under the pictures and talk to you about them
- Ask them to write about pictures they draw—on paper or on the computer. Get them to tell you the story. Write or type the story under their writing if they want you to.

TIP: Talk about what your child writes. Be interested. If you don't understand what your child's picture or story is about, ask them to explain.

Encourage writing

- Have felt pens, pencils, crayons and paper available
- Put magnetic letters on the fridge—ask what words they can make with the letters