

GREEN BAY SCHOOL

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S LAPTOP

Kia ora, greetings to all

It's All About Attitude

Here we are on the eve of the Rugby World Cup and the signs are that people are going to make it a fantastic event. Whether we are avid rugby fans, we are all New Zealanders who want to show off our country in its best light. Our school is already planning some fun events to celebrate – bunting and posters, classroom decorations, dress up days, educational activities and our own Mini 'World Cup' sports tournament in Week 10. Our staff, too, are really getting into the spirit of the event, especially inspired by teasing Freddie who is supporting South Africa - naturally. He's thrilled that our part of West Auckland has drawn South Africa as our 'adopt-a-team' and of course Freddie's crowing at the idea that we'll all be backing South Africa (as well as the AB's). Give him heaps if they lose!



Linda, Diane and I attended the West Auckland Leadership Conference last Friday and heard a motivational message by ex-All Black Captain Buck Shelford and the CEO of the Sir Peter Blake Foundation. They spoke about winning and leading as being all about Attitude. One of the things we adults can do in the next few weeks is show our children what type of people we are by our Attitude to winning and losing. We all want our teams to be winners but our character is likely to be more revealed by our Attitude should we lose. Sir Peter Blake in the few hours after losing an America's Cup challenge, surrounded by doom-and-gloom teammates, said, 'You know, with what we've learnt now, next time we can win this thing.' And he went on and did it.

Not that I'm saying we're going to lose... GO THE ALL BLACK'S!

Green Bay School has a great Attitude. This Friday we're hosting some V.I.P.'s from the Auckland City Council to receive our Silver Enviro Award at a Powhiri at 10am. Our wonderful Kapahaka group will be leading us. After the presentation ceremony, our V.I.P.'s will be taken on a tour of the school to show off all our environmental projects, and then hosted for morning tea. Any parents who would like to learn more about the work we've been doing in teaching our children ways to look after our planet, please feel free to join us.

If we want our children to be winners and leaders, we need to think about how we can inspire them to do better, be better people. Buck Shelford says it's about putting the hours in to training and never giving up. Let's encourage this type of Attitude!

I hope you all enjoy the Opening Festivities. See you at the Game!

Cheers
Jude Black

SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

Community Survey

All families have received our community survey, either by email or as a hard copy. A reminder that this is a chance for you to express your opinions on various aspects of our school. All surveys need to be completed by **Tuesday the 13th September**, so that we can consider your responses at our next Board meeting.

Lost Property

Please take a moment to name your child's clothes with their first and last names. Named clothes find their way back to their owner. However unnamed clothes tend to sit forlornly in the Lost Property Box and end up being given to charity.

Gardening Voucher

If you are intending to use Bay Audiology before 31st October, please mention our school and we will win a \$100 gardening voucher.

Sports Uniforms

The Fundraising Team is underway with organising school Basketball and T-Ball sports uniforms. If anyone in our community has access to:

- * Screen printing numbers
- * Embroidered logos
- * Sports uniforms

Could you please let the office know. Tepora and Martha are the liaison parents for this.

Phones for Starship

Thank you to all those people who donated old phones. We have earned 2 video cameras!!!

We are still collecting phones, and are running another competition for the class that brings in the most phones. The prize is yet to be decided, but make sure your class is in to win!!!



Absences

Please could parents remember to notify the office when a child is going to be absent from school. When leaving a message on the answer phone please state clearly the child's name, room number and a short message giving the reason for absence.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9th Sept Assembly/Powhiri 10am
12th Sept Chopper Challenge Prizegiving
13th Sept Community Survey Closes
16th Sept World Cup Badge Orders Close
"Legend" Marathon
19th Sept Chopper Challenge "Fly In" Day
23rd Sept Junior Disco
30th Sept Car Boot Sale

SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

Mini "World Cup" Sports Tournament

Thursday 6th October
More information to follow

Win a Rugby World Cup Ball
and some other goodies in our All
Blacks Supporters pack raffle

Raffle starts Monday
12th September

We had trained hard all season and it all came down to this last game. Our team, the Green Bay Firebolts, were sitting second on the table with only 1 loss in the third round. The Freyberg Ferns were the only team to win against us (by 4), until we met them in the finals.

As we took to the court, we were full of mixed emotions of nerves and excitement.

Our team scored first and that gave us the boost we needed. Our supporters were loud and encouraging even though it was wet and cold. The score was close with never more than two goals between us. The end of every quarter we were 1 goal up, we needed to keep playing the best we could if we were going to win. In the last quarter we were even on 14, and just before the final whistle blew we scored a goal.

We were so excited as we ran off the court to see the score...YAHHH we had won 14-15....our squeals of happiness could be heard for miles.

Mikayla R3

Green Bay High School Enrolling Now
Thursday 8 September 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm
Tuesday 13 September 4.00 pm – 6.00pm
Thursday 15 September 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Appointments during these times are not necessary. Please report to the main Administration Block. If an appointment to enrol at another time is required, please contact the school office on 817-8173 ext. 201.

For enrolment, please bring your child, a copy of their birth certificate or passport and their latest report.

Fancy Playing Softball this Summer?

Western Magpies are looking for new and experienced softball players aged 10-19 for the coming season. Interested?? Give Chris a call Ph: 814 9605 Email: chrislynn@xtra.co.nz.

SPORTS NEWS



Netball Finals

On Saturday the 3rd of September, Green Bay Firebolts played against Freyberg Ferns in the finals.

We jogged around the courts, practiced shooting, passed the ball around, and then it was game time!

We waited for the buzzer to go. Then the whistle went and everybody sprinted towards the ball. First the ball was going Freyberg's direction until Loka did an amazing intercept that pushed the ball down to our goal. Taylor took the first shot and got it in. The score kept going back and forth. First we were in the lead, then it would tie then they were in the lead, then it would tie again. But the winning score was 15-14 to GREEN BAY FIREBOLTS. We shook their hands and said good game. Then we started to walk into the indoor courts for prize giving, which we had to sit and wait for.

After about 15 minutes a lady came out with a box full of medals and certificates. She called out all of the grades 1-13. When she got to grade 9 she said the runner up is Freyberg Ferns and the winner is..... GREEN BAY FIREBOLTS. We were so happy that we came 1st! Our mums took our photos and then we got to sit down. All our faces were bright red. We all went home with a medal and a smile on our faces.

I can't wait until next year so we can play netball again!!!!!!

By Taylor and Taylor

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Police Seatbelt Checks! Make Sure You Make It Click.

Police in West Auckland have been checking outside schools to make sure everyone is wearing their seatbelts, and to make sure that children under 5 are all in the right child restraints.

Most adults are remembering to buckle up, but there are many children who have been found not wearing their seatbelt. This is a reminder to the driver that they are responsible for all children under 15 in their car not wearing a seatbelt, or restrained in the correct restraint. Lots of children have also been spotted wearing their school backpacks in the car, please make sure your children take off their backpacks and put them on the floor before putting on the seat belt. The best place for children to be is in the back seat. Remind your children to keep their seatbelts on until the car is stopped before they un-click their seatbelt to get out of the car.

These checkpoints could happen anytime outside the school. The fine is \$150 per person not restrained correctly! So if you need advice about your child restraint the Plunket child restraint office is at 8a Woodford Ave, Henderson open from 9am to 2pm Monday to Friday. You can get advice from trained Car seat technicians there for free. Let's keep all our children safe in cars.

STUDENTS' CORNER

Lizard

*Basking in the sun I saw it
Spread out, slumped in the heat
At first I did not see it
Camouflaged against the little grey stones
Until its swift movement caught my eye
A flick of its tail perhaps*

*Extended slim body, speckled with black spots
Little claws with long toes and dragon skin
Chainmail texture glistening in the bright light
Big black, beady eyes
Staring intently into no particular place
Still as a statue, waiting*

*The bendy body waddles, half runs
Wiggling, scuttles and stops by the pool
It wags its tail in a curious manner
The water laps the edge
A blur of pink tongue shoots out
Tasting the moisture*

*Hunching its chest up
On its front legs
Having a good look around
Becoming aware of its surroundings
A few steps forward and then stop
Look around and go on*

*The slightest movement
And in a blink of an eye
It darted away
In and out of the shade it dashes
Then shoots up a tree like a rocket
Gone!*

By Finuuala R3