

# GREEN BAY SCHOOL

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14th December 2011

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S LAPTOP

### Endings and Beginnings

We're sad to be farewelling students and families who're leaving our school or our area to move on to the next stage of life's journey.

We wish you all the best for wherever you end up in life. Think of us and let us know how you're doing. We especially love to hear of the good news stories from former pupils. Recently, we had an ex-pupil come in and show us his high school honour to thank us for the part we played. Another ex-pupil advised that he has won a coveted place in only 40 places in a university Creative Technologies course. We love to hear these stories so keep them coming.



It is with much sadness that we farewell Kathy Chandler, Senior Teacher of Totara Syndicate. Kathy is retiring from full-time teaching. Kathy has not only been a wonderful team leader and teacher, but a champion for our Enviro Team. It is thanks to her hard work and passion for the environment that we have initiatives like the native walkway and sandpit decorations. Thank you for all your energy, Kathy.

It's also with sadness that we farewell Sue Fitzgerald, Mike Olohan and Freddie Barron, whose contracts are finishing. Sue has been on secondment. Freddie is going to be a first-time grandfather, and wants to be free to journey to Melbourne to see his grandchild. Freddie is such an irrepressible bundle of youth that it's hard to think of him as a "Grandie". We're also farewelling teacher aides Tepora Maessen and Jo Snowden. Jo is leaving to go to teacher training, so we'll be seeing her back in the near future.

Thanks to all these wonderful professionals, you will be missed.

We also welcome new staff to join us next year. We're being joined by James Mawson from Blockhouse Bay Primary, as Senior Teacher in Totara, and Andy McLarin comes to us from Blockhouse Bay Intermediate. Andy joins our dynamic team of Natalie Williamson and Garrick Bridges in our Intermediate department. Both these new teachers are really excited to be coming and we're looking forward to having them aboard.

To all our families, the staff and management of Green Bay School would like to thank you for all your support this year and wish you a Merry Christmas and safe and happy holiday.

See you in February 2012!

Jude

End of Term  
Early  
Closing  
2pm

Thursday 15th  
December



Term 1 starts  
Thursday 2nd February  
8.50am

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Stationery and Enrolments

The office will be open from Monday 23rd to Thursday 26th January between 9am and 3pm for pre-purchasing of stationery and any enrolments for 2012.

Could all students please bring a plastic bag, unnamed supermarket sort, on the first day of school for stationery—recycle rather than buy new ones.

### Notice from the Library

A final reminder to all children who still have School Library books at home. Please return them tomorrow, especially children who are leaving us to go onto other schools!

Thank you and Merry Christmas from Sharon in the Library

### Lost Property

Please take time over the holidays to name all of your children's clothing in preparation for next year. Please help us reduce the amount of unnamed lost property we have left at the end of each term.

### Nits

The holidays present an excellent opportunity to check your child's hair for nits. Get on top of it during the holidays and start the new year nit free!!!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 15th Dec End of School—2pm Finish
- 23rd Jan Stationery pre-purchases available
- 2nd Feb Term 1 2012 starts 8.50am



## KOWHAI SYNDICATE

### Winter

Winter white snowflakes  
Snow is falling from the sky  
Playing in the snow

### Summer

Buying cold ice-cream  
Playing in the hot sunshine  
Summer holidays

### Autumn

Leaves are falling fast  
Jumping in piles of leaves  
Orange, yellow, red

### Spring

Newborn animals  
Lots of flowers blooming  
Flowers everywhere

By Caitlin R6

### Winter

Frosty snow falling  
Freezing cold icy snow frost  
Freezing snow is cold

### Summer

Bright sunny and dry  
Laughing and giggling children  
Playing in hot sun

### Autumn

Rainy and windy  
Foggy drizzle is coming  
The misty wet rain

### Spring

Rainbow sunshine breeze  
Baby lambs coming out now  
Cute cuddly fun

By Ashiya R6

### Summer

Summer clear hot dry  
Summer breeze clear and sunny  
Summer hot bright dry

### Autumn

Autumn windy wet  
Autumn cool windy rainy  
Autumn windy rain

### Winter

Winter lightning gale  
Winter hail lightning thunder  
Winter lightning hail

### Spring

Spring shower sunshine  
Spring rainbow showers sunshine  
Spring warm showers breeze

By Jaxon R6

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Message from the Fundraising Team

To all Parents and Caregivers

Everyone on the Green Bay School fundraising team would like to say a very big 'THANK YOU' to all families who have supported the team over this school year.

During the year we have been involved in many events and schemes to raise money for the school, including the school discos, raffles, carwash, car boot sale, school calendars and finally the school picnic. Through these events the team and you have raised over \$6,000.

The money raised has been used to in a number of school projects including new sports uniforms and funding the helping hands projects, including the playground matting. All of these projects have had a direct impact on school life and are important steps into making Green Bay School an even better school for all of our children.

We would like to say a special thank you to Andrea Moreland, who, as Chairperson, has played a very important role in managing this year's fundraising team, not to mention all the 'hands on' tasks Andrea has performed on a weekly basis to keep the projects running. Sadly for Green Bay School, Andrea and her family are moving to Australia, so she will no longer be a part of the team, but we wish Andrea and her family a very happy future and would like to say a big thank you for all her hard work.

A number of parents have already voiced some innovative ideas for developing further parent involvement within Green Bay School, and will be inviting you to help or support them in the new school year. Green Bay School is a wonderful place for our children to grow and develop, and the extra support provided by

families, in any capacity, enables our environment to continue to flourish.

Thank you again for all your support, wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Green Bay School Fundraising Team*

### Another Success!!

Kyle R14 (Y8) has been picked for 3 soccer teams lately. The first is Northern Football federation Talent Centre (like reps). The second is to play in the Nike Cup Tournament in February against other teams nationally and then in Australia if they win. The winner of that goes to England, Manchester United. The third is an Elite Youth team for Waitakere United to play national under 15 yrs soccer in New Zealand. Only 4 boys from his club, Waitakere City, got selected for this.

What a talented boy we have at the school. A lot of running around for his mother as he trains or plays games 5/6 days a week—up to 5 hours on a Sunday.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Water Safety Notice

You're their lifeguard—keep your child safe at the pool this summer!

Over the Summer school holidays many families will be enjoying all the fun and excitement local swimming pools have to offer.

Water Safety NZ and NZ Recreation Association would like to remind families about the Pool Alone policy that public pools in NZ are required to adhere to.

Children under 8 must be actively supervised by a caregiver 16 years or over. Actively supervised means watching your child at all

times; able to provide immediate assistance/ Lifeguards are an important safety feature, but they are not intended to replace the close supervision of parents or caregivers.

Tragically many drowning deaths occur in the few seconds that parents are distracted. The role of a lifeguard is to ensure people are safe in the water—they are not babysitters.

### School Holiday Fun at Paradise ~ Learn to Ice Skate or Play Ice Hockey

**HOLIDAY PROGRAMME** 9am-12noon ~ 1 hour Instruction & 2 hour Supervised Public Session

December: Ice Skating Lessons ~ Monday 19 Dec – Friday 23 Dec = Option of 3 to 5 mornings

January: Wk1: Ice Skating Lessons ~ Mon 16 Jan – Fri 20 Jan = 5 mornings

Wk2: Ice Skating Lessons or Learn to Play Ice Hockey ~ Mon 23 Jan – Fri 27 Jan = 5 mornings

All Fees include Admission, Equipment Hire and Tuition, for more information or to enrol contact *Paradise*.

**ENROLMENTS now open for 2012 CLASSES** starting from 31<sup>st</sup> January after school on Tues & Thurs. Sat & Sun mornings + Hockey School Sat mornings. *Classes also available for Adults! Tues 10am & Weds 7pm*

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