

Deepwater Practice

Yesterday we had our first of two visits to the GBHS pool for the children to test themselves out to see if they could swim a length of the High School pool.

There were a lot of nervous kids wondering if they could make the length, but that fear soon subsided and most surprised themselves with what they could achieve.

We gave them the chance to have a go at lengths of freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke as well as backstroke starts and dive starts. Those that are able to make a length will enter in the Golden Bay Schools Swimming Sports on the 14th March.

I was really nervous because I hadn't been in the High School pool much and it looked a long way and it was deep. I feel a lot more confident now. I can do a length of all the strokes. Carmyn

I was slightly nervous even though I have been in the High School pool before. I swam 8 lengths, which is the most I have ever swum. I'll be entering in all 3 strokes. Emily P

It was so much fun because I've never swum there before. It's 3 times as long as the pool at home and it was wasn't even cold. I'm excited to go to my first swimming sports. Vevina

I was very tired at the end as I did lots of lengths. In backstroke I kept catching up with someone and having to stop otherwise I would have made the whole length. Frankie

I thought the pool looked longer than last year but I managed a length breaststroke. Kiva

Swimming was awesome. I was worried but once I was in I felt good and I did it. I did way better than I thought. I did a length of breaststroke and freestyle but had a bit of trouble with backstroke as I kept swallowing water. Sonny

School Calendar

March

4th	Weetbix Tryathlon
5-8th	Room One Camp
7th	Assembly 2.20pm
12th	Science Roadshow Rm1,2,4,5
14th	GB Swim Sports
21st	Assembly 2.20pm
23rd	School Triathlon
30th	Good Friday

April

2nd	Easter Monday
3rd	Easter Tuesday
4th	Assembly 2.20pm
13th	Term one ends
30th	Term two starts

2018 Dates

Term 1	30th Jan - 13th April
Term 2	30th April - 6th July
Term 3	23rd July - 28th Sept
Term 4	15th Oct - 13th Dec

School Lunch

Sushi \$3

Watermelon \$1

Thanks Maki for offering to do school lunch two weeks in a row!

Scrabble Extension

We are lucky to have Murray Rogers come into school to work on extending some of our children in maths, strategic thinking, as well as language extension. Murray is doing this through teaching the children the game of scrabble.

Murray is a NZ ranked Scrabble player and last year represented NZ at the World Champs in Nairobi. We have been lucky to have Murray working with our children for a number of years.

I didn't realize there were 50 two letter words. We have have to do tons of thinking and it is hard work. Teru

It is really fun. I found there are a lot of words you don't realize are words.. You have to do a lot of thinking and actually it's helping with my spelling. Aliana

You get to learn lots of new words and what they mean. Not only do you have to think of a word, but where to put it and where you get most points. It's hard but fun. I think I'll get a bigger vocabulary from working with Murray. Lola

It is interesting as I like finding big words and I think I'll get a better understanding of words and get to know way more. Bella C



Motupipi Triathlon 2018 Postponed until Friday 23rd March

Our school Triathlon for all Motupipi children will now be held on Friday 23rd March at the Pohara Beach Top 10 Holiday Camp, due to it conflicting with the High School Athletics Day, affecting many of our families.

From Thursday the 15th March we will be doing whole school training starting at 1.30pm each day, so the children are clear on what they have to do and how to transition from one event to the other. It would be good for the children to have their bikes/ scooters at school next week, as well as the shoes they will be wearing on their bikes, so that they are well practiced for the event.

The event on Friday will involve a short swim or wade, followed by a bike or scooter ride and then a run to the finish.

The day's plan is

- 9.30am Load trailers with bikes
- 10.00 am Leave Motupipi by bus, find your bike, morning tea, walk the course with a teacher.
- 11.00am Races to start in following order 10/11yrs, 9 yrs, 8 yrs, 7yrs, 6yrs, 5 yrs
- 11.40am Prizegiving
- 12.00 pm Lunch - Sausage sizzle available \$2.00 - children to order at school on Friday morning, extras will be available for adults to purchase.



Children will need

- ◆ lunch, drink, sunhat, togs, towel, shoes / sandals (not jandals), tshirt / rashvest for biking..

Before getting on their bike or scooter, children will need to put on shoes (no shoes in water), helmet and T-shirt, unless wearing a wetsuit / rash vest from the swim.

Bikes or scooters are suitable for 5 & 6 yr races as it is all on tarseal. The 7 -10 years are on tarseal, grass and shingle, which would be hard on a scooter and more suitable for bikes

Once events / lunch are over we will have some time for a swim and play on the beach and return back to school around 2.00pm

If you wish to drop the bike /scooter earlier at the camp, you may do so .There will be age group signs for the placement of bikes, which will be set up early in the morning by the beach entry opposite the playground.

Room One Camp to Mangarakau

Next week Rm1 will be heading to the Outpost at Mangarakau for their class camp, where they will be exploring the West Coast of the Bay. Things they will be doing will be visiting Wharariki Beach, bike to Patarau, walk into Lake Othuaie, check out the Mangarakau wetland, climb up to the cave above the Outpost as well as many other adventure type activities. Thanks to all the parents who have offered to help out and make this a great learning experience for the children.

I'm looking forward to climbing up to the cave and I'm hoping that there are lots of good hiding places for spotlight.

Taylor

Swimming in the saltwater pool will be fun as will going to the Lookout Tree and the Swamp walk. It's always fun camping with all my mates. **Rian**

It will be good to explore a new place I haven't been to before. I'm interested to find out if there are any glow worms in the cave. **Maren**

I'm excited about the whole camp. I like staying up late and doing things with all my friends. **Lola**

The night games on camp are always fun and the bike ride to Patarau will be good. **Emily C**



Cyclone Gita

By Leroy—Rm4

Yesterday the storm hit the house. Lochie watched the storm with me. The chimney was wailing. Then flick, flash! The power disrupted me. Rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr Boom, Boom, Boom!! It felt as if the sky was boxing the house like in Canaan's X Box game!!

Cyclone Gita

By Rosy—Rm4

I was waiting for the Cyclone Gita while my sisters, well they were panicking. My mum was cooking dinner. All of a sudden the power went off. Oh no!! Now we can't cook dinner. We will have to have toast. But no power, how will we do it? The stew was already hot and Mum had tea ready. After tea we had a bath with candles and it was fun. Then the power came back on.



Doris from Takaka Library visited school last week to present certificates to the Motupipi kids who did the Summer Reading programme

Whales—DOC Visit Room Four By Louis Rm2

My Dad organized for Mike Ogle to come and talk to us about blue whales because we have been doing an inquiry about whales. At the start he showed us photos of the blue whale that washed up on the West Coast. One person climbed inside it to find out why it died and they found a 7 m long rope in its stomach. Mike showed us the bullets they shoot into live whales to get their DNA so they can find out more information about them. They also put trackers on some of them. One had a tracker put on off Farewell Spit and it turned up in Kaikoura. We found out that they feed off Farewell Spit, because the cold water brings up little creatures that the krill come and feed on and then the whales feed off the krill. Mike was really interesting and we asked him lots of questions, not just about blue whales. We learnt heaps of information that will help us with our inquiry.

Parent Information Evening

Thanks to those who turned up to the Parent Information Evening yesterday evening. It was a good opportunity to check out how your child's class will run, the expectations and a chance to ask any questions. If you missed it and want to find out more please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

Science Roadshow

On 12 March Rm 1,2,4 & 5 will be going to The Science Roadshow, which will be held at GBHS. The Science Roadshow is a mobile science discovery centre. Annually it travels the length of New Zealand, bringing a range of cool interactive science and technology exhibits into communities. The mission of the Science Roadshow is to support science education in New Zealand schools through science outreach.

A school visit to the Roadshow lasts for 80 minutes and is divided into three sections:

First show. One of the two shows is presented. This takes around 15 minutes. It will involve demonstration experiments taken by the Roadshow scientists around a theme. The themes this year are

Fire and Ice — Concepts of temperature and combustion.

Am I Living? — Characteristics of living things: humans, other animals and plants.

Exhibit interaction —Exhibits are set up around the hall according to its theme. The children will have approximately 50 minutes to explore each of the activities. To help them out, each exhibit has a context board, which includes information about how to use the exhibit, the science behind it, and where such things occur in everyday life. A number of the exhibits also have student explainers — senior students from the High School, will be there to assist the children gain the most from their Roadshow experience.

Second show — The second of our two 15 minute shows is now presented.

This is a great learning opportunity and experience for the children.

Fundraising Committee

A number of our fundraising committee parents from last year have had children move onto High School and we need a few more parents to either join the committee or be available to help out on the odd occasion. The Fundraising Committee meets roughly once a month in the school staffroom after school for $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour to go over whatever is coming up. Meeting times are advertised in the school newsletter.

The role of the Fundraising Committee is:

- To organise fundraising, which will supplement the school's operational grant, to allow the purchase of designated items of equipment. E.g. \$13000 towards computer equipment, \$2000 - PE equipment, new BBQ, pool shadesail, subsidise computer licenses etc
- To subsidise school camps (which is up to \$100 a child for senior camps)
- To organise the activities so that social and financial returns reflect the hours committed by the members.

If you don't want to be on a committee one way to help out is with school lunches.

School lunches are quite a good fundraiser for us. Ingredients can be purchased at the supermarket through the fundraising account, so it doesn't cost anything. We also have food in the freezer. Many choose to work in with a friend.

Jane is available to talk about types of lunches that seem to go down well.

Another is to go on a list to be called on to help out some time during the year.

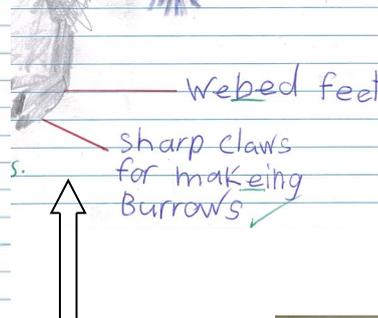
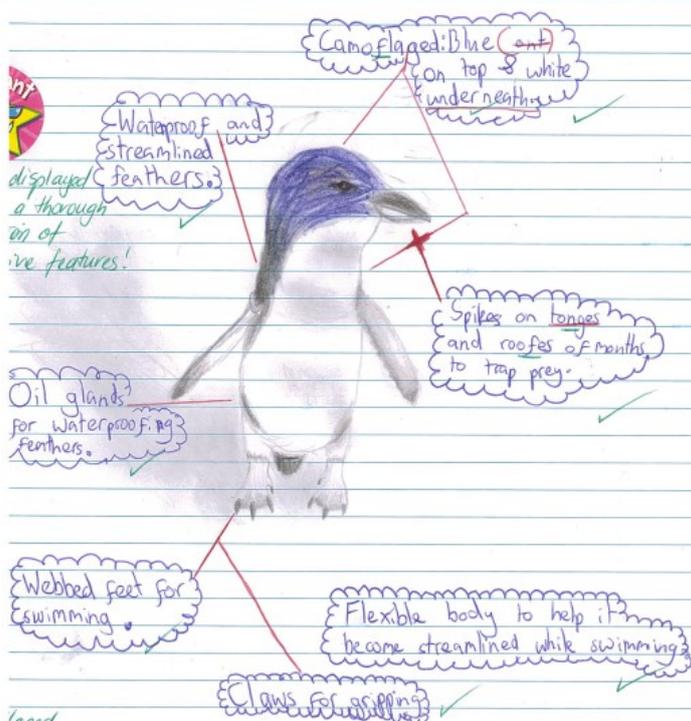
If you are keen to help out or have any questions check in with Jane in the school office or on 525 9986 or phone Melissa 525 9276 or Kylie 525 7103.

Little Blue Penguin (Fairy Penguin)

Room One studied the Fairy penguin in science and these are a couple of drawings by students explaining their adaptive features.



I was so excited on Sunday because it was my mums birthday. I got her a necklace and a pair of earrings I gave her some flowers from our garden. We went to the beach. We found some caves and we climbed on the rocks by the caves. It was fun.
By Olive Room 5



I am so excited because my birthday is going to be fun. It is in nine more days. I got to open an early present, it was a Lego boat set. Last night I opened another present. It was a remote controlled crane. It can lower its winch and it can turn around.
By Thomas Room 5

By Rian

By Lola

