

## Back to School Picnic

Tomorrow, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February from 5pm we are having a back to school picnic for those families who are interested.

We thought it is a good welcome back and chance for new parents to meet others and also to catch up with old friends.

We will have the pizza oven going for those who want to make a pizza and the BBQ will be cranked up.

The pool will be open for the kids to have a swim.

So gather up some food, drink and come along, we look forward to seeing you there.



## School Calendar

### February

- 10th Back to School Picnic 5pm
- 14th Parent Information Evening
- 21st-24th Bridge Valley Camp Yr4-6

### March

- 1st Assembly 2.10pm
- 3rd School Triathlon
- 10th GB Swim Sports
- 12th Weetbix Tryathlon
- 15th Assembly 2.10pm
- 22nd Patons Rock Study
- 29th Assembly 2.10pm

### April

- 12th Assembly 2.10pm
- 13th Term ends

## Bridge Valley Camp

**All Bridge Valley Camp permission slips need to be returned to the class teacher so that we can finalise planning. Most have been completed and returned and we thank you for that.**

Our Year 4-6 children will be heading to Bridge Valley Adventure Camp on Tuesday 21 February - Friday 24th February.

Camp notices can be found on the school website or pop in to the office if you need another copy.

Camp activities will involve air rifles, go karts, archery, abseiling, rock climbing/ kayaking, flying foxes, orienteering as well as team and cooperative activities.



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New Internet Banking No:

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## 2017 Dates

- Term 1 31st Jan - 13th April
- Term 2 1st May - 7th July
- Term 3 25th July - 29th Sept
- Term 4 16th Oct - 13th Dec

## Swimming Sports

The Golden Bay Schools Swimming Sports will be held on Friday 10 March at the Golden Bay High School pool. The sports are for all our 7-11yr olds who can swim a length of the High School Pool. Prior to the swimming sports we will be taking the children to the GBHS pool for a couple of training sessions.

### **Class Swimming**

Each class has an instructional swimming session each day and all of the children are expected to take part. The pool is also open in the afternoon break for a free swim. With daily swims the progress the children are making is already noticeable.



Unavailable \$3  
Afghan \$2

Thanks Katie for making Afghans for school lunch tomorrow. No Savoury item as no parent volunteer this week.

## Parent Information Evening

We will be holding an information evening for parents on next Tuesday 14th February. The evening will be staggered so that parents can get to hear what is happening in each class. There will also be a time for parents to catch up with a teacher should class talks coincide.

### Information to be shared will be:

- Explaining the reading, writing and maths programme
- Homework expectation
- What you can do at home to help support the children

### Parent Information Evening Timetable

5.45pm Rm 1— Jodie & Rm 2— Wendy  
6.15pm Rm 3— Rose & Rm 4— Judy  
6.45pm Rm 5— Tom

The playground will be supervised as will the pool if you wish to bring your children along.

## Motupipi Triathlon

We will be holding our school triathlon at the Pohara Beach Top 10 Holiday Park on Friday 3 March. This will involve all the children having a beach swim / wade (chest deep water), a bike ride and a run. The event will be run in age groups. The younger children will be able to use scooters or trikes for their bike ride. We will be doing some training for it leading up to the event. More information will be sent out closer to the event.



## Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon

The Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is being held at the Tahunanui Recreation Grounds on Sunday March 12th for 7—15 yr olds. In the past many of our children have entered this great event and found it to be a positive experience.

The distances are

7 yrs	Swim 50m	Cycle 4 km	Run 1.5 km
8-10 yrs	Swim 75-100m	Cycle 4 km	Run 1.5 km
11-15 yrs	Swim 150-200m	Cycle 8 km	Run 1.5 km

Kids can enter as an individual or the 7-10 yr olds can enter as a team. One does the swim and one does the bike and both complete the run.

To register or find more information go to [www.weetbix.com](http://www.weetbix.com)



## Principals Awards

**Congratulations to all those who got Principal's Awards at this weeks assembly**

**Rm 1 Tyler, Hayden, Bella, Jay, Bayleigh, Holley**

**Rm 2 Zara, Canaan, Que, Quinn**

**Rm3 Ace, Amelie**

**Rm 4 Saxon, Ashton C, Clara**

**Rm 5 Jack, Hugo Teru, Trey**

## Gymnastics

Starts Friday 10th Feb, with Nikki Rusbatch.

Ages 0-4 in morning at Kotinga hall \$45 for 8 weeks.

School aged class will be held at Takaka Primary school from 3:30-4:30pm \$84.

There are discounts available for families.

Nikki is also available for group bookings on Fridays in Takaka.

## KIDZ N TEEN THEATRE



Ronnie Short, ATCL, LTCL  
(Fully qualified tutor in Speech & Drama via Trinity Guildhall)

**Classes for 2017 will run on Wednesdays & Thursdays**

*Theatre games and improvisation to enhance and develop spontaneity, imagination, creativity and confidence.*

Drama and theatrical skills tuition for all ages. Qualified and experienced tutor.

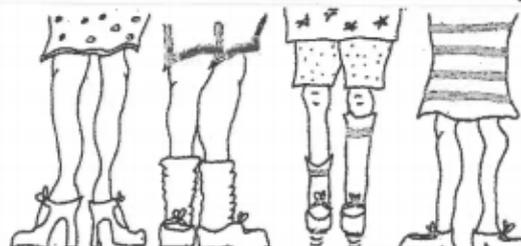
**ENROL NOW!**  
Phone Ronnie

Please phone Ronnie to enrol or re-enrol: 525 8538 or 027 555 5937. Email: [kidznteen theatre@gmail.com](mailto:kidznteen theatre@gmail.com)

## Golden Bay Tap Dance Group

**classes resume Monday 20 February**

Returning pupils - classes will be same day and time as last year unless contacted. Please text me if you are not returning. Registrations for new dancers (5yrs to adults) - please call Debbie 524 8468 or 0277125815 pm



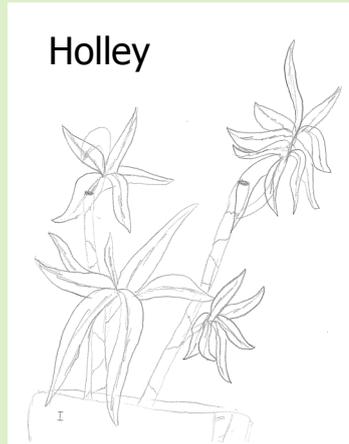
## Room 1—Drawing

Children have added their own self-assessment—what they have sketched well and what they want to improve on.



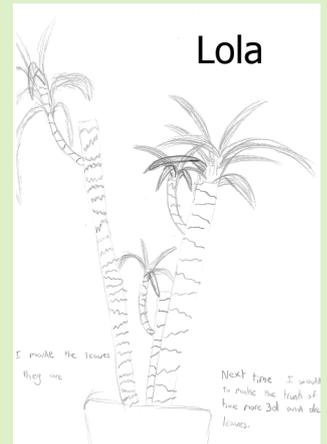
I did the shape of the leaves well, next time I want to do the trunk better.  
Amalie

Amalie



Holley

I think I got the shape right. I am working on getting the leaves bigger.  
Holley



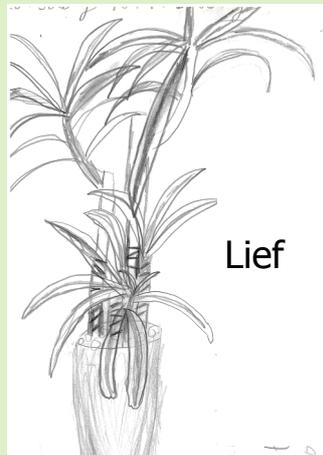
Lola

I think I made the leaves look like they are 3D. Next time I would like to make the trunk of the small tree more 3D and draw more leaves.  
Lola



Hayden

I have done the trunk well. I am working on the leaves.  
Hayden



Lief

I think I have done the bottom leaves well and next time I will not draw it so dark.  
Lief



Jules

I captured the leaves well, next time I need to finish it.  
Jules



Joe

I think that I did the trunk well, next time I'm going to work on my pot.  
Joe

I made the texture of the pot well. I am working on getting the rocks well.  
Zeb

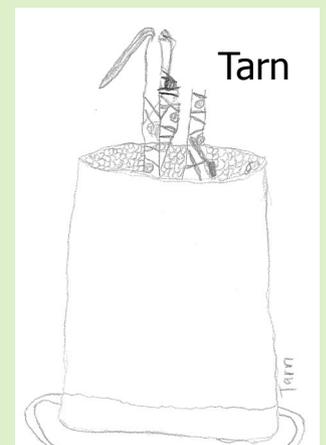


Zeb



Jay

I did the leaves right, next time I want to do the trunk better.  
Jay



Tarn

# TOWN BUS USERS

There have been a number of incidents involving the safety concerns for town bus children getting off at Bickley Motors depot

- Children having to wait at the depot for lengths of time unsupervised
- Children playing around the depot in the way of moving trucks and buses
- Children running across the front of the bus when they have been dropped off
- Children running across the road in front of cars when they see their parents arrive.

Bickley Motors responsibility ends when the children get off the bus and it isn't their job to monitor or supervise the children. The depot is a busy place used by Bickley Motors buses and vans, Sollys' trucks as well as through traffic to Sollys' yard and GB Glass. Due to the number of incidents observed by Bickley Motors staff they are worried about the potential for serious harm to our children.

The option currently being considered by Bickley Motors is to make the last drop off point at the High School bus bay.

They have agreed to a trial period of two weeks for behaviour to improve so I have proposed the following procedures to help improve the situation.

- Bus will stop outside the depot where children will get off and wait on the grass.
- Children to wait until bus has turned into depot before walking into town
- Those children waiting for parents are to wait on the grass where they have been dropped off. They are not to go into Bickley Motors yard or play on the office steps.
- Parents are to pick children up from outside Bickleys on the grass area.
- Children are not to cross the road unless with a parent.

I have already spoken to the children and also to a number of the parents outlining these changes and the reasons for them.

It is more convenient to have the final stop at the depot and hopefully it will be able to continue. The final decision is ultimately with Bickley Motors.

## Friday School Lunches 2017

Each Friday with the support of parents we offer a school lunch to all students. We always try to keep the cost reasonable so usually it is approximately \$3 for the savoury and \$2 for the sweet. There is a pantry supply cupboard at school and often items in the freezer such as mince and sausages which have been donated. The fundraising committee also have an account at Fresh Choice and parents are able to purchase items or they can donate ingredients.

Money raised from school lunches are used to help subsidise camps and trips, for example the Bridge Valley Camp this year costs \$210 per student but with funds raised from things such as the Friday lunch the fundraising committee are able to subsidise it by 50% and it is only costing each student \$110.

Every Friday we need one or two parent helpers who prepare, make and serve the lunch. This usually requires being at school in time to have lunch ready to be served at 12 noon.

We realise that not all parents are available on Fridays to help and we have some parents who prepare and bake at home and deliver the items to school in advance. We do have some fridge and freezer space to store pre-made baked goods.

The difficult part these days are getting parent volunteers to help on Fridays. In the past we have had a few parents that regularly help but unfortunately many of these parents have left as their children have moved on to High School.

We are trying to collate a list of available parents for this year and would appreciate if all parents could complete the form below and return it to school or email Jane in the office on office @motupipi.school.nz.

Please complete and return to school or email Jane at office@motupipi.school.nz

I am able to help with School Lunches on a Friday:

- Prepare and Serve
- Bake and Drop Off
- Unavailable

Name:.....

Contact Phone No/Email:.....

Childs name:.....