

Update



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Kia ora tātou,

What a difference a week makes! Along with the announcement that the rest of NZ were moving to Level 2, came a resurgence of uncertainty about what “normal life” might look like for the foreseeable future. Thank you all for your support of the kura and kaiako as we put policies in place to ensure the safety of our tamariki, their whānau and all of the staff here at Ōhinetahi.

The most frequently asked question at the moment is about tamariki and illness. With the government and country getting a handle on the situation last week, we were very strict with sending tamariki home if they were unwell. We still have a low tolerance for illness (it's just not worth the risk) but there is a case-by-case assessment of tamariki. If a child feels well and is not presenting any symptoms of COVID-19, they are welcome at school.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- a cough
- a high temperature of at least 38°C
- shortness of breath
- sore throat
- sneezing and runny nose
- temporary loss of smell.

The most common symptom amongst tamariki at the moment (and every winter) is a runny nose. If a child needs to blow their nose regularly and is sneezing, then they need to remain at home. If they need to blow their nose irregularly, have no other symptoms and are feeling well, then they are welcome at school.

PTO

You can appreciate that there are no hard and fast rules here. We make an assessment as best we can about children being sent home. We know that it can be inconvenient for whānau.

Thank you for continuing to support us as we strive to keep our community and tamariki safe.

QR Codes at the entrances to the school

Please ensure that you are using the QR Codes in the NZ Covid Tracer app. If you haven't yet downloaded the app, you can do this from the Apple Store or on Google Play. If you cannot download the app, you must sign in at the gate or the office.

Library Outreach Van

We are very sorry to advise that due to an unexpected reduction in staffing levels, the library service is no longer able to provide this service to our school with immediate effect. We have expressed our dismay at this change of events - particularly with our own school library closed! - and have asked to be considered a priority should any spots become available.

Please return any books currently on loan to any branch of Christchurch City Libraries.

As we move swiftly towards spring, be kind and be safe.

He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai.

If kindness is sown, then kindness you shall receive.

Nāku iti noa, nā

Meagan Kelly

Tumuaki

Calendar

August

Monday 17th

BOT Meeting 6.00pm

September

Monday 14th –18th

Māori Language Week

Thursday 17th

Korimako Trip to Recycling Plant

Friday 18th

Junior School Trip to the Museum

Monday 21st

BOT Meeting 6.00pm

Friday 25th

End of Term Assembly

Update

Year 8 Wellington Trip—Quiz Night Fundraiser

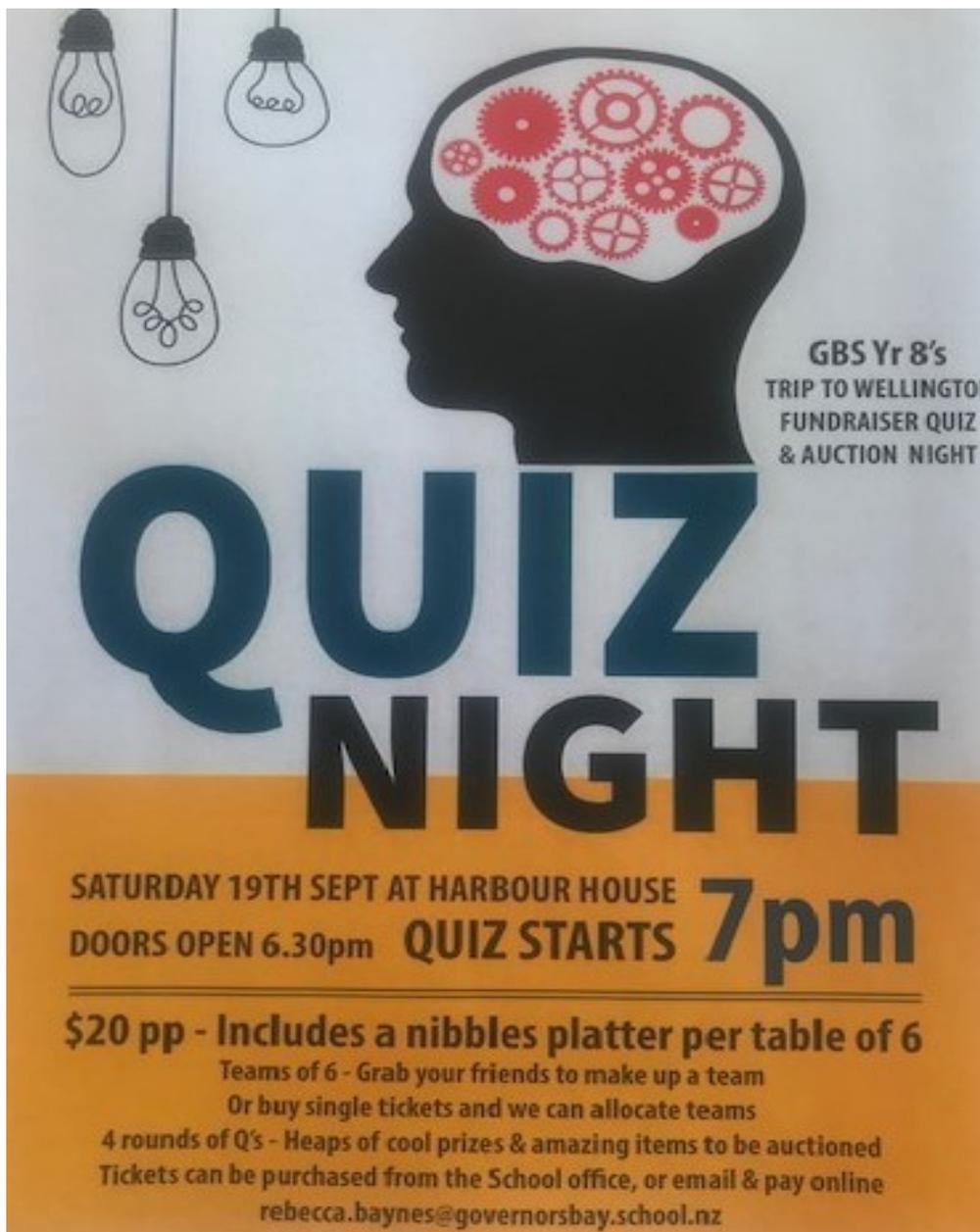
How you can help!

Hopefully you all have the 19th of September locked in your diaries for the Year 8 Wellington Trip fundraising event at Harbour House. As part of the event we will be holding an auction and are therefore calling for donations of items we can include in the auction. Examples are: restaurant vouchers, service vouchers (eg plumbing, legal, medical) holiday house accommodation, classic car rides, retail store items. We will recognise all businesses that support us so it will be good advertising for them. If you know of any individuals or businesses that may be interested in donating something to help us out please get in touch with Hillary Bleach on 021874085 or hilbleach@gmail.com.

Get your teams together and buy your tickets from the school office.

Please if you can, donate an item for us to make up a grocery and nibbles hamper. Please bring items into the Kereru Class.

Thank you so much for all your help

A poster for a Quiz Night fundraiser. The top half features a silhouette of a head in profile, filled with red gears, and three hanging light bulbs. The text 'GBS Yr 8's TRIP TO WELLINGTON FUNDRAISER QUIZ & AUCTION NIGHT' is on the right. The words 'QUIZ NIGHT' are written in large, bold, blue letters. The bottom half has an orange background with white text: 'SATURDAY 19TH SEPT AT HARBOUR HOUSE DOORS OPEN 6.30pm QUIZ STARTS 7pm', '\$20 pp - Includes a nibbles platter per table of 6', 'Teams of 6 - Grab your friends to make up a team Or buy single tickets and we can allocate teams', '4 rounds of Q's - Heaps of cool prizes & amazing items to be auctioned', and 'Tickets can be purchased from the School office, or email & pay online rebecca.baynes@governorsbay.school.nz'.

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Tui Class

Tui Class have been practising good handwriting with a focus on one Letterland character each week.

In our Term 3 inquiry the Juniors have learnt that water is essential to life on Earth, that it is a tāonga and we were scientists learning about the H₂O water cycle. We created our own mini water cycle and learnt the Water Cycle Song to remember what evaporation, condensation and precipitation are.

We have all also created amazing designs in art as inspiration for the Pop up Penguin.

