

Update



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Kia ora tātou,

What a rollercoaster ride we have had over the past few weeks, between the weather changes and the uncertainty around alert levels. As you will have heard, we are staying put at Alert Level 2 for the moment, pending a review on Monday 14 September. If a change is decided upon it will take effect at 11.59pm on Wednesday 16 September. It is likely we'll be in and out of Alert Levels as COVID-19 will be with us for some time. With that in mind, we are still preparing for a return to Alert Level 3, just in case... (But with our fingers crossed that it doesn't come to that!)

Thanks to those who have already completed the survey I sent out when we moved to Alert Level 2. I will email those families directly whom I haven't had a response from yet.

Upcoming events

- On Thursday this week, our Year 8 students attending Te iringa o Kahukura | Cashmere High School will be writing their entrance exams. Stay calm and good luck!
- From Monday 14—Friday 18 September, we will be celebrating **Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori** | Māori Language Week. There will be daily challenges for tamariki and for whānau. Always wanted to give it a go? Start using high frequency words like 'tamariki' for children and 'kura' for school. It's amazing how quickly we can build a vocabulary of new kupu (words)!
- Sadly, after four attempts, the **Canterbury Cross Country** event has been cancelled. We are so proud of the ākonga who were due to compete at this high level: Sienna B, Bradan F, Sasha H, Ella J, Roisin M, Kate R, Finn VK.

End of Term Assembly - Alert Level 1

Please join us for the End of Term Assembly to celebrate the efforts and achievements of ākonga on Thursday 24 September, 1:30 - 2:30pm.

If we are at Alert Level 2, we will hold two assemblies in the morning:

- 9:30 - 10:30 for Tūi and Korimako
- 10:30 - 11:30am for Pīwakawaka and Kererū

This means that whānau will be able to attend while we maintain physical distancing.

PTO

Continued

Regardless of the level, this will be followed by the **PTA Great Team Challenge at 2:30pm**. Read more about this below - and a massive THANK YOU to our awesome PTA who have been working hard to pull this event together for our ākonga. Please advise the teacher if you need your child to be at the gate at 3:00pm, or you are welcome to collect them between 3pm and 3:30pm.

Teacher Workload Day for Term 4 - Monday 16 November

To allow us to do some pre-planning for 2021, the kaiako will be meeting on **Monday 16 November** and school will be closed. Enjoy an extra long weekend, with Friday being Show Day!

End of Year Reporting (New Format)

Last Term each whānau for Years 4 - 8 met with their kaiako to discuss progress through the year. If your child is in Years 1 - 3, you will meet with kaiako at different milestones over the year. Every child will receive an end of year report before the end of Term 4.

Instead of individual conferences, we are going to offer two afternoon **learning celebrations**, where the classroom doors will be thrown open and whānau welcomed in to view the learning from the year.

Planning for 2021

Early in Term 1 next year, we will hold individual goal setting conferences with kaiako, ākonga (students) and whānau. At this time, you can share your hopes and dreams for your child and they will be an integral part in planning for their own success. We will then report back to you and meet with you again at mid-year, to report progress. End of year 2021 will again be classroom learning celebrations and final reports.

Nāku iti noa, nā

Meagan Kelly

Tumuaki

Calendar

September

Tuesday 8	Yr8 Meeting for Quiz Night. Harbour House 7.00pm
Monday 14 –18	Māori Language Week
Thursday 17	Year 3 Trip Bromley Metro Refuse
Friday 18	Junior School Trip to the Museum
Monday 21	BOT Meeting 6.00pm
Thursday 24	End of Term Assembly 1.30—2.30pm - Level 1 Tui & Korimako 9.30-10.30am Level 2 Piwakawaka & Kereru 10.30-11.30am Level 2
Thursday 24	PTA Scavenger Hunt 2.45—3.15pm
Friday 25	Last day of Term 3

Update

Assembly Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who received certificates in Assembly last Friday.

Tūī	Zoe G, Heidi, Murdoch and Alexia
Korimako	Billy, Cody and Eva
Pīwakawaka	Alex P, Sophie, Maxi-Jae and Josh
Kererū	Luke, Finn R, Ursula and Ella J

PTA Update

The PTA is running "The Great Team Challenge 2020" on Thursday 27th September at 2:30pm. It will start straight after the end of term assembly, which starts at 1:30pm. The PTA will set up the event during the assembly, but will need approximately 10 parent helpers during the event to help children complete task etc. We anticipate it to be an amazingly fun event, which will wrap up around 3.00pm/3:30pm. If you are willing and able to help, the PTA (and kids!) would be very grateful. Please email the PTA directly if you can help: gbspta2020@gmail.com. Thank you!

Remember to follow the PTA on their facebook page. [FACEBOOK](#)

Basket Ball Hoops

A huge thank you to the Van Keulen and Derry families for fixing up the basketball hoops and backboards. They look fantastic!

Year 6 Climate Change

Well done to our Year 6's who attended the Enviro School Climate Change seminar last week where they presented to a group of teachers. They did an amazing job representing Governors Bay and made us all very proud.



Sun Hats

Next term, sunhats are compulsory at school. If you need to order a sunhat please email Rebecca and she can do this for you.

Update

Year 8 Wellington Trip—Quiz Night Fundraiser

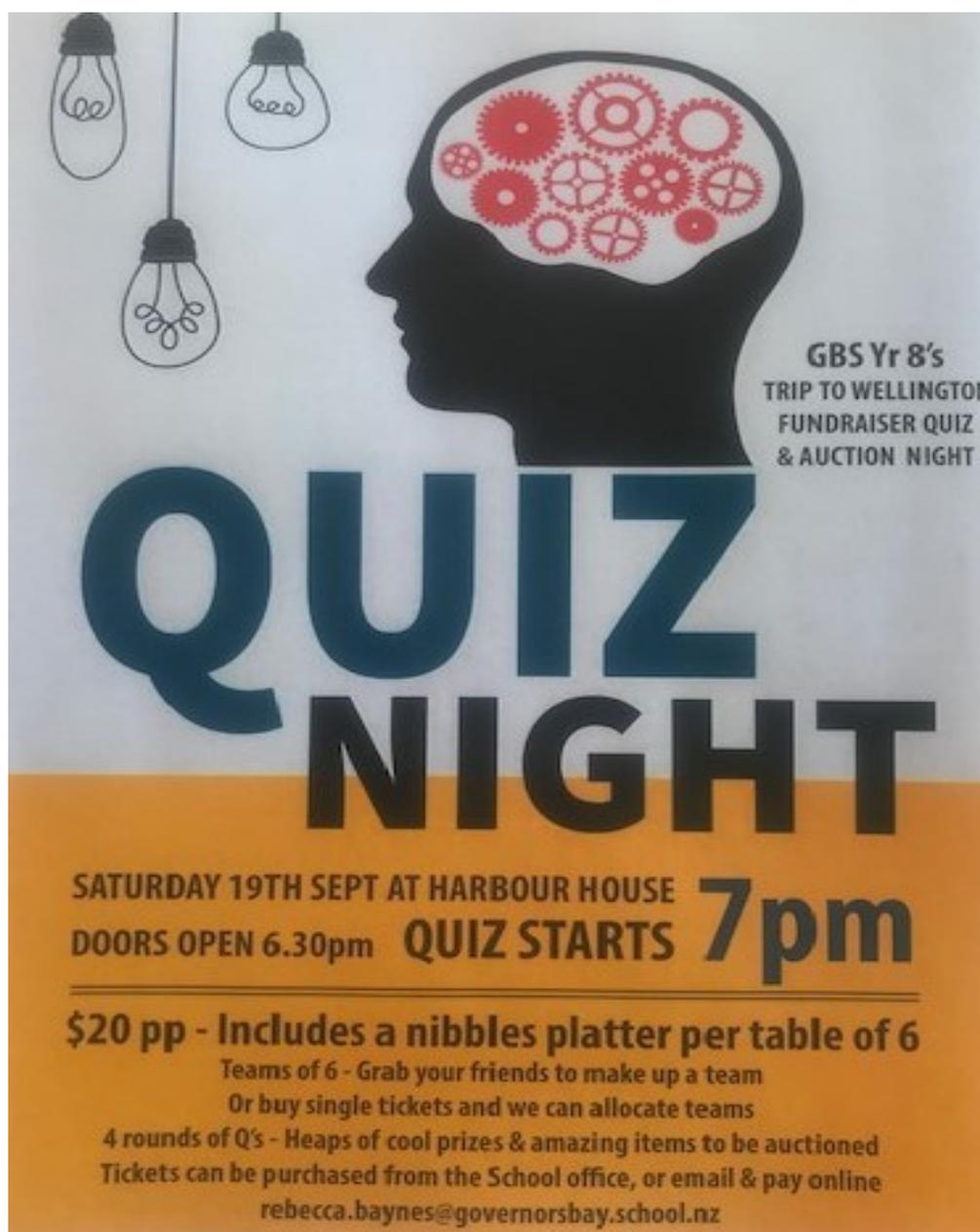
Tickets are still available for the Quiz night fundraiser on Saturday 19th September. See poster below.

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 (e.g. 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, symbolizing thought and intelligence. To the left, three lightbulbs are hanging from wires. The text 'GBS Yr 8's TRIP TO WELLINGTON FUNDRAISER QUIZ & AUCTION NIGHT' is positioned to the right of the head. The words 'QUIZ NIGHT' are written in large, bold, blue letters across the middle. The bottom half of the poster has an orange background and contains the following 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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Update

In Korimako this term, have been Writing about a “View from my Window”. We have been describing photos taken around the world by people stuck in their homes due to Covid 19. This week we will be describing the view from our homes. We can't wait.



As I observe out my window in Brisbane, Australia, I feel tearful and anxious. This virus is killing people as fast as bee's when they sting. I see a dotted patterned lamp hanging from a tree. The lorikeets are colourful like a rainbow in the sky. The terracotta fountain is covered in Lorikeets. The leaves have white lines in the middle of them. I see white and grey rocks making a path. The ferns in the background are little and brown. There's also a black metal fountain hanging from one tree. Stay safe, Covid is coming!

By Chloe

In mid-March, Covid 19 spread like a flood. I was locked in my house in Brisbane, Australia. When I gaze out my window, I see a bunch of lorikeets. They are cheeky, hungry and colourful. I can also see a lamp that has dots on it. My lovely path is stony and has wooden side. The shaking feeling of Covid 19 in chasing me.

By Arlo



In early April, Covid 19 came through everyone's door. It almost came in my door in Whakatane, New Zealand. I am very very scared of Coronavirus. I hope that the virus doesn't come through my door! I can see an island in the middle of the sea. I can also see the blue sea. I feel gloomy because I miss my friends because of Coronavirus.

By Louis C

As I gaze out my window in Whakatane, New Zealand, I feel gloomy and horrified. Covid 19 is doing no good or help. People have been dying as fast as the speed of light. Anyway, you have no idea what I can see out my window. First, I can see dazzling trees that I think are pohutukawa. They are large and leafy. I can also see an extremely small car in the distance. It's white and black. There are some rocks with fluffy moss and seaweed on them. The track looks like a long jetty and last but not least a deserted island. It is very bumpy and it's also got a valley on the left. There is a road that leads to the beach with a footpath running next to it and there is a fence beside the path.

By Kate M

Update

Korimako Class

Last week we completed observational drawings of a bunch of beautiful daffodils that Niall brought into school from his garden.



Community Notices

Kelly Sports September/October Holiday Programmes

Bookings for our upcoming Kelly Sports Holiday Programmes at Hillview Christian School and Hillmorton High School are now available online. With strict Covid-19 restrictions in place Kelly Sports have re-implemented approved Safety Measures to protect everyone attending the programmes.

The focus of our Programmes is to ensure kids are active throughout with a great mixture of games and activities to suit everyone. WINZ Subsidies are available for families that qualify and we have options of Half Day sessions, School Day sessions and Full Day sessions available.

To register and for more information please visit www.kellysports.co.nz and search for your venue of choice or contact Steve on steve@kellysports.co.nz for more information.

Bush Farm School Holiday Programme—Learning with Nature

Our School Holiday 'Back To Our Roots' programmes are usually one and two day sessions that focus on a particular skill, combined with eco-literacy games, sensory activities, waiata, story-telling and free play.

We have a mixture of courses in a variety of locations (Purau, Little River, Charteris Bay and Christchurch Central). Limited Spaces. Book today! www.bushfarmschool.com

Tree Planting at Styx Mill

This Sunday (13th September) School Strike for Climate Christchurch, in partnership with the CCC are holding a tree planting day at Styx Mill. This will take place from 10:15am-1:30pm, meeting in town, for transport out and a light lunch provided. This will be a fantastic opportunity for young environmentalists from all over Christchurch to meet up and make connections. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Here is the eventfinda link for more details and to sign up: [Link](#)

Dental Care during the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing dental care for children enrolled with our service during the upcoming school holidays. The clinics will offer treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only. To make an appointment please call/email our Contact Centre which operates between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday throughout the holidays.

The following Dental Clinics will be open during these school holidays:

- Aranui Clinic, 240 Breezes Road, Aranui,
- Lincoln Clinic, 35 James Street, Lincoln,
- Rangiora Clinic, 163 Ashley Street, Rangiora,
- Timaru Clinic, Level 1, 18 Woolcombe Street, Timaru

The clinics will offer appointments between 8.15am and 4.45pm for school-age and preschool children requiring treatment. If your child has dental pain because of an accident, please contact your dentist in the first instance.

To book an appointment at one of our clinics please: call 0800 846 983 or email commdental@cdhb.health.nz