



# W E L C O M E T O G R E Y T O W N S C H O O L

“DREAMS COME IN A SIZE TOO BIG, SO THAT YOU CAN GROW INTO THEM!”

30 May 2019

## **YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE**

Miss Verwey and I had the pleasure of spending the day with our school young leaders at the recent New Zealand Young Leaders Conference in Porirua. This group of children do a lot of incredible organising around our school, much of which is often behind the scenes. They help to arrange and set up exciting events to help other children in the school have fun and demonstrate their talents across the curriculum on a daily basis e.g: Talent Quests, Wheels Day Competitions, Assembly House Quizzes. To help them learn more about leadership and also to reward them for all they do we took them out for the day. During this event they were able to hear from a variety of wonderful speakers: Ronnie Taulafo (What Now presenter), Hana Tapiata (NZ Women's Rugby and Social Media expert), Kingdon Chapple-Wilson a.k.a Kings (NZ Award Winning Performer)..just to name a few. They also had a lot of fun taking part in games and enjoying Kings performance. Thank you to all our parent drivers for volunteering your time to take them and for making this day a success!



## **ON YA BIKE NIGHT- WHAT AN INCREDIBLE EVENT!**

Wow this event was amazing! The food was delicious. Sarah Walker had everyone enthralled by her stories and life lessons of being an Olympic and World Champion BMX rider. Our Head Boy Xavier Cook and Head Girl Claudia Hopkins kept Sarah on her toes asking questions that children had submitted for the night. The auction had people flying their hands up and lots of great banter as people tried to outbid each other (or stop their loved one's bidding)! The band had the dance floor pumping!

Overall it was a wonderful evening that was enjoyed by all those who attended and was a hugely successful night for our school kids and community as it helped us to raise over \$15,000 for our bike track. I would like to say a HUGE thank you to our organising committee for overseeing the coordination of this event. You put in a ginormous effort in order to make this night a success and it was so much fun and ran like clockwork behind the scenes. Our kids and community will be extremely thankful when they start using the bike track.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!

- Neil Preston.
- Ben, Kirsty, Ian, Philippa, Dave and the team from Property Brokers.
- Jackie Gray from Greytown Sports and Leisure.
- Rachel Gawith from our FRoGs team and all her helpers behind the scenes.
- Phil Cox from Avalon Marketing.
- Russel and Louise Ballinger and their team from Brasserie 74.
- Rusty Donworth and his team from The French Baker.
- All the sponsors who donated prizes for our auction or great deals for food/drink items.
- Fleeced Band for the entertainment
- Transit buses for providing free transport and Kevin McKay for driving the bus.
- Bex Kempton



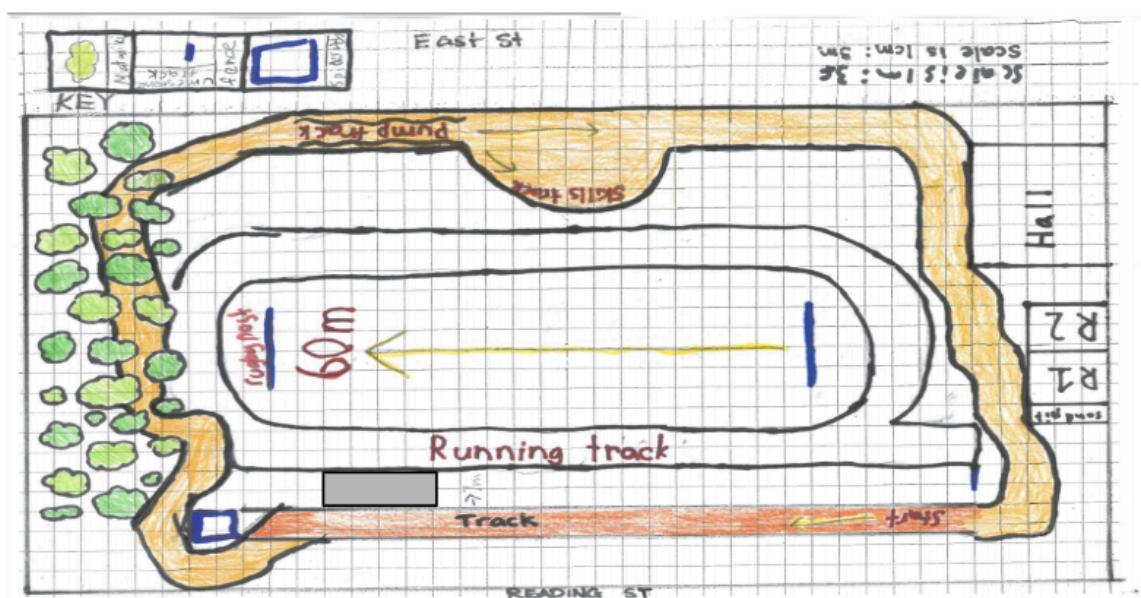
- All the parents and families who donated time to help serve and work behind the scenes on the night!
- Rachel Burt, Carol Ferguson and other staff and BOT members who pitched in when we needed them.

### OUR BIKE TRACK PLANS!

We now have a total of \$40,000 so we can start to make our Dream Track a reality. This means we need to get a project team together to design the specifics of the track and then get the building work underway. YAH!!! If you have building or specific trade skills, equipment, useful contacts that may come in handy...or you would like to volunteer your expertise or time to be on the construction/design team then please email Neil Preston [npreston@greytown.school.nz](mailto:npreston@greytown.school.nz)

Finally.....Even though we are able to start building our track we will still need to raise another \$15,000 to purchase storage and bikes for kids to use. We are aiming to purchase at least 50 bikes of different sizes so that all our kids can enjoy this track and also use these for other EOTC school events (e.g.: Remutaka Incline Mountain Bike Trip, Rail Trail Bike Trip, Wheels Days etc). So look out for our next big idea!

## DESIGN OF THE TRACK      KEY = CONTAINER



*Thanks Miss O'Connor*



## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

<b>June</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Queen's Birthday weekend
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Kuranui Open Day
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Cross Country
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Matariki Celebration
<b>July</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term 2

## SICKNESS AT SCHOOL

As well as a headcold/fever/sore throat there is also a stomach bug doing the rounds at school at present. **Please keep your child at home for 48 hours if they vomit or have diarrhoea.** Please advise the office of your child's absence by 9.15am and provide a reason so we can keep track of any illnesses.

## SCHOOL WIRELESS GROUP

Greytown School term 2 Live Wires radio group hit the airwaves this Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May @ 10am on Arrow FM 92.7 FM. It is also on the internet [www.arrowfm.co.nz](http://www.arrowfm.co.nz) and the programme is repeated on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June @ 4pm. Well done to Sadie, George, Sam, Evelyn and Liv for putting together an awesome show.

## GREYTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES' ELECTION

Please look out for your voting papers and candidate statements in the mail in the next few days.

Please post your voting paper back or drop it into the school office into the voting box.

Voting papers need to be returned by noon on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019 when voting closes.

Megan Wall, Returning Officer

## WORLD ENVIRONMENT 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019

It would be great if you could rummage around home and bring into School any unwanted mobile phones you may have.

Phones collected help the environment and also keeps our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances.

Please drop any phones you may have in the collection box in school reception.

*Go Country in Upper Hutt*

**Monday 3 June**  
*Queen's Birthday*  
10 - 2pm

Join us in Upper Hutt for a day in the country to celebrate the Topp Twins.

Visit the exhibition, decorate a rainbow cupcake, make a protest placard and have a go at line dancing before heading up to Staglands to meet the Topp Twins.

The Topp Twins will be at Staglands Wildlife Reserve from 12-2pm in the barn, for a meet and greet.

Travel to Staglands at own cost/arrangement and entry fees applies.

Suitable for all ages - No booking required

EXPRESSIONS Whirinaki  
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836 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt | [expressions.org.nz](http://expressions.org.nz)  
Staglands Wildlife Reserve & Café



## The Developing Brain

Monday 5 August 2019, 7:30pm - 9:00pm  
Douglas Park School, 136 Cole Street, Masterton

Douglas Park School are proud to announce that the host of the documentary "All in the Mind", and co-host of the TV Series "The Secret life of Girls", Nathan Wallis, Aotearoa's renowned neuroscience educator, is coming to our community with his talk - The Developing Brain.

With a profound reputation as a lively and engaging speaker, Nathan uses humour and plain language to make this complex topic burst into life. So, here's your chance to get all the latest research from a valid source, in a way that's made to make sense.

In this presentation, Nathan will guide you through the stages of brain development that happen across childhood, which is a lot longer than you think. Nathan will reveal little tricks to make parenting easier, and help you open up communication with your child in a way that actually gets them to listen, develop & grow, and even like you more!

You will walk away understanding how yours and your child's brain work, so you know that a lot of it is normal development and not in fact your fault - Phew!

This talk is for those parents or caregivers who want a quick snapshot of brain development. His unique "tell you how it is" style will have you captivated, and you will walk away jam-packed with "ah-ha" moments.

Tickets are available at [www.eventfinda.co.nz](http://www.eventfinda.co.nz).

Get in quick as tickets will sell out.

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# JELLY JUNE



## ENVIRO GROUP FUNDRAISER



The Greytown School Enviro Group is fundraising to finish the "bottle glass house" and other green projects.

Jelly will be available for children lunch time on Friday 7th June.

Please return this form with

RETURN TO CLASS TEACHER WITH \$1 COIN

CHILDS NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ROOM NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

ANY ALLERGIES (so we can double check ingredients) \_\_\_\_\_

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