



## Newsletter - Thursday 13th February 2020

### **GREAT START TO 2020 !**

Welcome to our new families that have started the 2020 year with us as well as our new teachers Mr. Daniel Salter (room 14) and Miss Nickee Verstraten (room 6). We hope you settle into our school and community quickly. For our returning families it is wonderful to see you back and we look forward to hearing about many of your summer adventures. We have had a great start to the school year with children loving the opportunities to show their new teachers how clever and hard working they are. It's always a bit daunting to change classrooms, syndicates and make new friends, however they are realising that it's also more exciting and easier than they thought. They quickly realise they are ready for new challenges and that they still know a lot of people (and can still "hang out" with their former classmates in the playground).

### **LOOKING AHEAD TO 2020 !**

This year is going to see the start and finish of a lot of projects around our school. Our Bike Track is close to the end of construction with a few more additions needed to give us our dream track and a full container of equipment. Our Playbased area by Room 1 and 2 will be completed in the next few weeks and we are waiting for the cooler weather so we can finish our Bell Tower area with new grass. New projects starting will be the Senior Build which will start towards Term 4. In preparation for this we will relocate a few classrooms (which will get a refurbish too!) and the senior playground to make way for the new building. When we move the senior playground there will be an opportunity to revamp parts to give it a new look and make it more exciting for our kids. Watch this space to help us with fundraising and construction!

### **TVNZ BREAKFAST TEAM VISIT**

Yesterday we were invited to take a group of children down to Cobblestones to be part of the Breakfast Team's on the road tour. The kids (and adults!) were excited to meet Matty McLean, John Campbell, Hayley Holt and Jenny-May Coffin. Their team was incredible as they took time in between recording to talk to kids about their jobs, share their experiences and also give them the chance to look at their technical equipment and see what happens behind the scenes. Check out the segment celebrating our town on TVNZ on Demand.



**"DREAMS COME IN A SIZE TOO BIG, SO THAT YOU CAN GROW IN TO THEM!"**

## MEET AND GREET NIGHTS

Next week is our Meet and Greet evenings. This gives parents the opportunity to get an overview of learning, yearly events and meet the Teaching Team in each syndicate and class. These will be held in the school library and then teachers will take you back to the class for any specific classroom information.

In between each one we invite families to stay and have a casual picnic around the bell tower area to meet other families as well. So pack a picnic or order some Fish and Chips and come and join us!

### TUESDAY 18th February

- Kahikatea Syndicate 5.30-6.15pm
- Picnic Tea by the Bell Tower 6.15pm-6.45pm (come early or stay longer if you like)
- Kauri Syndicate 6.45pm-7.30pm

### THURSDAY 20th February

- Kowhai Syndicate 5.30-6.15pm
- Picnic Tea by the Bell Tower 6.15pm-6.45pm (come early or stay longer if you like)
- Kawaka Syndicate 6.45pm-7.30pm

## CURRICULUM CONSULTATION ONLINE - LAST CHANCE TO SHARE IDEAS

As part of our curriculum review we started at the end of last year we are carrying out a community survey. This survey asks parents and families what they believe the key components of teaching our curriculum with a "Greytown local feel" would look like. The survey opened at the end of term four and we will close it in two weeks...so this is your last chance to share your great ideas and have a say in what we can teach our children in the near future. The survey code is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RTYWR29> or QR code



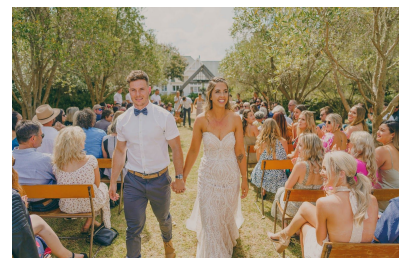
## BIKE TRACK IN THE LAST STAGES

Thank you to Rusty, Jamie and Sam from Ground Control for all their hard work over the last few weeks in constructing our bike track. Last week we had a trial run with a group of students of varying ages and riding confidence. As a result we need to make a few minor tweaks as well as giving the lime track time to harden before we open it up for riding. This will also give us a little more time to put bikes together ready for our kids to ride. Thank you to our kids and community for staying off the track until it is completely ready to go...I know it is hard looking at it!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO MR & MRS HENDERSON

Over the summer Miss Southall retired and was pleasantly replaced with Mrs Henderson. We would like to congratulate Alex and Matt.

It was a beautiful wedding and they were both stunning! Now we have the fun job of remembering to call her Mrs Henderson!



## ABSENCES

If your child is going to be away for any reason or be late to school can you please advise the office eg: pop in, email [office@greytown.school.nz](mailto:office@greytown.school.nz), use the absence tab on your school app or use the absence section on the school website. This is very important as it is a legal and safety requirement for us to know where your child is. (Please make contact before 9am) If they are sick can you please let us know what kind of sickness it is so we can also track patterns and in some circumstances ie: chicken pox or other contagious illnesses let other parents/families be aware just in case.

## KEEPING UP TO DATE

If you need any information about our school day and learning programmes, calendar events, updates, newsletters etc please make sure you check out

- Our Greytown-Primary School Facebook page
- Our School Website

Most importantly please put our School App on your phone so you receive all quick updates/alerts, (cancellations, postponements, important last minute updates etc!) and access to the school calendar.

Join our School App by scanning this QR Code or visiting our School Website for the link.



## FINALLY

We look forward to an amazing year, full of fun, learning, new opportunities and a continuation of what makes our school a truly unique place. If the staff, BOT, kids or I can help you or your child/ren in any way to settle into our school community, find out what is happening, or different aspects of our learning programmes please contact us.

[Ngā mihi maioha Miss Patrice O'Connor](#)

### Dates For Your Diary

<b>18th Feb</b>	Meet & Greet, Kahikatea/Kauri
<b>20th Feb</b>	Meet & Greet, Kowhai/Kawaka
<b>25th Feb</b>	School Swimming sports Y3 up
<b>26th Feb</b>	Kawaka Swimming sports
<b>28th Feb</b>	Kowhai Swimming showcase
<b>6th Mar</b>	Winter Sports signup, 1-1.45pm

### Greytown Netball Club 2020

Greytown Netball Club seniors are looking for new players and coaches. Any skill or fitness level is welcome, we cater for everyone from competitive to social. If you're looking for a fun way to get fit and make new friends then send an email to [greytownnetballclub@gmail.com](mailto:greytownnetballclub@gmail.com) or facebook [www.facebook.com/greytownnetballclub](https://www.facebook.com/greytownnetballclub).

### Wairarapa Spitfires Baseball

Rookie Ball (Years 3 to 6) started again on Saturday 1st February at 9.30 am at the Kuranui College baseball diamond in Greytown. New players are welcome. For more info contact Eileen 027 602 8597.

Year 7 & 8's Wairarapa Spitfires have an U13 Weds night baseball development league. For more info contact Shane Fawdray 027 395 5001.

### Greytown Junior Football Club

AGM Tues 3rd March 7.30pm at Top Pub Boardroom. With 133 players last season, we need a committee to help organise shirts, new balls, BBQ on the Junior festival days etc. If you would like to help, please show your support and attend this meeting. We welcome new committee members and hold a maximum of 6 meetings a year.



### Breadcraft Kids Triathlon Series

Starts Mon 17th Feb. Register now to get all 3 races for \$10.50 at [www.wmsc.org.nz](http://www.wmsc.org.nz). Entry on the day will be \$10 PER RACE. Any queries ring Judy Brown 027 681 5800 or 378 7867

### Spiderman toys/activities (not dress-ups)

We are in need of some Spiderman action figures, easy spiderman jigsaws, books or games. If you have any at home that your children no longer play with can you drop them in at the school office. Thank you.

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### Incredible Years

We have an Incredible Years course starting 3rd March in Masterton details below.

The Incredible Years BASIC parenting programme is for parents and caregivers of children 3-8 years old. It is designed to develop positive family relationships and empower parents to make change and manage difficult behaviour.

Incredible Years Registrations can be completed at

<http://www.incrediblefamilies.org.nz/incredible-years/register/>

This as a free 14 week course and support for childcare and transport is available

**Masterton: Tuesday mornings**

**3 March - 23 June**

**9:30 am - 12 noon**

**2 Workshop Road, Masterton**

Please contact Jane Dunbier if you have any queries.

**Jane Dunbier, Administrator**

**Incredible Families, 027 418 2671**



