



## Newsletter – Thursday 27th February 2020

### SWIMMING

Our kids love getting into the pool each day, especially in this beautiful hot weather. Over the last four weeks they have been upskilling themselves, training so they can achieve their personal best at the numerous swimming sports events and having fun.

Yesterday and today we had a fantastic turnout from family and friends who cheered for everyone and celebrated their accomplishments at the School Swimming Sports and the Kawaka Showcase. Tomorrow we have our Kowhai Showcase at 12.30pm.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO:

- Blake Walker for all his leadership and organisation for our Senior Sports and school swimming activities.
- Our Parent/Whānau helpers for time keeping and setting up on the day. Without you it would be impossible!
- Our Parent/Whānau for coming and supporting our kids
- All our staff who work behind the scenes teaching lessons, helping kids choose the right events and organising all the other special swimming events that help our children showcase their learning to our wider community.

Here are a few of our photos from these events. Check out the Facebook page for more!



### LEARNING CONFERENCES

It is time for our first Learning Conferences for 2020. These will be held next week on

- **Wednesday 4th March – school finishes early at 12.00pm**
- **Thursday 5th March – school finishes as normal**

The first Learning Conference is designed to establish a 2020 learning partnership between parents/caregivers, your child and their teacher. The focus of these are children

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

sharing their learning to date and together set learning goals for term 1 and 2 in 2020. For teachers and parents it is time to talk to ensure that everyone is on the same page in supporting our learners to be successful in 2020.

It is incredibly important that as their parents/caregivers you support this conference by attending. By making the time to attend you are letting your child know that you take their learning seriously, and that you want them to achieve their goals.

We are aware that these conferences are only for **15 minutes**, which doesn't allow time for in-depth achievement, social or behaviour discussions with the teacher. However you can make alternative arrangements on the night to meet your child's teacher/s at another time or ask them to make phone contact with you.

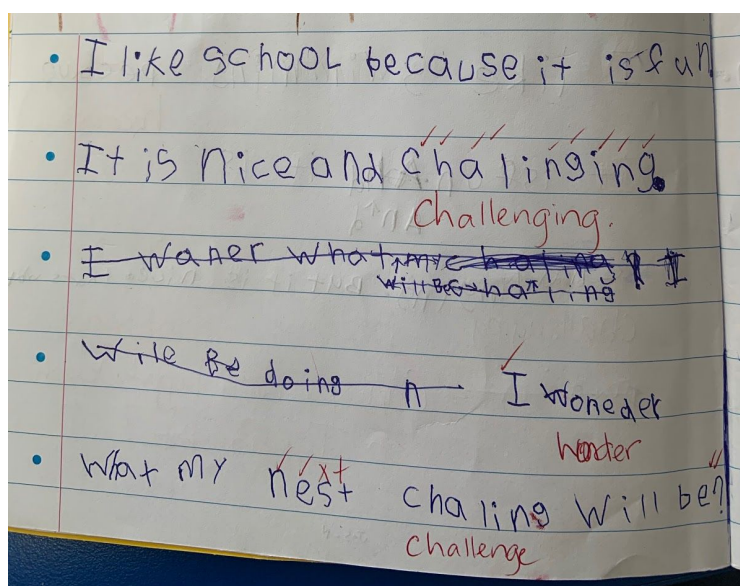
As in the past we are using an online booking form. When using this site you can see the times available to make your booking and it can send you a confirmation email. Times available are **Wednesday 4th March 12.30pm to 6.45pm, Thursday 5th 3.15 and 5.15 pm.**

The URL of the bookings site is: [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) the code is **kja93**.

If you do not have access to the Internet please give the office a call or pop in and Carol or Megan can make the booking for you.

Please remember school will be finishing early on Wednesday, however bus children can remain in the library until 3pm if needed.

### Great Writing by Josiah Year 2



### BIKE TRACK IN THE LAST STAGES

Our Bike track is now at the stage where we can start using it. Next week as part of "Moving March" we will trial it. We will have an official opening at the end of March where we will invite the community and everyone who was involved with its construction.

We have 50 newly assembled bikes of various sizes that allow access for all our students and we also have helmets. We are taking it slowly to make sure our students are confident and safe. The first week will focus on rules and getting to know the bikes and track.

We still need to raise a little more money to purchase some of the equipment we need to be fully functional so we will be running some small fundraising activities each week throughout March eg Mufti days, sausage sizzle. We would like to start with a coin trail starting on March 2nd. Students are invited to bring along a coin at some stage in the 1st

week to contribute to this. We will keep you informed over the month what other fundraisers will be coming up

### **KEEPING UP TO DATE – HELP US TO HELP YOU.**

We try our very best to keep everyone informed, however we do need your support to check and read information regularly too.

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

- Our Greytown Primary School Facebook page
- Our School Website
- Our School App (download from the Website – install Kiwischools AP – Search for Greytown School and subscribe to all)
- Our School Newsletter
- Your class communication system – Seesaw, Class Dojo and Kauri Google Site (Please see your class teacher for specific information)

We try and send out information on multiple platforms so that you can keep informed, up to date and can get involved.

### **Ngā mihi maioha Miss Patrice O'Connor**

#### **Dates For Your Diary**

<b>28th Feb</b>	Kowhai Swimming showcase
<b>4th Mar</b>	Learning Conferences 12.30–7.30pm
<b>5th Mar</b>	Learning Conferences 3.15–5.15pm
<b>6th Mar</b>	Winter Sports signup, 1–1.45pm
<b>9th Mar</b>	Interschool Swimming
<b>11th Mar</b>	Yr5/6 EOTC at Pool

### **Thank You**

Thank you to parents who have set up a direct debit (particularly of Year 7 & 8's to cover the costs of EOTC, Tech, laptop payments etc). This is a great way to spread the charges. If you need any information about costs please contact the office.

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### **Movin' March**

#### **Parent Photo Comp**

Snap a photo of your family's journey to school during Movin' March & win! It might highlight a small adventure or wonder discovered along the way, or capture a moment in your journey. Post your photo on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) with #movinmarch. All entries go in the daily draw to win a family pass to a fun destination in the Wellington region.

#### **WOW Passport Challenge**

Each day we will stamp the walk or wheel trips your tamariki do to OR from school. All entries go in the draw to win one of 12 \$400 My Ride vouchers. Let's get stamping!

### **Greytown Junior Netball**

Greytown Junior Netball will hold an Open Day for current and new players at 3pm Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at Greytown School. This year we are running a years 1-4 program on Saturday mornings at Kuranui College and Years 5-8 playing either Tues after school in Masterton or on Sat mornings at Kuranui College. More details to come out once teams are confirmed. We look forward to seeing you.

