



Newsletter - Thursday 6th August 2020



MATARIKI CELEBRATION

This was another fantastic Matariki Celebration, a real highlight of our year. The weather was cold, but with lots of warm clothes, a fire, hot sausages and drinks we loved it. Thank you to our Senior girls for learning the Karanga, our Head students for speaking, our Kapa Haka for performing and all the parents and teachers that made this possible. A very special thanks to Ms Dorreen Mackenzie for all her organisation and leadership.

If you would like to see more photos that Rebecca Kempton took, please check out this link Gallery: <https://www.rebeccakempton.com/greytown-school-matariki>

FUN RUN - "The Orchards"

Tuesday August 11th, 11:30am - 2:30pm (There is no cancellation date)

We appreciate your patience waiting for details of the Greytown School Fun Run. Barton's Farm, the usual site for the Cross Country, was not available to us this year due to timing of the return to school in Term 2. The Fun Run will not be a whole day event and children are expected to attend school as normal in the morning.

We are fortunate that 'The Orchards' and Holmes Construction have opened up their site location to Greytown School to have the Fun Run there this year. We will be running around areas where they are not currently working and their site construction area will be clearly marked off.

Greytown School owes a great debt of gratitude to Wayne Regnault and Anton Persico who have liaised with all the groups on-site to make the day possible. We are in the final stages of confirming the exact course now site availability has been confirmed. Maps and details of the course and viewing areas for parents will be available on the day.

LEARNING CONFERENCES

Tonight is our last night for Learning Conferences. Thank you to all the parents and families that attended to support their children. If you were unable to attend and would like to make time with your child's teacher, please feel free to contact them directly by email or pop in before or after school to make a mutually convenient time.

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

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Teacher Only Day is the **28th August**. **School will be closed on this day for the whole day** so please make other arrangements for your child. During this day our staff will be updating their skills with an outside consultant focusing on our Positive Behaviour System and Restorative Practices as part of our school Hauora values.

COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

With a growing school, we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and families about common communication systems in our school. It is important that you are able to keep fully up to date and informed with upcoming events etc

- **School Newsletters** - these come out once a fortnight (starting the first week of the school term). These come out via our school app, school website, email (if you let the office know) or we can print them out in hardcopy (also if you let the office know). They contain dates and important information for upcoming events so you can be organised and get involved.
- **School App** - This is a one-stop-shop for communication and is an essential way of staying in touch with daily activities. You can download this free app called “Kiwi Schools Connect”, select our school and then you will receive all the alerts, changes, newsletters etc. You can also send in daily absences on this too!
- **Greytown Primary Facebook** - This is another way we try to keep our parents in touch with upcoming events as well as share photos of celebrations, activities and community activities that our families like to get involved in.
- **School Website** - www.greytown.school.nz All our information, absences, newsletters, school calendar etc can all be found on this website.
- **School Office** - If you have questions or need further clarification after reading the above sources of information then you can either email our office team office@greytown.school.nz, pop in or ring them directly.
- **Class Systems** - Our class teachers will be able to help you get set up with the right system for your class eg: Seesaw, Emails, Google Classroom. From here teachers will share wonderful learning with you that your child has done and also send out notices etc that relate directly to your child. If you would prefer hard copies of these please let your teachers know as they can arrange this for you.

SCHOOL DONATIONS AND YEAR 7 & 8 costs

Thank you to all the parents who have already paid the school donation and the costs for their Yr7/8 child.

Normally we request the school donation in term 2 but this year we delayed this. These donations make a huge difference in our ability to provide additional learning opportunities and support for our children. For 1 child it is \$100, for 2 children it is \$130 and for 3 or more it is \$150. Remember you can claim $\frac{1}{3}$ of this back as a tax rebate.

For the Year 7 & 8 children the costs are: \$50 for technology at Kuranui to cover the cost of materials, \$25 per term for EOTC and \$125 for camp for a year 7 and \$170 for camp for year 8.

You can pay in instalments or a lump sum. Please check with Carol in the office if you need to confirm the balance owing.

FINALLY

Good luck to all 60 kids who are taking part today in the first Interschool Competition and “have a go day” for Football. It is great to see our kids being able to get together across the South Wairarapa (since COVID).

In addition, we are looking forward to having our different kind of Cross Country this year with the non-competitive Orchards Fun Run.

Ngā mihi maioha Miss Patrice O'Connor

Dates For Your Diary

10th Aug	Board of Trustee Meeting
11th Aug	Cross Country
13-18th Aug	Book Fair
18th Aug	Year 7 EOTC
19th Aug	Year 8 EOTC
27th Aug	Book Character Dress Up Day
28th Aug	Teacher Only Day

School Information

Email	office@greytown.school.nz principal@greytown.school.nz
Website	https://www.greytown.school.nz
Bank Acc	03 0609 0124353 00

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos were taken this week. Inspire Photography will load these pictures for you to view on an online gallery. The School Office will be advised of the password for the online gallery when the proofs are ready. Proofs are available to view approximately two weeks after the date of the photo shoot, you will then have two weeks to place an order and two weeks later orders will be delivered back to the School. If you would prefer not to order online, you can contact the Inspire studio for assistance.

Rail safety week 10-16 August - Cross with Care | Kia tūpato te whakawhiti

Rail Safety Week aims to reduce near miss collisions on level crossings. Every near miss is a traumatic event and has a very real impact on the locomotive engineers, the witnesses involved and on those who nearly lost their lives. Never cross when bells or lights are activated and always look carefully in both directions before crossing. Be especially careful to look for a second train. If one train has stopped at a station another one could be coming. For those families interested, have a look at this [Rail Safety Virtual Field trip](#) information that was shared with participating schools in 2019. Visit the [Tracksafe website](#) for more information.

NEEDED

Long-sleeved uniform tops.
A parent is after long-sleeved uniform tops for her child who has severe eczema. If you have any in size 6, 8 or 10. Please see Gaylene Hansen in Room 5 email or ghansen@greytown.school.nz.

Kauri Market Day

Tuesday 11th August

Operating during Greytown fun cross country day!

Open between 11am -12:30pm
Where: Bell Tower Area

Please support our latest inquiry into enterprise and entrepreneurs!

There will be drinks, waffles, raffles, plants, games, food and cotton candy!



Some of our groups are in need of a few things on the day. If you have any you could supply please email Alex: ahenderson@greytown.school.nz or drop them off to the school office. Thanks

- Lemons - as many as possible
- Large jugs or drink containers with a tap (to carry homemade lemonade)
- Paper bags

RENEE NISHAN YOGA
BODY - BREATH - MIND

**YOGA CLASSES
Greytown**

CLASSICAL MINDFUL
YOGA

TUESDAY EVENINGS
6PM - 7:15PM
BLUE SCHOOL

SATURDAY MORNINGS
7:30AM - 8:45AM
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

\$16 PER CLASS
*PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN MAT & A CUSHION

PERSONAL YOGA SESSIONS AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT

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