



Newsletter - Thursday 12th November 2020

CONGRATULATIONS

Over the last few weeks we have had some incredible achievements in the school across a variety of activities.

Congratulations to Theo Warner and Hunter Wilson who both won \$50 Rotary Prizes for Writing. Hunter and Theo wrote about their dreams for the future.

- The competition was judged by local author Mark Warren and the winning prizes were presented by Alan Butler from the Carterton Rotary Club.



Two of our EPro 8 teams have made it past our Regional Inter-Schools competition and into the Nationals. These will be held in Wellington in the next few weeks.

Well done to our Matharapa teams that competed last week. Congratulations to our Year 5/6 teams who came 2nd and 3rd, our Year 7/8 team who came 1st and Campbell who won joint top individual score with Imogen (previously from Greytown and now at high school)



BOOK FAIR

A note from our school librarian Victoria: Thank you to everyone who came and spent money at the Book Fair last week - we had a cracker week and with all our reward points managed to get this huge stack of books for our school library! A big thank you too, to Aisling Murphy and Eva and Sadie Ross who helped with setting up at the start and packing up at the end, you three were brilliant!



DIGITAL DEVICE SURVEY



The Board of Trustees is carrying out a community survey around Digital Devices. We would like as many parents as possible to complete this survey so it can inform our decisions and learning programmes moving forward.

To access our survey go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GTSDigital2020>, or scan this QR code, or if you require a paper copy please pop into our school office. The survey will close on Friday 27th November.

HAIR UP

If your child's hair is below their shoulders please help them or remind them to put their hair up. This helps to not only keep their hair tidy and off their face during learning times...but also helps to keep other "unwanted friends" out of their hair.

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

SUN HATS NOW COMPULSORY

As the weather heats up it is compulsory for our children to wear sun hats on hot days or days when the sun hat flag is up. Please label these to make it easier for your child to identify theirs.

ENROLMENTS & LEAVERS FOR 2021

- If you have any 5 year olds (or older children) who want to come to our school in 2021 please come in and get enrolment forms or download one from our website.
- If your family is moving out of the area or leaving our school in 2021 please let us know as this will help us with class structures and numbers.

You can email this information to Megan, our enrolment officer at mwall@greytown.school.nz
Please note parents of year 8 children do not need to do this as we know your child will be moving on to their chosen high school.

Ngā mihi maioha Miss Patrice O'Connor

INTRODUCING OUR NEW TEACHING AND LEARNING SUMMIT VALUE: AUAHA - INNOVATION



Innovation is another extremely important value for our children especially in an ever changing, demanding and complex world. Employers are looking for people that think differently in order to:

- Lead not follow eg: Create new ideas and products that no one else has
- Give them an edge eg: redesign products with improved efficiency and effectiveness.
- help solve real life issues eg: technological changes and advancements, Global warming, Pollution, Energy resources etc...

Why is innovation important?

New Zealanders have been famous for decades for their “Number 8 wire” thinking. Their ability to think outside the box, invent new things, solve problems, create world class designs and products across all areas of life. This value is all about that and more! It is also about children learning from the work of other innovators eg: Peter Jackson, Ernest Rutherford, Rosemary Askin, John Britten, Betty Batham, Godfrey Bowen, AJ Hackett..etc

Some of the keywords/ideas that we will be using with our children to teach and instill this value are...

- Learn by making, designing and inventing (**Maker Culture**)
- Learn through **Play**
- Have an **open mind and explore** different ways of doing things
- Problem-solve, Think Critically
- Think of something **new**
- Think of how to **improve or redesign** something
- Ask yourself what problems could be solved
- Never be afraid to **ask questions** or **challenge** something
- Be **resourceful, adaptable** and **flexible**
- Get stuck in
- **Celebrate the journey**, not only the endpoint



This is a value we have a strong foundation in...however we want it to really take off across our curriculum and wider curriculum so children can find their passion and their place to shine!

Dates For Your Diary

18-20th Nov	Year 8 Camp
18-19 Nov	Year 5/6 Camp to Tora
19th Nov	Kawaka Trip to Mt Bruce
20th Nov	Sth Wairarapa Athletics Day
26th Nov	Kawaka Trip to Mt Bruce
7-8th Dec	Year 7 Camp

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Fun Funds (Greytown Primary School Fundraising Group)

The Fun Funds group have organised a wonderful Christmas raffle. A notice and tickets for this will be sent home tomorrow and more details will be provided next week of all the great prizes.



Greytown

KINDERGARTEN

Kindy Spaces Available

We have places at Greytown Kindergarten for your child right now. We take children from age two, and we offer 20 hours free to all children.

Children come for six hours a day, and can come for three, four or five days, to suit the family.

We offer fun, friendship and learning for all. All our teachers are qualified and we support and encourage children to learn through play. We follow New Zealand's bicultural curriculum and we respect the cultures of all our families.

We have a forest programme, using O'Connor's Bush to learn about the natural world.

We're open for 49 weeks of the year, so please come and visit – we'd love to see you any time.

GREYTOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE
12TH DECEMBER 1-2PM

SHOWCASE YOUR BUSINESS, COOL VEHICLE OR FLOAT FOR YOUR CLUB, SCHOOL OR KINDY ON SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER PARTICIPANTS ARE ASKED TO MEET AT THE WORKING MENS CLUB CARPARK AT 12PM

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