



Newsletter - Thursday 18th February 2021

A FRESH LOOK FOR S.H.A.R.P

Last year with the help of our PB4L (Positive Behaviour 4 Learning) team we revamped the look of our SHARP posters, certificates and signage around our school. We are excited that they are now up around our school and our children are starting to receive our new certificates with huge pride.

A huge thank you to Greytown Trustlands Trust that has helped to support us in getting these all printed. We will enjoy them for many years to come!



SCHOOL COMMUNITY PICNIC

We want to start the year off as a whole entire school community together...so we are having a picnic!

Invite your family, bring a picnic tea and/or buy a sausage and coffee. Then sit back and enjoy the local talent on show (ie: school band, Kapa Haka and a variety of local performers of all ages).

It will be a great time and we would love to have as many of us there as possible.

We look forward to seeing you there!

WINGS OVER WAIRARAPA - PARENT/ADULT HELP NEEDED

Next Friday 26th February, our whole school will be going to Wings Over Wairarapa. The kids and staff are really excited as this was a spectacular day last time we went. Thank you to all the parents who have offered to help.

Please note:

On this day Years 0-4 will be returning back to school by 3 pm, however, Years 5-8 will be later.

We are just confirming the transport arrangements with Tranzit and then we will send out an itinerary and confirmed times for the day.



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

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

COMMUNICATION INFORMATION

KEEPING UP TO DATE

Communication and keeping everyone up to date is important to us and we try our best, however, it is a partnership between school and our community. It is important that everyone reads it and checks it.

To help you stay in touch here is a reminder of our major communication systems in our school.

- **Our School App**

- Our School App is a critical part of our communication system at school. You can download it for free (name: Kiwi Schools Connect) on your phone from the App Store or scan this QR code.
- All quick updates/alerts, (cancellations, postponements, important last-minute updates etc!) and access to the school calendar, website, newsletters etc are here.



- **Our School Newsletter** (Fortnightly on Thursday)

- **Our Greytown-Primary School Facebook page**

- **Emails and Phone** - Please ensure the school office has your correct email address and phone number.

Other communication systems in our school.

- **Our School Website** <https://www.greytown.school.nz>

- **Classroom correspondence**

- Seesaw/Google Classroom - Your classroom teacher will send out information about how to access these.
- Class notices for trips etc.

ABSENCES

If your child/ren are going to be away for any reason or be late to school can you please advise the office eg: pop in, ring, email office@greytown.school.nz, use the absence button on the school app or website.

COMMUNICATION DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Any urgent communication with your child during school hours must go through the School office as teachers may not necessarily check their emails while teaching.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have had a number of parents and children looking for missing uniform items around the School. Could you please check your child's uniform to ensure that they have not accidentally picked something up with someone else's name on it.

DRIVING AROUND THE SCHOOL AREA

We have been contacted by one of our neighbours to ask that parents please be careful when dropping off or collecting their children from school. There have been several near misses due to our adults not adhering to the road signs posted especially the Reading Street/ Church Street corner.

HYGIENE REMINDERS

Please help us to keep reinforcing and teaching our children the importance of keeping themselves safe through good hygiene practices.

The skills of

- how to wash your hands correctly and frequently.
- coughing into your elbow area
- disposal of tissues after blowing your nose
- not sharing your food or drink bottles
- Tying up shoulder length or longer hair (for limiting nits)

Washing hands tips we teach are:

1. Wash your hands before you eat and after you go to the toilet.
2. Get your hands wet and soapy.
3. Rub, rub, rub, rub your soapy hands together long enough to sing "Happy Birthday" or another favourite short song in your head twice. ...
4. Rinse.
5. Shake and dry. Shake your hands a few times, then dry them with a clean towel or hand dryer.

All children **must stay home** if they are genuinely sick with any flu-like symptoms.

If your child is sick with the flu or another contagious condition (eg: Chicken Pox, School Sores etc) can you please notify the school office. This means we can monitor the health of the entire school and if needed pass information on to other parents or in the case of a large group showing similar symptoms we can contact local medical authorities to assist us with next steps.

As with all health issues please be assured that we are in regular contact with our District Nurse, local medical providers, Ministry of Education and/or the Ministry of Health and follow their guidelines and recommendations to keep everyone as safe as we can.

Dates For Your Diary

February

18th	Whole school family picnic
23rd/25th	Years 5 & 6 Riversdale Beach education
24th	First BOT meeting for 2021
26th	Wings over Wairarapa

March

2nd	Kawaka swimming sports & showcase
3rd	Year 5-8 & competitive Year 3 & 4 School swimming sports
8/9th	Year 7 camp
9th	Kowhai swimming showcase
10/11th	1/2 day on both these days for Learning conferences with school finishing at 12.30pm
15th	Interschool swimming sports
19th	Teacher only day (no school)

School Contact Information

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LOCAL NOTICES

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ST JOHN PENGUINS

GREYTOWN PENGUIN DIVISION

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6:00pm - 7.30pm,
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GREYTOWN NETBALL CLUB

MEET & GREET

Register your interest for the 2021 season

SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY
GREYTOWN SCHOOL, EAST ST
KICKING OFF 11AM, FINISH APPROX 1PM

WELCOMING NEW AND EXISTING SENIOR AND JUNIOR PLAYERS.
COME AND MEET OUR CURRENT MEMBERS, HAVE A RUN
AROUND AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, REGISTER YOUR INTEREST.

BRING THE WHĀNAU ALONG, THE BBQ WILL BE CRANKING!



Looking after Yourself so you can look after others

We often hear that we need to look after ourselves better, be kind to ourselves, put ourselves first. All of these are good sayings, excellent reminders that we are important and we deserve to look after ourselves. What might be more difficult is to understand what we are actually trying to work with. How do we recognise when we are not in the right state of mind? How do we know when things are getting too much, before they get too much? These are really essential elements to self-care, but factors we might not have a good grasp of.

This session will help us understand the impact ongoing stress can have on our thinking, our behaviour and even our health. Ongoing, low levels of stress can impact our sleep, increase skin infections, influence our weight and muddle our thoughts and behaviours. Wouldn't it be great to be able to identify the onset earlier and have the tools to deal with stress before it becomes a bigger issue?

Come along to hear some neurologically and biologically informed information, delivered so it is easily understood, that will help you in so many ways.

Kathryn is a mother of two adolescents, with a Masters in Educational Psychology. She will explain what is going on in simple, real language. You will leave her session with practical tips you can use IMMEDIATELY.

Kathryn has been working in this area and training international audiences for over twenty years; working with groups such as Police, Teachers, Parents, Social Workers, NZ Rugby and many more. She also has a TEDx talk online – "Neuroscience of Device Zombies"

Come along to this unique, local opportunity to hear what might be the most useful information of your life!

LEARN WHAT TO DO
WHEN EVERYTHING
GETS TOO MUCH

REAL 'TAKE HOME'
STRATEGIES

IDEAL FOR THOSE
WITH AGES 0+

EASY TO UNDERSTAND
EXAMPLES

Tuesday 16 March
7.00pm

ANZAC Hall
Featherston

Free Entry

Excellent presentation, loved the examples, easy to understand. Have heard some of the info many times before however the way you explained things CLICKED for me! – Parent (Whangarei)

South Wairarapa
Rotary

