



Schools day at Wings over Wairarapa 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers

With the help of our wider business and community partners this year all local schools have been invited to a special schools day at 'Wings Over Wairarapa' which will be held at the Masterton Aerodrome on Friday, February 26th 2021. We loved this event in 2019 with the helicopters, planes, army tanks etc. It was an incredible day and a real highlight for us all!

Transport Arrangements for the day and School App Alerts

We will be leaving at 9.00 am as a whole school on buses (Time will be confirmed by Tranzit in the next week and we will notify parents again of the confirmed time). Any children later than this will miss the bus and parents will need to arrange private transport to the Masterton Aerodrome or other alternative care arrangements for the day.

- **Years 0-4 (Kōwhai and Kawaka Syndicates)** will leave the Aerodrome between 12:30/1 pm and return to school for a 3 pm finish as usual.
- **Years 5-8 (Kahikatea and Kauri Syndicates)** will leave the Aerodrome between 2.30/3 pm and return to school. This means they will arrive back at school later on at approximately 3.30 onwards.

Please note:

- There are thousands of children across the wider Wairarapa area attending this day and Tranzit coordinates the buses. This is a huge logistical challenge which they do an incredible job however **we may return later than expected** if things do not go quite as planned.
- We will send out updates on Facebook and an alert on the School App if changes to return times are made and one to signal when we are on the buses and on the way home.
- If you need your child to return by a specific time you may need to make alternative arrangements on this day eg: Pick them up directly from the Aerodrome

Cost and no classes onsite during the day

All classes will be attending and travelling to and from the aerodrome by bus which will cost **each child \$3** as it is subsidised by Tranzit.

On this day there will be no classes or staff on site.

Permission Slip

As the aerodrome is considered more high risk than our blanket consent allows (due to the possibility of planes flying and children around machinery) we need all children to **return a permission slip to attend by Friday 19th February** to their classroom teacher.

Parent Help

With any event, we will require parent help. Parents do not need to pay an entry fee as you are actively helping the school to supervise children.

Each class will need 2-3 parents to attend with them to help supervise groups during the day. If we do not get sufficient adult support we will unfortunately not be able to take every class. Thank you to the parents who have already indicated they are able to help.

If you would like to join us as a class support person please tick the box on the slip below to your classroom teacher asap. Sorry – no preschoolers, as we will need you to take a role in supervising our students near planes and machinery, and there is a lot of walking involved.

On the day

On the day your child needs to be at school early ready to go. We will send out information closer to the time to confirm the time we require your child at school.

Your child must have

- a sunhat
- sunscreen
- school uniform (school polo and a jacket if cold)
- Comfortable walking shoes (as we walk a lot!)
- Bring enough food (morning tea and lunch)
- Water for the day. We suggest two bottles of water (one fresh and one frozen) if the weather forecast is hot.
- School Bag to carry them in clearly named.

We will send out more detailed information as further information comes to hand from the organisers.

Many thanks,

Patrice O'Connor
Principal
Greytown School



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My child..... in Room **will/will not** (please circle which option) be attending the Schools day at Wings over Wairarapa on the Friday 26th February 2021.

I understand that my child may return to school later than planned on this day.

Yes! I am available to come along for the day to Wings Over Wairarapa as an adult helper. My name is.....and my contact phone number is.....

Signed