

## AS YOU WILL SEE IT HAS BEEN A BUSY COUPLE OF WEEKS!

### GIANT KIMONO MADE FOR THE JAPAN FESTIVAL

Greytown School was recently invited to participate in the painting of a giant kimono that will be exhibited as part of the Japan Festival coordinated by the Asia New Zealand Foundation. It was an opportunity not to be missed as only 10 NZ schools were participating in the project. A group of 10 students ranging in age from 8 - 12, worked together with our art specialist teacher, Linda Kirkland to create one panel of the kimono. It was huge (approximately 10 metres squared) and presented a real challenge for their creative minds.

A big congratulations to Linda Kirkland for leading this initiative and Aisling Murphy, Ella and Luke Butler-Peck, Isla and Flo Partridge, Daisy Weston, Riana Walker, Vita Reidy-Cooper, Eva and Sadie Ross for their outstanding effort. They can be very proud of what they have all achieved. It is incredibly beautiful! Pictured are

- Ella, Isla and Eva putting the final touches on the panel.
- The giant kimono being assembled in Wellington. Our panel is in the centre-right.



### SCHOOL PICNIC



Our School picnic on the North Field was a thoroughly good night with lots of family and wider whanau attending. It was full of great music, yummy food and a crowd who sang and danced making it a successful night.

Special thanks to Dorreen Mackenzie and Neil Preston for organising it. Pope and Gray for the Trailer, ITM for the big BBQ.

Also a big thankyou to the students, ex students and parents who performed throughout the evening. Hopefully this will become an annual event.

## SWIMMING

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

Despite COVID-19 restrictions school swimming sports went ahead and the children had a great time. They proudly cheered their house competitors on waving their new house flags, but we did miss our parent and family community not being there to cheer us on too.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO:

- Blake Walker, Nickee Verstraten, Neil Preston and Penny Hopkins for all their leadership and organisation behind the scenes to make this event go ahead with all the last minute changes.
- Our Parent/Whānau helpers for timekeeping and setting up on the day.
- 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.



## WINGS OVER WAIRARAPA

Last Friday we had a fantastic day at the Wings Over Wairarapa. Children, staff and parents loved seeing all the helicopters, planes, military vehicles, interactive space dome, Nano girl Science show etc. A huge thank you to all the kids and parents who came for making this a truly spectacular day. Please check out more photos on our Facebook Page.



## SCHOOL TURF

Our school turf is in the process of being replaced. Please make sure that your child outside of school hours stays away from this fenced off area for their safety. We will look forward to having a grand opening when it is finished!



## BEACH EDUCATION

Last week our Kahikatea Syndicate went to Riversdale Beach. This is particularly important as New Zealand has an average of 32 drownings in the sea each year. During the day our children learnt about how to keep themselves safe in the surf (ie: buoyancy, signalling for help, identifying and escaping rips and learning lifeguard skills and drills. Thank you to all the parents who were able to volunteer their time. It was a real highlight for the kids.



## OUR SCHOOL LEADERS

Our School Leaders Zach, Maria, Grace and Jacob took part in a leadership workshop in Porirua last week. The workshop was about how our students can have more input in the School's values. Thank you to Marcus Henderson for transporting them to this event.

## OUR NEW SCHOOL FLAGS

Our new School flags got their first airing at this week's senior swimming sports. These flags were designed by ex-students Lachie Hooper and Charlie Regnault



## SCHOOL RADIO

The Greytown School Radio Team produced their first radio recording. It's amazing and well worth taking the time to listen to it! Check it out on this link. Then go to the podcast on the right-hand side that says LiveWires Greytown School Term 1 2021.

[https://www.arrowfm.co.nz/programmes/show/52/live-wires/?fbclid=IwAR3BYAoq\\_gwvz\\_d5YFrLU-1mzLVLc8AtLWplR-5HBKYE7G\\_5JFJUHzoPfZPA](https://www.arrowfm.co.nz/programmes/show/52/live-wires/?fbclid=IwAR3BYAoq_gwvz_d5YFrLU-1mzLVLc8AtLWplR-5HBKYE7G_5JFJUHzoPfZPA)

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

### Dates For Your Diary

8/9th Mar	Year 7 Camp
10th Mar	Learning Conferences 12.30-7.30pm
11th Mar	Learning Conferences 12.30-5.15pm
12th Mar	Winter Sports signup, 1-1.45pm
16/18th Mar	Year 8 Camp
19th Mar	Teacher Only Day

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## LEARNING CONFERENCES REMINDER

It is time for our first Learning Conferences for 2021. These will be held next week on

- **Wednesday 10th March (school finishes early at 12.30 pm)**
- **Thursday 11th March (school finishes early at 12.30 pm)**

Learning Conferences in Term 1 are designed to establish a learning partnership between parents/caregivers, your child and their teacher for the new year. 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 and that everyone is on the same page and heading in the right direction.

As in the past, we are using an online booking form. When using this site you can see the times available and make your booking keeping in mind when you are free and how many children you have that need to see different teachers; it can even send you a confirmation email. 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.

The URL of the site to make your bookings is:

[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

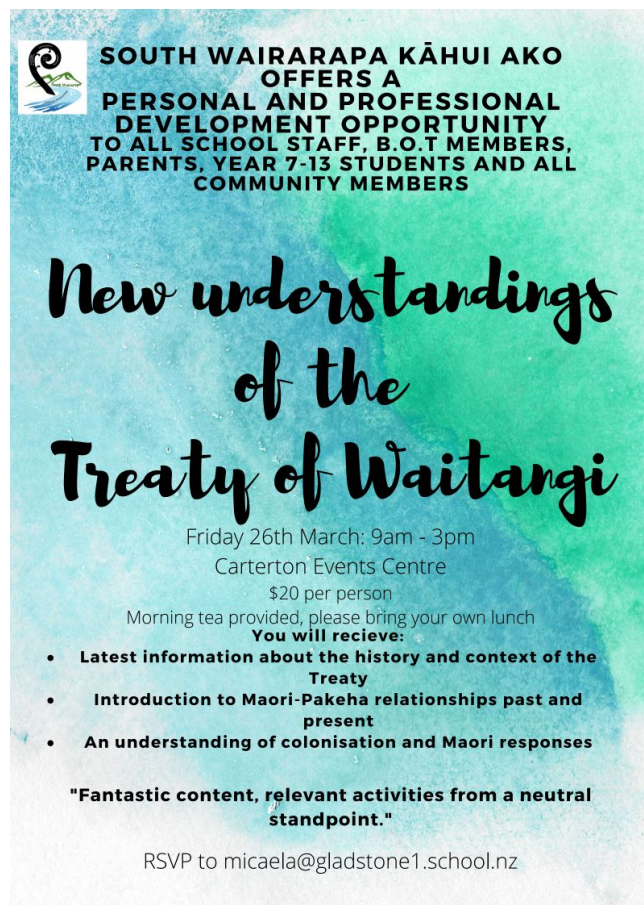
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## TIRITI O WAITANGI WORKSHOP

The South Wairarapa Kahui Ako is offering training for Te Tiriti o Waitangi in 2021 for all Kura and community members throughout the South Wairarapa. Our staff have completed this and would highly recommend it and our BOT are attending this year.

We have already run our first session for the year, the second is happening this Saturday and the third opportunity for the term is on 26th March.

Please let Micaela know if you have whānau or community who would be interested in attending. You can contact Micaela at [micaela@gladstone1.school.nz](mailto:micaela@gladstone1.school.nz)



**SOUTH WAIRARAPA KĀHUI AKO OFFERS A PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY TO ALL SCHOOL STAFF, B.O.T MEMBERS, PARENTS, YEAR 7-13 STUDENTS AND ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

# New understandings of the Treaty of Waitangi

Friday 26th March: 9am - 3pm  
Carterton Events Centre  
\$20 per person  
Morning tea provided, please bring your own lunch

**You will receive:**

- Latest information about the history and context of the Treaty
- Introduction to Maori-Pakeha relationships past and present
- An understanding of colonisation and Maori responses

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RSVP to [micaela@gladstone1.school.nz](mailto:micaela@gladstone1.school.nz)



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## 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> March

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30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt, Wellington

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