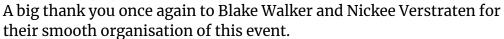


# Newsletter - Thursday 17th June 2021

#### **INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY 2021**

Yesterday I had the absolute privilege of watching approximately 80 of our children take part in the Wairarapa Interschool Cross Country Competition. These children demonstrated their fitness, perseverance and endurance. I was incredibly proud of them all. Congratulations to all who took part and we look forward to sharing the results with you soon. Of particular mention well done to Charlie Edge who came first in the Year 8 boys and Matthew Plimmer who came 2nd in the Year 7 boys races with tough competition in their respective age groups.







#### MUFTI DAY AND HEAD SHAVE FOR CHARITY

Over \$5,500 dollars was raised for three different cancer foundations as a result of the Head Shave day which is an incredible result. Rachel Miller, Amelia Wos, Violet Morison and Hunter Tobin all stepped up on their own accord. First they made the big decision and came and individually discussed it with me to ensure they knew what they were doing and why. They then researched their own charities, set up their pages and began fundraising for it. Finally they stepped up to have their long manes of hair shaved by Suzannah and her team. Thank you to everyone for supporting this event and donating towards these charities. It does make a difference to cancer patients and their families. Also a big thank you to Kylie Alexander for taking some amazing photos of the day.



## RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN - FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Thank you to all the parents that attended this parent evening on Tuesday night. It was a wonderful turn out from our school community and I know that we learnt a lot about how to support our children. Over the next few newsletters I will be sharing some of the things that resonated with me and gave me "food for thought".

Two questions that Kathryn Berkett asked were:

- "How often does your child spend time without a parent/adult?"
- "How often did you spend time as a child by yourself exploring or playing without a parent beside you or being connected in some way by device?"

The purpose of these questions was to think...How can we build children's resilience if we are always there? This of course does not mean abandoning them for long periods of time, but it does mean that we need to ensure we are encouraging our children's independence, life skills and ability to solve problems themselves before jumping in. I encourage you all to have a think about these questions too and see if they challenge your thinking like they did many of us who attended.

## KAHIKATEA INQUIRY

Kahikatea Year 5 & 6 students are starting their new inquiry unit called "Kaitiakitanga". This unit of learning is focussed on how individuals and organisations take a role in the protection of resources in Aotearoa. As part of their learning inquiry, they had a look at tiny homes and how they can play a role in lowering the impact on the environment compared to larger homes. Thank you to the Tiny by Taylor company who brought in their Tiny home for children to learn about and tour.

## **NEW DECK/PERFORMANCE AREA**

Some of you will have noticed our new deck/performance area that has been erected by the pool. With the demolition of the old pool seating area we enlisted Seth Rance to come in and build us the new deck. The children have been enjoying using the new multipurpose space over the lunch breaks.



### UPCOMING GREYTOWN FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS

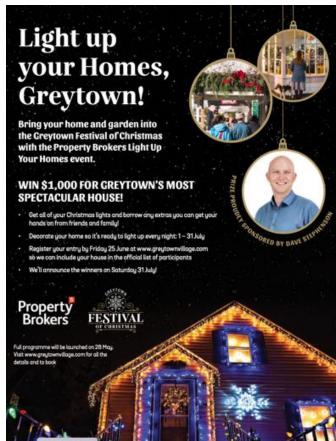
We are busy behind the scenes putting together an exciting outdoor movie night as part of the Greytown Festival of Christmas at the end of July and we would love some more helpers and organisers!

We need volunteers that can help with preparing and serving food on the night and directing cars for parking and overall traffic management to get our audience in and out for each of the two movie sessions.

If you would like to get involved in the organisation or help on the night please email Megan, Jo and our Fun Friends team at <a href="mailto:gtsfundraising@greytown.school.nz">gtsfundraising@greytown.school.nz</a>

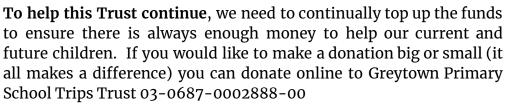
In addition to this and other events being run there will be a Light Up your Homes competition - Check out the details on the next page!





#### HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE

In 2015 the Greytown School Trips Trust was created to ensure all children at our school could afford to go to camp each year. To access funds Parents or Families can write a letter to the school principal with a short reason for why they need assistance and this is anonymously presented to the other trustees for consideration for partial or up to 95% payment of costs. Since 2015 the trust has helped a large number of children to attend which has enabled them to create lifetime memories.







## **Dates For Your Diary**

Information evening for new entrants starting in Term 3 29th June 2nd July Ki o rahi Tournament 2nd Kuranui Netball Tournament 2nd Matariki Art Trip to Aratoi 6th **Regional Cross Country** 8th Regional Cross Country PPD Learning Conferences School finishes at 12.30 28th 29th Learning Conferences School finishes at 12.30 3rd/4th Aug School photos 2nd Sept Teacher only day

#### **School Information**

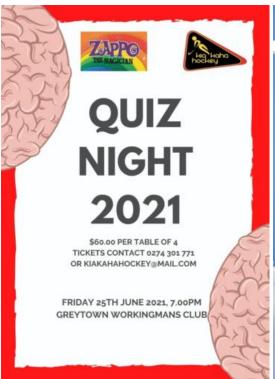
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KIDS! HOLIDAY WORKSHOP! Create your own masterpiece on canvas with experienced art teacher Linda Kirkland.

WORKSHOP for children aged 6 - 8yrs Date: Thursday 15th July Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm Venue: St Luke's Church Hall, Greytown Fee; \$40 per child (includes all materials)

WORKSHOP for children aged 9 - 13yrs Date: Wednesday 21st July Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm Venue: St Luke's Church Hall, Greytown Fee: \$40 per child (includes all materials)

Reserve your place NOW as places are limited.

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