



Newsletter - Thursday 1st July 2021

TWO FIRST PLACES FOR GREYTOWN!



On Tuesday Hazel Williams and Zach Henderson represented our school at the South Wairarapa Interschool Speech Competition. Zach and Hazel approached their speech from two different angles. One was structured to entertain the audience while the other was to shock and challenge the audience's thinking. Both speeches were incredibly well researched, thought out and articulately presented. Zach's speech was called "The Bachelor TV series of the Animal Kingdom". In his speech he talked about four contestants (The Pink Fairy Armadillo, The Red Hand Fish, The Aye Aye and The Turtle Fish) and how they competed against each other to win your heart and a date. Sounds strange but it was entertaining, interesting and won over the audience!

Hazel took a more formal approach and spoke about "Why you should not smoke.". She talked about four main points; Why it is bad for your health, a waste of money, a waste of time and the negative impact it has on the environment. One of her key challenges to get you thinking was... "Did you know that if you smoked 3 cigarettes per day for a year it is the same as smoking continually for 8 days (192 hours straight)?" It was extremely well thought out and also won first place.

Congratulations Zach and Hazel we are incredibly proud of you and look forward to hearing how you go in the Wairarapa Interschool Speech Competition in Masterton next term.

MATARIKI CELEBRATION TOMORROW - COME AND JOIN US!

Tomorrow is our annual Matariki Celebration. This will start at 7am with a wonderful early morning celebration on our field by our beautiful bonfire and will be followed by yummy (and free) sausages and hot drinks in the staffroom. The coffee cart will be here for children and parents who want to purchase a more fancy hot drink than the ones served in the staffroom.



- ★ Year 8s, other students and visitors - please meet at the library at 6.45am ready to start at 7am.
- ★ Kapa Haka - please meet in Room 1 by no later than 6.45am in your school uniform, warm jackets, hats and gumboots if needed.



Our Matariki Celebration is another key highlight in our school calendar and it is always enjoyed and treasured by everyone who attends. Please come along and support this event. Put on your gummies and warm clothes and we will see you there.

LEARNING CONFERENCES

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

Once again it is time to share our learning and talk about next steps for Terms 3 and 4. Learning Conferences will be held on Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th July (Week 1 Term 3) between 1pm and will finish at 7pm both nights. On both these days **school will finish early** at 12.30pm, so parents will need to make arrangements for your child/ren to go home then. Only bus children can remain onsite in the library until 3pm if other arrangements cannot be made.

The conferences are an important part of ensuring children, parents and teachers are on the same page and all working together to set children up for continued success.

As in the past we are using an online booking form. This will go “live” this afternoon. When using this site you can see the times available and make your booking. It will then send you a confirmation email (please check that you receive this after booking to confirm your place).

If you can't do it online please give the office a call for Carol/Megan to make the booking for you.

The URL of the site is www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. The code is **bjvhh**.

SMART WATCHES

We are noticing that more and more children are coming to school with Smart Watches that have phone and texting features. We acknowledge that these help parents and children keep in touch and they are part of everyday life. However they also come with their own issues for us (eg: children texting parents to say they are unwell before a teacher or the office is informed and can make a decision, interrupting learning times, communication during an emergency that the staff are dealing with which can result in unsettling others or contacting parents before we can etc).

As a result the Board of Trustees have now added these devices to the Cellphone Procedures. This means that children will leave them at home or if needed hand them in to the teacher or office during school time. They can then pick them up at the end of the day which children do frequently with cell phones.

The only exception to this rule is parents who have filled out the permission slip and been given permission from the school for their child to wear it for medical reasons only. Notices of this policy and permission slips will be given out next week to children who wear them and will be available at the office if you need a copy at any stage.

Please be confident that if your child is unwell or there is an emergency during school hours we will look after your child and communicate this with you. If they need to get in contact with you during school time, they can come to the office to ring or you can ring the office so we can deliver a message to them.

We appreciate your understanding and support in this area. Greytown School Board of Trustees bot@greytown.school.nz

TEACHER ONLY DAY

In Term 3 we will be having a Teacher Only Day so our staff can work with Liz Kane on Structured Literacy and The Code (Two highly effective literacy programmes). This will be the 2nd of September . **School will be closed on this day** so please start making other arrangements for child care if needed.

GREYTOWN FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS

Today is the start of this wonderful festival. There are a lot of exciting things happening so please check out the flyers and signs around town to take part and invite some friends to come and celebrate this festival with them. Some of the ways we are involved are;

- ★ Kōwhai and Kawaka children have been busy making decorations for the Christmas tree outside the Town Library.

- ★ Children across the school have been making Christmas art to display at Stella Bull Park.
- ★ Our Kapa Haka and Choir are performing at different events.
- ★ Families have been decorating their houses for the Light Up your Homes competition.

In addition our Fun Friends have been busy behind the scenes with the Festival team to create our next fundraising event. Please spread the word to invite others, fill up a car and support this event.

A Drive-In Movie night under the stars!

Date:

Friday 30th (postponement Saturday 31st) July

Venue:

The Kempton's Paddock on Kempton's Line. (If wet another venue is being finalised).



Tickets per session:

\$40 per car (max 50 cars per session so you all get a great view of the big screen!)

\$10 per person (max 50 people) bring your own bean bags etc to sit on the McAuley's sheltered truck and trailer.

Fundraising for:

Upgrading our Junior Playground and extending playground equipment along our North Field.

Time:

- 4pm onwards - cars arrive
- 5pm - cars all parked & food selling (throughout)
- 5:25pm - Jumanji starts (2hrs 5mins)
- 7:30pm - Jumanji ends
- 7:30-7.45 - Cars depart
- 7.45-8.15pm - new cars arrive & park
- 8:20pm - Second movie "The Greatest Showman" starts

Yummy food will be on sale - Baking, Nachos, Hot Sausages, American Hot Dogs, Popcorn....and more

YOU CAN HELP US WITH THIS EVENT

We need

- Home baking for the food stall (to be dropped off at school on the Friday)
- Parking and Traffic Assistants
- People who can help serve food on the night eg: cooking sausages
- Security (ie: Customer service)

If you can do any of these jobs for even part of the evening.... Please email Megan and our Fun Friends team at gtsfundraising@greytown.school.nz or contact Megan in the office.

All assistance big and small is greatly appreciated!

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FESTIVAL
OF CHRISTMAS

1 – 31 July 2021

Spectacular lighting, celebrations and more!

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Light up your Homes, Greytown!

Bring your home and garden into the Greytown Festival of Christmas with the Property Brokers Light Up Your Homes event.

WIN \$1,000 FOR GREYTOWN'S MOST SPECTACULAR HOUSE!

- Get all of your Christmas lights and borrow any extras you can get your hands on from friends and family!
- Decorate your home so it's ready to light up every night: 1 – 31 July
- Register your entry by Friday 25 June at www.greytownvillage.com so we can include your house in the official list of participants
- We'll announce the winners on Saturday 31 July!

Property Brokers **FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS**

Full programme will be launched on 28 May. Visit www.greytownvillage.com for all the details and to book.

PRIZE PROUDLY SPONSORED BY DAVE STEPHENSON



Brave The Shave – Huge thank you to [Greytown Primary-School](#) in June and the teachers and students bravely shaved their heads in the Greytown School Shave Off.

Enormously grateful for the multi-day donations and online donations still coming through.



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.

To help this Trust continue, we need to continually top up the funds to ensure there is always enough money to help our current and future children. If you would like to make a donation big or small (it all makes a difference) you can donate online to Greytown Primary School Trips Trust 03-0687-0002888-00



Dates For Your Diary

2nd July	Matariki Art Trip to Aratoi
28th	Learning Conferences School finishes at 12.30
29th	Learning Conferences School finishes at 12.30
3rd/4th Aug	School photos
2nd Sept	Teacher only day

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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.

Email: lmkartanddesign@gmail.com or
 Mobile: 021 1406056.
 Website: lmkartanddesign.com

explore, make, learn, discover and play together

Matariki Whānau Activities

1st July - 26th July 2021. Open 10am - 4pm every day.
 Bring the family to explore activities related to Matariki and the Maramataka.

FREE entry, no bookings required.

We would like to thank Capital E for their support.





HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
 AGE: 8-14yo TIME: 9am -12pm

MASTERTON
 DATE: 12 - 14 July 2021
 LOCATION: Solway College, 49 Fleet Street
 COST: \$45/ day
 \$120 for 3 days

REGISTER @ www.paulifill.com



Keep Your Budding Chef Entertained These Holidays!



Do you have an eager chef at home? International Culinary Studio provides the perfect programme to develop your child's culinary skills from the comfort of your own kitchen.

Our Junior Chef at Home programme provides children, aged 8-16, with an insight into the culinary world, developing many of the cooking, baking and technical skills they will need if they decide to turn their passion into a career.

Your child will move through this self-paced programme in around 20 hours, and enjoy regular online interaction with our Chef Instructors.

Check out the programme details and book here:

<https://www.internationalculinarystudio.com/junior-chef-programme/>

or contact us <https://www.internationalculinarystudio.com/contact-us/> to have a chat.

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Terms & Conditions: Must be 8 years and over to enrol. Children must be supervised whilst on this course at all times. Course will begin on the 9th July - 26th July for New Zealand. Junior Chefs must register and pay before the course start dates. All other standard terms and conditions apply. Please visit our website for more information