



Newsletter - Thursday 26th May 2022

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

Today we have celebrated Pink Shirt Day, Stand up to Bullying. Our School's Sharp Values help us to focus on those positive ways of working but we know at times things happen and we want to be able to support students to speak up when something has happened to them and indeed if they have seen something happen to someone else. There is a bit in today's newsletter, perhaps grab yourself a cup of tea or coffee and have a read!

Cross Country:

I thoroughly enjoyed my first Greytown School Cross Country and despite the windy conditions, it was a fabulous event and students showed real grit in finishing the quite challenging course. It was wonderful to see so many families out there cheering on the students. This is the 23rd year we have held the cross country out on Barton's Farm, which is a great tradition.

Thank you to all of the families who sent in baking, and who bought baking and/or sausages.

This really helps us to cover the cost of putting on the event at the farm.

I want to make special thanks to Rachel Gawith, Victoria Ross, Toby Black and Jenna and Dave from Property Brokers.



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

Covid:

We are certainly enjoying being able to have events like cross country and an indoor assembly now that we are at orange. We do still have some cases coming though but at much lower numbers than last term. We do ask that you continue to monitor for symptoms and if you need any RATs please just let us know as we have a supply at school.

Teacher Only Day:

As previously advised the School will be closed on **Monday 30th May (next Monday)** for a teacher only day. Please make sure you make alternative arrangements on this day for your child/ren. Our teaching staff will be visiting schools in Wellington, Hutt Valley and Masterton on Monday as part of our professional development. We really appreciate your support with this teacher only day - it will be the last one for 2022.

Policy Review:

One of the functions of our Board of Trustees is to conduct a regular review of our policies. This year we are using a system called School Docs to help us with this. When we carry out a review, our feedback is collected with all of the other schools who use School Docs. One of the policies that is being reviewed this term is our Bullying and Online Bullying Policy. Along with the policy itself are the procedures (the way it works in school). We would like to invite families to provide us with feedback around our policy but more broadly with the procedures that go with it.

PB4L (positive behaviour for learning) underpins our behaviour management procedures. What this is, in essence, is a system by which we teach and support students to make positive choices and put in place support systems for students who have difficulties, in the same way, that we might for a student who is having difficulty learning to read, we sometimes need specific support for students who have difficulty making positive behaviour decisions.

The policy is below and the procedures can be viewed through this [link](#) to our website. Down the bottom of the PB4L page is the link to the Behaviour Management System.

Bullying and Online Bullying

Bullying is deliberate, harmful behaviour that is repeated, or continues over a period of time. It often involves a power imbalance and it is difficult for those being bullied to defend themselves. Bullying is a form of **harassment**, and usually refers to intimidating behaviour between school students, but may involve staff. If an incident involves both staff and students, the **harassment complaints procedure** is followed.

All members of the school have a responsibility to recognise bullying and **online bullying**, and to take action when they are aware of it happening. Maintaining awareness is important as bullying can be subtle and hard to recognise but small acts are still harmful over time. Greytown School aims to create a safe environment but if students are being bullied, they need to feel supported and know what to do.

Bullying may be defined as:

- physical, e.g. hitting, kicking, taking belongings
- verbal, e.g. name calling, insults
- social/relational, e.g. spreading nasty stories, excluding from groups, making threats
- identity-based, e.g. racist, sexist, religious, ableist, sexuality and gender-based.

Prevention and response

At Greytown School we:

- create a **safe, inclusive**, and respectful environment
- identify bullying behaviour, and do not tolerate it
- **recognise diversity** and avoid cultural bias
- work to eliminate racism, discrimination, and stigma in education
- promote **digital citizenship** by teaching students about safe and responsible technology use, such as:
 - activating privacy settings on social media sites
 - only giving personal information to people they know and trust
 - using available online safety options (e.g. website blockers and email/spam filters)
 - avoiding sharing images of themselves they wouldn't want distributed further
 - talking to an adult they trust (parent, teacher, etc.) or contacting a support service like Netsafe if they feel bullied or need help with a digital incident
 - knowing how to contact a service provider to report abuse or problems.

Greytown School deals with incidents of bullying and online bullying through our school's **Behaviour Management plan**.

What we would like you to do: Have a read and then fill in this [survey](#) by Friday 17th June.



*Ngā Mihi Nui (warmest regards)
Mrs Paula Weston - Principal*

Greytown School Board of Trustees Elections:

Board Elections are this year. All of New Zealand's state and state-integrated schools have a school board which is the Crown entity responsible for the governance of the school.

The board:

- ensures every student can reach their highest possible standard in student achievement
- is the employer of all staff in the school
- sets the school's strategic direction in consultation with parents, whānau, staff, students and the wider school community
- is responsible for overseeing the management of personnel, curriculum, property, finance and administration

If you have any interest in being a part of the election process please reach out to Megan Wall in the office.

Visit From the Bug Man:

Today we were visited by Ruud Kleinpaste or probably better known as the "Bug man". He has been sharing his passion for the environment with students across the school and will be working with them further tomorrow when they go exploring for creatures in our own school environment.



Greytown School Leaders attend Young Leaders Day:

On Tuesday this week our Blackhats and House Captains attended a New Zealand Young Leaders day in Porirua. Over 1,000 students from the lower North Island took part in a day of hearing stories from inspirational speakers. Students had a great day and thanks to all the parents who helped to transport them to and from the event.

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Dates For Your Diary

May 30th	Teacher only day - School closed
June 3rd	Sausage Sizzle
6th	Queen's Birthday
8th	School Photos
14th	South Wairarapa interschool cross country
16th	Postponement date (interschool cross country)
24th	Matariki
29th	Netball Day - Kuranui

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Featherston Booktown Children's Book Vouchers

The Featherston Booktown Karukatea 2022 Festival is on from 8-12 June this year. One of Featherston Booktown's goals is to promote literacy and encourage imaginations. This year, we are giving a record-breaking 2,500 book vouchers to South Wairarapa primary school-aged children. The vouchers will be delivered to your school by 6 June, in time for the Festival.

Children can redeem their \$15 vouchers between Wednesday 8 June and Wednesday 15 June. They can spend their vouchers at Featherston, Martinborough, and Greytown bookshops, and at the booksellers' stalls in Featherston's ANZAC Hall during the Festival weekend.

Children's events are free




Children's events are free during the Festival weekend 10-12 June. From readings to story-building activities, there's lots of fun happening. You can find children's events and get the free children's tickets at

www.eventfinda.co.nz/tour/2022/featherston-booktown-karukatea-festival-2022.

We are grateful to our sponsors who make the free children's events and vouchers happen: Creative NZ, The Lion Foundation, Trust House Foundation, the South Wairarapa District Council, the Macarthy Trust, Eastern and Central Community Trust, and the Friends of Featherston Booktown.

Greytown School

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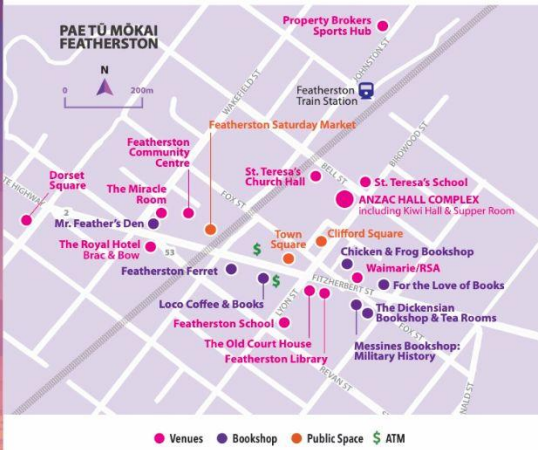
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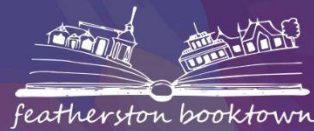
 **2023**
ENROL NOW
Enrolments are now open for all year levels for 2023



We are grateful to our major sponsors: Creative New Zealand, The Lion Foundation, South Wairarapa District Council, Trust House Foundation; and our key partners Eastern & Central Community Trust and the TG Macarthy Trust.



Where events are not sold out beforehand, there will be door sales. Discounts for students and seniors with ID will be available for general events. For full details about all our events (including links to eventfinda.co.nz for purchasing tickets and any last-minute programme updates or additions) as well as bios on our presenters, visit booktown.nz



Featherston Booktown Karukatea Festival

A festival of books, storytelling & ideas

Author talks. Panel discussions. Craft of the book workshops. Children's events. Second-hand, new & collectable books for sale.

10-12 JUNE 2022
Festival Weekend Programme

8-10 JUNE 2022
Young Readers Programme



Welcome from the Chair of the Featherston Booktown Trust

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to the seventh Featherston Booktown Karukatea Festival - where we celebrate books, storytelling and ideas. And welcome to vibrant and welcoming Featherston/Pae Tū Mōkai - Aotearoa New Zealand's only Booktown.

This year, our highly popular Festival features 50 events and hosts 100 presenters and literary provocateurs, and 18 booksellers.

A warm welcome to our booksellers - including Featherston/Pae Tū Mōkai's seven bookshops. They are the heart of the Featherston Booktown Karukatea Festival.

Featherston Booktown belongs to the Featherston community, many of whom generously volunteer their time and talents to ensure the Festival's success. And it also belongs to all those who love books, reading, storytelling and ideas - and who take delight in the artefact and craft of the book.

I'd like to thank sincerely our sponsors, donors, supporters, friends and volunteers - Featherston Booktown couldn't happen without your generous support.

A heartfelt "huzzah" to our Operations Manager, Mary Biggs, and her wonderful team. Thanks too, to the tireless and dedicated Featherston Booktown Board of Trustees - Liz Mellish, Noelle McCarthy, Cheryl Galloway, Mary McCallum, Lesley Christian, Craig Linkhorn, Dave Adams and Darrin Goulding. We also recognise and celebrate our Patron, Joy Cowley, and Founding Kaumātua, Lincoln Gould.

Enjoy the 2022 Featherston Booktown Karukatea Festival!

Ngā manaakitanga

Peter Biggs

Peter Biggs, Chair
Featherston Booktown Trust, Registered Charity: CCS2369

WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE

Hints for a New Writer with Joy Cowley

11:00 AM - MIDDAY, Greytown Library. \$15

Joy Cowley, our very own world-famous children's writer, discusses with Dan Keane, from Wairarapa Library Services, the highs and lows of being an author and offers some tips for aspiring writers.

FRIDAY 10 JUNE

Featherston Booktown Opening Night: Supported by Creative New Zealand

The Fish'n'Chip Supper

Doors Open: 6:15 PM - 9:30 PM, Anzac Hall. \$40

After a warm welcome from Mana Whenua Kaumātua Paora Ammumson and children from Featherston schools, tuck into our famous Fish'n'Chip Supper. MC Liz Mellish will guide us through the evening - which includes a speech by Witi Ihimaera, one of Aotearoa New Zealand's most distinguished and prolific writers, making his first appearance at Featherston Booktown.

Late Nite Lit: Moana Leota and Her Band - Poets Before Me

10:00 PM - 11:00 PM, Kiwi Hall. \$15

Singing sensation Moana Leota and her band celebrate how poetry results in music that is rich, raw and relatable. Think of *Hallelujah* by Leonard Cohen, *Redemption Song* by Bob Marley and *River* by Joni Mitchell.

Campfire Tales R13 (1)

10:00 PM - 11:00 PM, The Royal Hotel. \$20 (includes a free zine, a glass of mulled wine or hot chocolate)

Come warm your bones by the fire as we chill you with a selection of sinister tales from Kiwi horror authors, including Cassie Hart, Denver Grenell, Tabatha Wood and Daniel Eady. Produced by Beware the Moon Productions

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Rangatahi/focused on youngsters

SATURDAY 11 JUNE

Who's on the Couch?

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM, Kiwi Hall. \$15

Witi Ihimaera considers "the world I'm in as Māori, not European". In conversation with Peter Biggs he discusses how this has helped him create imaginative new realities that have resulted in some of Aotearoa New Zealand's most outstanding fiction.

The Lighthouse Princess with Illustrator Rose Northey

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM, St Teresa's School. FREE

Join award-winning illustrator Rose Northey for a reading of *The Lighthouse Princess* by Susan Wardell. Get involved in spotting penguins, butterflies and chocolate fish, and dress up - maybe as a princess or fisher boy. Ask Rose how she paints a story into life and have a go yourself. Supported by the South Wairarapa District Council.

Celebrating the Joy of Fandom with the One Room Fan Museum

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Back of the Anzac Hall, entrance via Birdwood Street. KOHA

It's 20 years since *The Lord of the Rings* was turned into hit movies right here in Aotearoa New Zealand. If you're a fan, go to the next level and indulge in some dress-up fun with your kids, take in some mini re-enactments, and reminisce with a brilliant fan movie - a "perfect record of amazing times".

Off the Page

10:10 AM - 10:50 AM, Dickensian Bookshop. KOHA

Spend 40 minutes experiencing the full wonder of Aotearoa New Zealand literature when extracts from books by our cherished authors, including Witi Ihimaera, Patricia Grace and Elizabeth Knox, leave the page and come to life. Performed by Matthew Stajien and James Ladanyi. Devised and produced by James Ladanyi.

Book Binding Workshop

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, St Teresa's School. \$30

Robyn Ramsden shows you how to make a 4th century Nag Hammadi codex. Her design is reusable and the leather will last long after you fill your notebook, but with her written instructions you can make your own at home.

AROUND FEATHERSTON THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND

Featherston Saturday Market
Saturday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM,
33 Fitzherbert St

Featherston Menzshed Squirrel Market
Saturday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM,
Featherston Town Square

Booksellers Stalls
Saturday & Sunday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM,
Anzac Hall

Country Tea & Cakes
Saturday & Sunday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM,
Supper Room, Anzac Hall Complex

Sign the Hand-Made Featherston Booktown Visitors Book
Saturday & Sunday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM,
Supper Room, Anzac Hall Complex

Exhibition of Megan Campbell's Paintings at The Ferret Bookshop
Saturday & Sunday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM,
The Ferret Bookshop

Mini Fell Engine Is On Track
Saturday & Sunday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM,
Clifford Square (weather permitting)

Children's Treasure Trail on the Main Street
Throughout the weekend, pick up entry forms from bookshops and library

Collected Rockstars of South Wairarapa Art and The Busking Poet, David Merritt
Saturday & Sunday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM,
The Miracle Room, Wakefield Street

The Old Court House Art Gallery: Exhibition - The Art of Books
Saturday & Sunday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM,
The Old Court House

