



Newsletter - Friday 10th June 2022

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

With the second of our short weeks, the term seems to be flying by. Before we know it, the end of term will be upon us again. A very special event coming up in week 8 (23rd June) is the Matariki celebration. The invitation and details for this are below.



**JOIN US TO
CELEBRATE MATARIKI**

Thursday 23rd June 2022

6:45 am- assemble near the hall

7:00 am - make way to South Field

7:30 am - refreshments in the school hall

Nau mai haere mai

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

New Senior Playground:

We have finally officially opened the new senior playground. We are delighted to have this project completed and of course we have some thanks to make!

Firstly, to our board members Duncan Didsbury and David Savage who have put a lot of time and effort into getting this project completed. Also to our caretaker Steve Gain for his help along the way. This has been a great community effort . We have had support from a number of local businesses including:

- Pope and Gray who provided us with storage and the use of their trucks
- Farmlands who heavily subsidized the playground posts and stored them for a year
- Ground Control who gave us the use of their trucks to shift bark,
- Dman who provided equipment for finishing the posts
- Scott Nelson for helping truck bark to the playground
- Minister Harry for helping us open the Playground on Thursday morning with the whole school

The students are loving their new playground



Policy Review: Our survey is still open for you to contribute your feedback. Thank you to those who have done this already. There are some great questions coming through.

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*

Term 2 Greytown Radio Groups latest recording:

The latest radio broadcast from the School radio team is available now on this link.

Have a listen!

<https://www.arrowfm.co.nz/podcasts/Live-Wires/>

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.

Greytown School Art Auction:

Excitement is building for the School Art Auction being held here in the assembly hall next month July 2nd.

We have had a great response from local artists and their work will be available for viewing on an online catalogue that will be made available a week out from the auction. Artists will be displayed in the hall for viewing on the Friday a day before the auction and on the day itself.

Doors open for the Auction at 6:00. This is a ticketed event and \$25 will get you free finger food and a drink along with live music. You can purchase tickets at

<https://www.greytownvillage.com/festival-of-christmas-2022-events>

Students Exhibition:

In conjunction with the "Artists Auction", students have been producing their own artwork that will be on show in classrooms on July 1st Friday afternoon from 12:00. Parents and friends are invited to come into school to view their work. For a small Koha you will be able to purchase your child's work to take home.



**THE GREAT GREYTOWN
SCHOOL ART AUCTION
SATURDAY 2ND JULY, 2022**



**A CHANCE TO PURCHASE SOME AMAZING ART FROM LOCAL ARTISTS,
WHILE ALSO SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL.
AN EVENING OF LIVE MUSIC FROM LOCAL DUO NOBLE ECHO,
CANAPÉS AND DRINKS.
TICKETS ONLY \$25, INCLUDES YOUR FIRST DRINK.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS HEAD
TO WWW.GREYTOWNVILLAGE.CO.NZ 'WHAT'S ON' PAGE.**



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Dates For Your Diary

June	
14th	South Wairarapa interschool cross country
16th	Postponement date (interschool cross country)
23rd	Matariki School celebration
24th	Matariki (Public Holiday)
29th	EOTC - Rooms 13 & 14
29th	Netball Day - Kuranui
July	
2nd	Art Auction Fundraiser
6th	EOTC - Rooms 15 & 16
8th	End of Term 2

The Great Gingerbread Bake off Competition

Who is the Best Gingerbread Baker and the Best Junior Gingerbread Baker in the Wairarapa?

As part of the Festival of Christmas we will find out at Cobblestones Museum Greytown on Saturday 9 July

It's easy, and free to enter. Just deliver eight pieces of your homemade gingerbread on a plate to Cobblestones front office between 10am and 1pm on Saturday 9 July. Put your name and phone number on a piece of paper under the gingerbread and be there at 2pm for the announcement of the winners.

Our local celebrity judges will taste a sample from each plate and the winners will be crowned Best Gingerbread Baker and Best Junior Gingerbread Baker at 2pm.

Gingerbread will go on sale after the prize giving.

