



Newsletter - Thursday 7th July 2022

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

This newsletter is going to be “choc-full” of amazing things that have happened in and around Greytown School over the last few weeks. It’s hard to know where to start!

Cross Country:

We had a large group of students who represented us at the Wairarapa Cross Country and on Tuesday this week a group of 20 students qualified for the regionals, held in Upper Hutt. All students competed well in a tough field of competitors and challenging conditions.

Congratulations to Amelie Hight who came 8th and Archie Galbreath who was 7th and have qualified for the Nationals in Nelson

The Year 7 & 8 Speech Competition:

Last week we had Lila Holden and Aisling Murphy competing in the South Wairarapa Speech competition. Both performed incredibly well with Lila winning the year 7 section. Lila went on to win the Wairarapa competition the next day.

Chess:

Our School sent a group of eight keen Chess enthusiasts to the Wairarapa Schools Chess competition recently. The top team took out the Intermediate teams event with Reuben Heard taking out 2nd place in the individual standings and Sam Gawith coming third. Both the team and individual winners have qualified for the Nationals in October. Congratulations boys.



Kapa Haka:

We have been lucky to have a couple of opportunities for our Kapa Haka group to perform in recent weeks, firstly with our own Matariki celebrations and last Saturday down at Cobblestones as part of their Matariki day. Both occasions were very special and on Saturday it was a lovely warm afternoon down at Cobblestones and a big crowd to cheer on the students. A big thank you to Ms McKenzie and Matua Miu for their work with our Kapa Haka group.

The Amazing Student Art Show:

The students have produced some amazing work this term through their art sessions. It was wonderful to see so many of you coming through on Friday to see your children's work and we were overwhelmed with the generosity of your koha.

The Greytown School Art Auction:

What an amazing night we had! Aside from all of the fun we also sold a good amount of art, making both the school and our local artists some money. In total, we sold \$20,000 worth of art!

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will be there to have a chat and make some big plans! Don't be put off if you are keen to help but not sure how.

Finally, on behalf of myself and the whole team, we thank you for an amazing term and wish you a fantastic holiday break.



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



Young Artists meet Local Artist:

Students from Kawaka syndicate met with local artist Sandra Wong of Kotare Art Studio last week to show her some of the work they have been doing this term. The students took inspiration from her work. Pictured outside her studio are Grace Didsbury, Ben Bryant and Walt Schrader

Kahikatea New Forest School Trip

This week Kahikatea syndicate went on a EOTC trip to New Forest School north of Masterton.

They had a great time taking part in a range of activities including, cooking bread, clay making, whittling, hut building, tree climbing, crawly hunting and more.

Thanks very much to all the parents who came along to help.



Dental Bus:

We have been advised that the dental bus will be leaving our school on 5th August 2022, if your child has not returned their form for treatment please make sure you do so in the next few days. After the bus leaves you may need to drive your child up to Masterton for treatment.

Pita Pit Thursday Lunch Orders in Term 3:

We have decided to trial Pita Pit in our School on Thursdays during Term 3. To place an order parents set up an online account and order through there. The attached information sheet will provide you with everything you need to know.



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www.lunchonline.co.nz

**Pita Pit Lunches starting at
Greytown School**

\$4 Promo day - Thursday 28th July

Normal priced lunches resume Thursday 4th August

It's simple; all you need to do is register at
www.lunchonline.co.nz
and follow 4 easy steps to get started

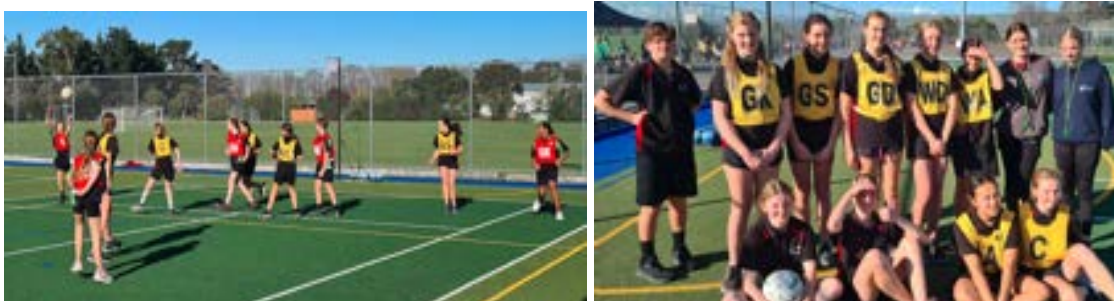
1. Register an account
2. Add member's including your name and delivery location
3. Make a payment to have funds in your account before you order
4. Select your lunch and place an order

Phone 0800 126 126
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Martinborough Netball “Have a go day”

Last week we took a mixture of years 5, 6, 7 & 8 students down to Kuranui College for a Netball “have a go” day. They all had a great time and showed some amazing team spirit.



Snapchat:

Recently it has been brought to our attention that there has been a snapchat group opened involving a number of older students at Greytown School. This is happening outside of school. It would be a good opportunity to speak with your child about the do's and don'ts if they are active on social media platforms. This will be reinforced at school as well. This help sheet is a great tool to inform you of what SnapChat is and how you can help your child navigate the app if you are

happy for them to be using this.

All National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one app of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, facts and tips for users.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION 13+

Snapchat is a photo- and video-sharing app which also allows users to chat with friends via text or audio. Users can share images and videos with specific friends, or through a 'story' (documenting the previous 24 hours) visible to their entire friend list. Snapchat usage rose during the pandemic, with many young people utilising it to connect with their peers. The app continues to develop features to engage an even larger audience and emulate current trends, rivaling platforms such as Tik Tok and Instagram.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

Even if your child only connects on the app with people they know, they may still receive friend requests from strangers. Snapchat's links with apps such as Wix and Hoop have increased this possibility. Accepting a request means that children are then disclosing personal information through the Story, SnapMap and Spotlight features. This could allow predators to gain their trust for sinister purposes.

EXCESSIVE USE

There are many features that are attractive to users and keep them excited about the app. Snap streaks encourage users to send snaps daily, Spotlight Challenges give users to the chance to obtain money and online fame, and the Spotlight feature's scroll of videos makes it easy for children to spend hours watching content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some videos and posts on Snapchat are not suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's Discover function lets users swipe through snippets of news stories and trending articles that often include adult content. There is currently no way to turn off this feature.

SEXTING

Sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature makes it easy for young people (teens in particular) to share explicit images on impulse. While these pictures do disappear – and the sender is notified if it has been screenshot first – users have found alternative methods to save images, such as taking pictures with a separate device.

DAMAGE TO CONFIDENCE

Snapchat's filters and lenses are a popular way for users to enhance their 'selfie game'. Although many are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beauty' filters on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations and create feelings of inadequacy. Comparing themselves unfavourably against other Snapchat users could threaten a child's confidence or sense of self-worth.

VISIBLE LOCATION

My Places lets users check in and search for popular spots nearby – such as restaurants, parks or shopping centres – and recommend them to their friends. The potential issue with a young person consistently checking into locations on Snapchat is that it allows other users in their friends list (even people they have only ever met online) to see where they currently are and where they regularly go.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TURN OFF QUICK ADD

The Quick Add function helps people find each other on the app. This function works based on mutual friends or whether someone's number is in your child's contacts list. Explain to your child that this feature could potentially make their profile visible to strangers. We recommend that your child turns off Quick Add, which can be done in the settings (accessed via the cog icon).

CHOOSE GOOD CONNECTIONS

Snapchat has recently announced that it is rolling out a new safety feature: users will receive notifications reminding them of the importance of maintaining connections with people they actually know well, as opposed to strangers. This 'Friend Check Up' encourages users to delete connections with users they rarely communicate with, to maintain their online safety and privacy.

TALK ABOUT SEXTING

It may feel like an awkward conversation (and one that young people can be reluctant to have) but it is important to talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting. Discuss the legal implications of sending, receiving or sharing explicit images, as well as the possible emotional impact. Emphasise that your child should never feel pressured into sexting – and that if they receive unwanted explicit images, they should tell a trusted adult straight away.

CHAT ABOUT CONTENT

Talk to your child about what is and isn't wise to share on Snapchat (e.g. don't post explicit images or videos, or display identifiable details like their school uniform). Remind them that once something is online, the creator loses control over where it might end up – and who with. Additionally, Snapchat's 'Spotlight' feature has a #challenge like TikTok's. It's vital that your child understands the potentially harmful consequences of taking part in these challenges.

KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE


Profiles are private by default, but children may make them public to gain more followers. Your child can send Snaps directly to friends, but Stories are visible to everyone they have added, unless they change the settings. If they use SnapMap, their location is visible unless 'Ghost Mode' is enabled (again via settings). It's prudent to emphasise the importance of not adding people they don't know in real life. This is particularly important with the addition of My Places, which allows other Snapchatters to see the places your child regularly visits and checks in: strangers, bullies and groomers could use this information to engage in conversation and arrange to meet in person.


BE READY TO BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does connect with your child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending explicit images to them, your child can select the three dots on that person's profile and choose report or block. There are options to state why they are reporting that user (annoying or malicious messages, spam, or masquerading as someone else, for example).

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.





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Greytown School Board of Trustees Elections:

The School Board tri-annual elections are approaching, so here is a link for more information on why what and how to become a board member

<https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/becoming-a-board-member/>

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Dates For Your Diary

July 7th 8th 25th	Uniform Free Day - supporting the Foodbank End of Term 2 Term 3 Starts
Aug 3rd 4th 5th	Learning Conferences - School finishes at 12.30 Learning Conferences - School finishes at 12.30 Dental bus leaves

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.





GAME DEV HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

2022

Giving Kids A Head Start

11-12 JULY 8-12 YEARS GAME DEVELOPMENT 9AM-3PM

13-14 JULY 13+ YEARS MOBILE GAME DEVELOPMENT 9AM-3PM

18-19 JULY 14-18 YEARS SPY MESSAGING APPS 9AM-3PM

15 & 22 JULY OTHER EVENTS OPEN DAY, E-SPORTS EVENT, & MORE!

for more information, visit randamonkies.co.nz/education/



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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT ARATOI

MATARIKI MURAL
SUNDAY AFTERNOONS
26 JUNE, 3 JULY, 10 JULY,
17 JULY, 24 JULY 2-4PM

KITE WORKSHOPS
WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS
11AM-2PM
DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Make a decorative kite to take away. Kites often symbolise the connection between earth and sky. They were often played with around Matariki as they fly high into the air.

FREE activity- but children must be accompanied by an adult.

Join us to paint in our special Matariki mural on the stage within the exhibition kōwhiri Haekeinga Journeys linking with the maurimataki, Matariki celebrations and the seasons. Each session will add a new layer of colour which will bring the mural to life by the end of the holidays.

FREE activity- but children must be accompanied by an adult.

for more information visit our website WWW.ARATOI.ORG.NZ/EVENTS