



Newsletter - Friday 5th August 2022

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

It's good to be back for term 3 and be able to look longingly towards spring. The tail end of winter usually brings with it a sting of colds and flu so please take care and keep your children home if they are sick, which you have been amazing at doing all year. Again, if you need any rat tests, please come to the office. We also have a good supply of masks for students and visitors so that these are available to anyone that wishes to wear them.

Student Art and Art Auction:

As we shared last term, we were absolutely thrilled with the support for the student art show and in having so many of you come along to view the student work. This flowed over into the Saturday evening art auction! In total, we raised \$10,000 towards a new junior playground.

Mobile phones at school:

We would ask that you remind your child that mobile phones need to be handed in for safe keeping during the day. At the moment we have only about 5 students (all girls) who hand their phones in each day and I have a feeling there are more phones than that coming to school!

School Drop off:

Just a reminder that the classrooms are not open most mornings until 8:30am as teachers have meetings and are prepping for the day. Most days children enjoy spending time outside playing but it is just something to be aware of on those colder mornings. Teachers are available and in their classrooms from 8:30am so if you need to catch up with them, that is often a great time to do that. On the colder/wet mornings, we will open the library for students at 8:10am to have somewhere warm to wait. This enables us to supervise this more easily and allows the teachers to get their prep and meetings done.

Behaviour Policy/Procedure Questions:

The following questions came from our consultation around the behaviour policy:

Are parents of children whose behaviour is noted on the system required to sight/sign to acknowledge their child is under review?

The simple answer to this is yes and no. We record lots of information around behaviour, both minor and more serious situations. We record this electronically to provide us with both student specific information and with system-wide information. For example, if we see a spike in play fighting on the south field, it tells us that we need to monitor that area more closely and consider ways to occupy the students in a more positive way. We might not let parents know if their child has been involved in a play fight or something minor as a one off but if something becomes a pattern or is serious, you should expect to hear about that from either the classroom teacher or one of the senior staff.

How are children supported or taught about resolving issues with their peers?

The classroom teachers support students with well-being programmes that fall under the health curriculum umbrella. Classes use "circle time" to discuss different issues that students might be experiencing and then targeted group or class lessons can be introduced as the need arises. Where

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

appropriate teachers will have restorative chats where there has been an incident between two or more students to help them resolve issues. If the incident is more serious then there is a more formal process where parents can be involved.

A restorative approach leads to individuals taking responsibility for their behaviour.

Trips Trust

There is a fund available to all parents that helps families with "Education Outside the Classroom" events. It was set up 8 years ago with the objective of giving all students the opportunity to take part in these events. It's easy to apply. You just email the principal and ask if you can access the Trips Trust fund or come in to talk to Paula or Neil about it.



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

Regional Cross Country:

In our last newsletter we congratulated some of our students for their fantastic results in the regional cross country. We should also have congratulated Emilie Cunliffe and would like to acknowledge her now. Archie, Amelie and Emilie all finished in the top 10 for their year groups. Archie was our only qualifier to continue on with both the girls being under the year 5 cut off. Congratulations Archie and we wish you good luck for the next stage.



Mid Winter Christmas Festival:

In the first weekend of the school holidays some of our choir performed as part of the Christmas Festival outside the town hall. The students involved put on a beautiful performance for the visitors passing through Greytown. Well done to all of you.

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Dates For Your Diary

Aug	
8th	Year 7 Vision & Hearing Screening
10th	Football "have a go" day
11th	Matharapa
22nd	Vision & Hearing Screening
31st	Strike Percussion - Visiting Performer
Sept	
1st	Kauri Market Day
5th	EOTC Year 7
6th	EOTC Year 8

Pre Season Cricket Training - Greytown Cricket Club

Just letting you know that we have opened registrations for our Junior Pre Season Cricket training. This is a 6 week programme starting the week of 22nd August.

\$60 per participant for the 6 weeks

It is for school years 5-8's Males and Females, with various sessions on offer, follow the link to register.

<https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/2a6555>

Give Taekwondo A Go

Come along to Kuranui Gym in Greytown at 6.15pm on Monday or Thursday evenings to try out Taekwondo. No experience necessary and your first two sessions are free, with no obligation. All ages welcome, great for concentration, coordination, self-confidence and fitness.



For more information contact Instructor Peter Kill on (022) 439 6482.

BABYSITTING

Hi, my name is Zoe Bell, I am 16 and would love to do some babysitting.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me or have a chat with mum, after school.

(My mum Rachel is a Teacher Aide at Greytown School).

Mobile: 02108109771

\$15per hour.

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YEARS**



QUEEN ELIZABETH II

PARK TRAIN

MASTERTON

SUNDAY 28 AUGUST
VENUE: PARK LAKE. BRASS BAND. FOOD STALLS. 11AM - 4PM
FREE TRAIN ALL DAY

