

GREYTOWN SCHOOL

Newsletter Friday 10th March 2023

Thank you to all of the families who have connected with us this week for learning conversations. If you were unable to make it this week, please contact your child's teacher to make a time to get together.

Our school swimming sports from years 3-8 were a highlight of last week and I'm always so impressed with our young people giving things a go, even if they are not their favourite thing to do. A fantastic finish to the day was the relays and you may have heard that the team of dads took out the final race, with the year 8 girls coming in second.

Hopefully, you have noticed the new token boxes and flash new tokens in the school foyer, where students are acknowledged for showing our school values. Students voted for a disco day - which will be happening on **Wednesday 15th March**. We have decided to combine the disco day with a gold coin non-uniform day. The proceeds of the non-uniform day will be going towards a treat day for the students at Tinui School. The combined Wairarapa Schools have pitched in and donated items to help the school get back up and running.

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Teachers and Principals Strike:

I want to again thank you for your support last week in picking up your children early on Friday to enable our staff to attend their union meeting. As a result of the vote by teachers on Friday, a further vote was undertaken to vote on strike action. The teachers and principal unions have voted to strike on **Thursday 16th March**. That means that school will be closed for instruction.

The after-school care is operating for the whole day as an option should families need it. Please contact Kylee on 027 878 2611 or kyle.clint@gmail.com.

Teacher Only Day - term 2:

The Ministry of Education has allocated 2 teacher-only days to schools to work on the revised curriculum and the first of those days must be taken in the first week of term 2. We have decided to hold our day on Monday 24th April, which is the first day of term, however, Tuesday 25th April is a public holiday for Anzac Day.

Moving March:

The students are enjoying Moving March and collecting stamps each day. What I've noticed is the increase in parents biking, scootering and walking with their children. Next week there will be a couple of spot prizes for parents too!

Nga Mihi.

Paula Weston

Tumuaki/Principal

Events coming up:

Disco Day - daytime disco and gold coin donation (non-uniform) Wednesday 15th March

Teacher and Principal Strike Day - Thursday 16th March - school will be closed

Teacher-only day - school closed - Monday 24th April 2023

Anzac Day public holiday - Tuesday 25th April 2023

Student Spotlight: Room Mudgway

Room Mudgway were lucky enough to be given some swan plants from a Grandparent in our class. We loved watching our caterpillars get bigger as they munched very quickly through the plants. We enjoyed an investigation about the caterpillars life cycle as they slowly transformed into a butterfly. We learnt some very interesting facts. We found out that butterflies emerge from a chrysalis while a moth comes from a cocoon. We also discovered that a butterfly has taste buds on its feet. We enjoyed creating some beautiful artwork to decorate our room and we are currently creating a 'hungry caterpillar' life cycle to display in our new library space.



DISCO DAY!

Wednesday 15th March

We are combining Disco Day with Uniform Free Day and a **gold coin** would be appreciated please. All proceeds will go to **Tinui School recovery.**

Students Gain Bike Maintenance Skills

Last week four of our awesome Bike track Monitors spent the day up in Masterton learning how to fix and maintain bikes. Checking the bike for repairs are Liam, William, Thomas and Oscar

Lunches

Students can order *fried rice/chow mein* on Wednesdays/Fridays \$5 small or \$6 large (order in the office)

Pita Pit can be ordered through the Lunch Online App for delivery on Thursday. If ordering Pita Pit please ensure the class name is correct.



**Pick Your Own Apples
at Molewood Orchard**

In 2023 from March to May,
Molewood Orchard in
Greytown is open for
Pick Your Own apples
every weekend.



If the idea of wandering down
rows of trees laden with fresh
delicious apples sounds appealing,
we have got your weekend plans covered!

Open weekends 9am-4pm
and other times by arrangement
March 11 - May 31
17 Mole St, Greytown
ph: 021 153 5933

Swimming Sports

Last Tuesday we braved the weather and went ahead with our school swimming Sports. Thanks to all those parents who came along to support particularly those who helped out with time keeping.

We have a squad of over 50 students taking part in the Southern Zone Swimming Sports on Friday up in Masterton.

Rebecca Kempton took some wonderful photos on the day that you can access through this link.

Here is the link for the Swimming Sports photos. Parents are welcome to download and share them from the gallery.

Album link: <https://www.2023-swim-sports.rebeccakempton.com/>





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 to mum, after school.

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

Mobile: 02108109771

\$15per hour.