

GREYTOWN SCHOOL

Newsletter Thursday 1st June 2023

Term 2 Week 6

We have arrived at the start of winter, with interesting news this week that the Wairarapa has had far less sunshine hours this year than we usually have. I don't think that comes as any surprise to us, except that it was significant enough to be mentioned on the news!

Trips Trust:

Each year the Trips Trust accept applications from families to support students to attend camps and trips that add additional stress to a family's finance. We want the process to apply to be as user friendly as possible so I have set up a [google form](#) with only a few questions on it that you can fill in at any stage between now and the end of term 3 when we will allocate the funds.

Something we have introduced this year is when you buy second hand uniform from us at school, the proceeds of that go to the trips trust.

Thank you for your support with the teacher union meeting this week. We appreciate this was not a lot of notice so your help in picking up your children early was fantastic. Thank you also to those who filled in our form to let us know really easily how many children to plan for - this made us able to put a plan in place very easily.

We hope that everyone gets a chance to enjoy a well-timed long weekend!

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Student Spotlight

ROOM WALKER KAHIKATEA SYNDICATE

In Room Walker this term - and across the whole Kahikatea Syndicate - we are excited to be reading the first book in the 'Dragon Defenders' series by New Zealand author James Russell.

To ignite students' interest we were lucky enough to have a Zoom meeting with James Russell, set up by our super syndicate leader, Mr Salter. Since then we have continued reading the book and have based a lot of this term's reading programme around work that evolves from each chapter. In addition there have been other curriculum areas that we have also worked on 'Dragon Defender's, Visual Art being one.

The student engagement has been wonderful to witness, and with five books in the series, plus a couple of spin-offs, the 'Dragon Defenders' series is sure to be a part of our classrooms for a while yet.



IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday 5th June

King's Birthday Public Holiday

- School Closed

Tuesday 13th June

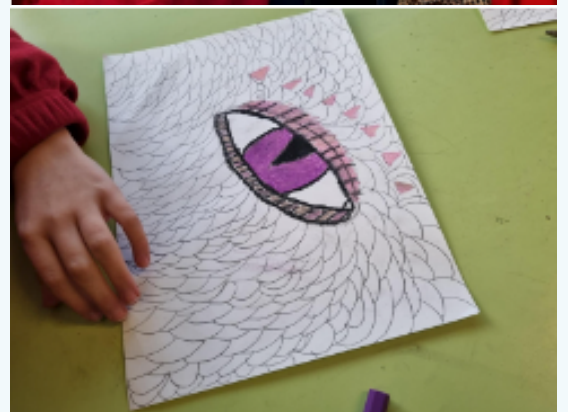
Wairarapa Cross Country

- Solway Showgrounds
- School uniform and jacket
- Food and water

Friday 30th June

End of Term 2

- School closes at 3pm



Looking good on Court

The Year 7 and 8 basketball teams have been kitted out in new tops this term.
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It must be helping their performance. All three teams won this week.





PULP FICTION MOVIE NIGHT
Saturday 22nd July 2023
Kemptions Woolshed, 56 Kemptions Line, Greytown

Movie Night

Tickets are now on sale for the School fundraiser event of Pulp Fiction showing on the big screen. The event is part of the Greytown Festival of Christmas, so will sell fast. Tickets can be purchased online via the Eventfinda page - search 'Festival of Christmas: Woolshed Movie Night'.

This is a licensed event so is strictly 18+.

Help Needed

The fundraising committee are looking for someone to build an e-commerce page for our school website for future fundraising initiatives.

If you have any skills with Shopify or other online sales portals, we'd really appreciate your assistance.

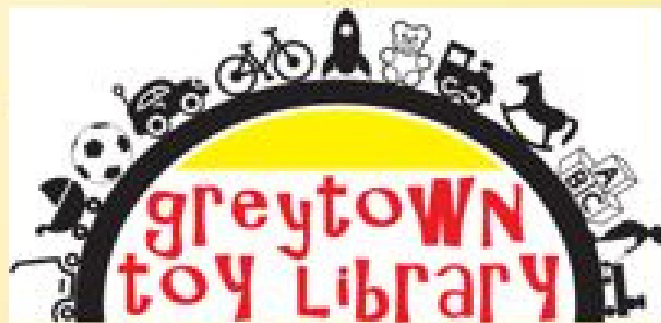
Please get in touch with the school office.

QUIZ NIGHT



Thursday, 7pm, 22 June 2023

*Fundraiser
for*



Doors Open 6pm

*Fabulous food and
drinks available*

Teams of Four

*\$60 per team,
maximum of 20
tables - be in quick*

Quiz Master

*The one & only
Chris Cogdale*

Dress Code - International - Any Country your table chooses

To reserve your team table, simply email your team name to greytowntoylibrary@gmail.com & pay your \$60 table fee to 02-0640- 0039093-00. Once we receive your payment we will confirm your table number and send you more details.

Thank you for supporting the children and families of our community!

Measles – what you can do NOW

Get ready NOW - be prepared before Measles is in our communities

Ensuring your tamariki are immunised against measles will prevent them getting sick and will help to ensure they don't miss learning opportunities; and for older rangatahi ensure they don't miss arts and sports tournaments, NECA school exams, the school ball, or other important activities later in the year.

Why are we so worried about measles?

Measles is a very serious illness and it spreads much faster than COVID-19.

What is measles?

Measles is a highly infectious viral illness spread through the air by sneezing and coughing. Measles can be serious with one in three people developing ear infections, pneumonia, or diarrhoea. Severe cases may require hospitalisation.

It usually takes about 10 days from contact with the measles virus to become unwell. The first signs are a high fever and runny nose, cough, and red eyes. About four to five days later the rash starts on the neck and face and then spreads over the body in the next days. People are infectious from four days before the rash develops to four days after.



Protect your tamariki and whānau

The best prevention against measles is to ensure everyone in your family (born on or after 1969) has had two MMR vaccinations.

To check whether you have been vaccinated, contact your doctor, nurse, or healthcare provider. If you're unable to find out if you have been vaccinated, it's recommended you get vaccinated as soon as possible. There's no risk in getting extra MMR doses – it's important to know you've had two doses.

People born before 1 January 1969 are considered immune to measles as they grew up when measles occurred frequently in the community.

[TeWhatuOra.govt.nz](https://www.TeWhatuOra.govt.nz)

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Vaccines are free for

tamariki under 18 years old (it does not matter what their visa or citizenship status is) and

Adults who were born on or after 1 January 1969.

What is considered 'fully vaccinated' for tamariki?

Age	Immunity
0 to <12 months of age	Not immune – not yet vaccinated
12 months to 15 months	One documented dose of MMR = fully immunised for age
Over 15 months	Two documented doses of MMR = fully immunised for age

What about adults?

Adults are considered protected if they have had doctor diagnosed measles or two doses of a measles vaccine (MMR) after 12 months of age. Measles immunisation has occurred at different ages since introduced in NZ in 1969. The following table will assist adults to determine if they are protected.

What year were you born?	Are you protected?	Recommended action
Adult born before 1 January 1969 in NZ	Yes, you are assumed to be protected as measles was common in NZ at this time.	No action required
Adult born between 1969 and 1980 (inclusive) in NZ	Probably not – as only 1 dose of measles vaccine was offered at 10 months of age. The vaccine is less effective if given before 12 months of age.	Get a second MMR vaccine
Born between 1981 to 1990 in NZ	You are protected if you had 2 measles vaccines. MMR vaccine.	Check if you have had 2 measles vaccines. If in doubt get a second
Born between 1991 - 1996 in NZ	People born 1991 to 1996 may not have had a second measles vaccine. This was when the second measles vaccine (MMR) was changed from 11 years to 4 years. Children aged 5 to 10 years at this time were offered catch up MMR vaccine through schools but uptake and coverage was not high.	Check if you have had 2 measles vaccines. If in doubt get a second MMR vaccine.
Born in NZ from 1997	You are protected if you have had 2 measles vaccines – previously given at 12-15 months of age and the other at 4 years. From October 2020 the first dose of MMR is at 12 months and the second at 15 months.	Check if you have had 2 measles vaccines. If in doubt get a second MMR vaccine.

Further information:

- www.immunise.health.nz/about-vaccines/nz-immunisations/measles-mumps-and-rubella-mmr-vaccine/
- Call Healthline on 0800 611 116 if you have symptoms and need advice