



Newsletter

Term 4
Week 6
Thursday 16
November

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Paula's Panui

Well another busy week here at GTS - our Kahikatea team heading off on their camps with one group leaving Monday then the second group leaving Wednesday.

We have our teacher only day on Monday next week, so this is your reminder that there is **no school on Monday 20th November**. We thank you for your support with this and we recognise that this is not the most convenient time of year for families!

We enjoyed a great day on Thursday with the year 3-8 athletics. A big thank you to all of the families that came down to support and

encouraged the students. Another big thank you to those brave parents and teachers who put their hands up for the traditional relay race against the year 8 students. Our year 8 boys won this year.

As we gear up for the end of the year, we hope you have the picnic for Mr Preston booked into your calendars. We thought it might be an opportunity for some fun sports that families can participate in together!

Ngā Mihi, Paula Weston Tumuaki/Principal

Pack the Bus/Food Bank collection:

On Monday 27th November we are participating in the More FM - Pack the Bus campaign. See the flyer on the next page for more details.

We will be having a mufti day on Monday 27th - instead of a gold coin - you can make a donation to the Pack the Bus or the Food Bank. If you make a donation to the pack the bus - one for the family is fine - it doesn't need to be one per child.



LISTEN NOW ON
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MORE FM 89.5

PACK THE BUS

tranzit
COMMUNITY

MON 27TH NOV TO SUN 3RD DEC

**BRING AN UNWRAPPED GIFT OR
CHRISTMAS TREAT TO SCHOOL**



Events coming up:

Friday 17th November - South Wairarapa Schools Athletics PP Monday 20th Nov

Monday 20th November - **Teacher Only Day**

Friday 24th November - Wings over Wairarapa for Kōwhai and Kawaka

Wednesday 27th November - Kōwhai trip to Kuratawhiti Park

Tuesday 5th December - Kawaka trip to Featherston/Cross Creek

Monday 11th December - Prizegiving at Kuranui College

Tuesday 12th December - Reports go home

Wednesday 13th December - Mr Preston Picnic - 12-2pm

Thursday 14th December - Year 8 Dinner

Friday 15th December - Last day - 12pm finish

The Last week of term:

Monday 11th December

Prize-giving for the whole school - we have condensed this into one celebration so we can acknowledge students from across the school together. This will be at Kuranui College from 1pm to 2:30 pm approximately.

Tuesday 12th December

Reports come home

Wednesday 13th December

Mr Preston Day - see separate information for this

Thursday 14th December

Year 8 Leavers Dinner

Friday 15th December

Last day for 2023, students will visit their new class
From 10-10:30am but will finish the day (12pm) with their current class.

2024: Start of the School year:

Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th January: Goal Setting Meetings

With your school report you will be given an appointment time for a goal setting/meet the teacher meeting on either Monday 29th or Tuesday 30th January. We will be scheduling those for everyone so that we can ensure that families are booked in together. This will replace the goal setting sessions we would usually have later in term 1.

Office will be open from Monday 29th January 9am for stationery sales

Wednesday 31st January:

First day of school for all students - straight to the classrooms

Friday 2nd February:

Pōwhiri to welcome our new staff, students and whanau

Expression of Interest: Before School Care - Term time only

We are reaching out to parents who may be interested in putting their children into a before school care program during term time.

When: Monday - Friday

Time: 7:30am - 8:30am

Where: On school grounds

Cost: \$10 a day per student

Includes: Toast and spreads

<https://forms.gle/Z4mmupZDSfZiDZEz7>





Student News: Skateboard Skills

This week our students in year 5-8 have started skateboard skills! We have been very lucky to be able to have these lessons and to use brand new equipment and ramps.

Each class gets a series of lessons to build their confidence on the boards and we get to keep the equipment for all the students to use next year.





Summit Dispositions Weekly Spotlight!

In Kowhai recently...



Students have **challenged** themselves by helping to run the school assembly and overcoming their nerves of speaking in front of a lot of people. They were **purposeful** by making sure they were organised - for example learning their lines.



Students also **challenging** themselves in maths time (above) and showing **innovation** and **collaboration** building huts (below).



There has also been a lot of **innovation** and **collaboration** as students think in diverse ways to construct lots of different buildings and creations. They have been using different materials and having to engage in lots of negotiations around sharing of resources and building ideas. The tamariki even built a massage chair and looked after each other's **hauora** by taking turns for quiet relaxation, or a foot and shoulder massage! (above left)













Introducing our characters...

This is Challenge Chelsea

She is the type of person who gives everything a go. She puts her name down to try new things at school and in her spare time, like sports, clubs and volunteering.

Sometimes they are not easy but she always learns something new by taking part.

Chelsea knows that she will face challenges in her day that she doesn't know how to solve, when this happens she has lots of different people she can ask for help.

Chelsea's favourite words of advice are: If it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you.

Student News: Epro8

Kids are excited and busy going through all the gears.



BE A PART OF

Help us build the junior playground extension by purchasing a personalised brick (or two!) that will become part of our **'Legacy Path'** which celebrates our school alumni and supporters.



ORDER YOUR BRICK at greytown-school.myshopify.com

Greytown School is on a mission to upgrade the junior playground in preparation for the start of the 2024 school year.

The current playground is very well used, but our growing role means we need to provide more space for our young ones to play, exercise and test their limits!

Now all we need is your support to make this a reality. You have the opportunity to leave a permanent memento at the school by purchasing one of a limited number of laser engraved bricks, which will be used to build a **"Legacy Path"** around the new playground. You may want to engrave your family name, dedicate it to someone special, or leave some inspirational wisdom for future generations. Whatever you choose, a record of your kindness and generosity will literally be cemented in place in our new playground!

**WHERE CAN I LEARN
MORE ABOUT THE
PLAYGROUND PROJECT?**

Check out the fly-through
video of the playground at
greytown.school.nz

ORDER YOUR BRICK

at the school office or online at
greytown-schoolmyshopify.com



Community Notices

A female tennis player in a white visor and dark athletic wear is captured mid-swing on a green tennis court. A large, stylized white number '2' is overlaid on the image.

PAREHUA
MARTINBOROUGH RESORT

Wairarapa
Tennis

Parent & Child Tournament

~Sunday 26th November 2023~
~Martinborough Tennis Club~

DUNLOP
Official Ball Sponsor 2023

Age Groups: 8 & Under, 10 & Under, 12 & Under, 14 & under, Open
*Child or Adult must be affiliated to a Wairarapa Tennis Club or School
The Adult may be any immediate family member : Parent, grandparent, guardian

A group of children in red and blue tracksuits are running across a grassy field, led by an adult in an orange safety vest. The background shows a line of trees and a blue tent.

Laughing Out

TO ALL OUR CURRENT AND PAST
STUDENTS, WHANAU AND COLLEAGUES

JOIN US FOR A PICNIC

FOLLOWED BY

TABLOID SPORTS

TO CELEBRATE

MR PRESTON'S SERVICE TO OUR
SCHOOL

Wednesday 13th December
12.00 - 2.00 pm
BYO picnic

