

#### Important Dates:

#### Friday 19th September

• Last Day of Term 3

#### Monday 6th October

• First Day of Term 4

#### 13-17th October

Book Fair

#### Friday 17th October

Pet Day

#### Tuesday 28th October

School Photos

#### Wednesday 29th October

School Athletics Day

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**Greytown School Website** 

#### School Bell Times:

8:30am - Classrooms open

8:50am - School Starts

9:00- 11:00 - Block 1

11- 11:20 am - Morning Tea

11:20- 12:40 - Block 2

12:40- 12:50 - Eating

12:50- 1:30 - Lunch

1:30- 3:00pm Block 3

School Ends

#### **Greytown School Details**

Phone: 06 304 9007

Email: office@greytown.school.nz

Website: www.greytown.school.nz

Bank Acc: 03 0609 0124353 00

Absences: Through HERO or phone office



### Paula's Panui

Kia Ora Koutou,

This will be the last newsletter for this term and my last one for the school year. Thank you to everyone who has come and had a chat with me about my sabbatical, I have appreciated your good wishes.

Along with Jody Hart stepping into the Acting Principal role, we will also welcome in a new Board of Trustees next term. Thank you to everyone who voted, and a special thank you to all of the people who put themselves forward as nominees. The results of the election will be announced next week.

You hopefully have seen the pet day entry form come through. We will have lots more information to come but lock in the morning of Friday 17th October (week 2). School will finish at 12:30pm. Don't worry- we will still have our correct number of school days as we have added on an extra half day to the end of the term.

Pet Day entry form link - here is the link in case you need it again.

#### Kapa Haka:

Our Kapa Haka group rounded out our term of arts last week and as hosts, our students were on stage for the Mihi whakatau as well as their own performance. It was an outstanding event and our group - Te Kotahitanga, in my biased opinion, were among the very best!

While I am sure I will see lots of you around while I am on sabbatical, I do want to say a massive thank you for the support you have given to the staff and school this year and wish everyone a wonderful remainder of the year.

Ngā Mihi, Paula Weston Tumuaki/Principal



### School Notices



### espri AIMS GAMES

Earlier this week me and my mum went to Tauranga for AIMS games. It was soo fun we watched Esther run in the pouring rain. And then I got all ready to compete in gymnastics. I knew lots of the people there but I also got to meet new people. Then prize giving came and I got 1st on floor, 1st on vault, 4th on bar and 10th on beam (I fell off beam) and that meant I got 1st overall. My leotard was especially made by Momentum Activewear to represent Greytown School. It was such a fun experience and



I can't wait to hopefully do it next year. Written by Ari

In the weekend I went to aims games in Tauranga to compete in Cross Country, as we lined up at the startline it started to pour down with rain and was very cold. In the middle of the course there was a massive hill that was very muddy. In the end I finished 44th out of 151 people. Written by Esther

WENT TO CLARVILLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A HOCKEY TOURNAMENT WITH OTHER SOUTH WAIRARAPA SCHOOLS.

THE TEAMS PLAYED FOUR GAMES EACH AND THERE WAS A TEAM FROM BOTH THE YEAR 5/6 AGE GROUP AND THE YEAR 7/8 YEAR GROUP. THIS YEARS TOURNAMENT WAS HOSTED BY GLADSTONE SCHOOL WHO PREPARED A BAKE SALE AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE FOR THE PLAYERS. IN THE TEAMS WAS A COMBINATION OF PLAYERS THAT HAD PLAYED BEFORE AND PEOPLE NEW TO THE GAME, IT WAS GREAT TO

SEE THEM DEVELOP AS THEY PLAYED THROUGHOUT





### School Notices







#### South Wairarapa Kapa Haka Festival Te Kotahitanga o Hūpēnui

Ko Wairarapa e! Kei runga i te atamira i tērā rā, anei te rōpū ko Te Kotahitanga o Hūpēnui. Ka nui te aroha, ka nui te harikoa ki te kite i ā tātou tamariki ataahua e tū rangatira ana.

Wairarapa was on full display last week as kura from across the South Wairarapa came together to share and celebrate their mahi on stage. Our group, Te Kotahitanga o Hūpēnui, had the honour of opening the day during the mihi whakatau before returning later in the afternoon to perform our full bracket. It was beautiful to see all their hard mahi come to life.

Our tamariki gave everything on stage, and the praise from our whānau and community was full of pride and aroha. For some of our group, this was their last big performance with us, which made the day even more special.

Finally, a huge mihi to all of our tamariki. He poho kererū mātou – we are so proud. It's no easy feat taking the stage, but they carried themselves with energy, mana, and unity, celebrating Te Ao Māori. The hours, energy, and dedication that have gone into this performance did not go unnoticed. Ka nui te mihi.

Ngā mihi nui also to our kaiako and whānau for their aroha and support, both in the lead-up and on the day itself. This festival was not only a celebration of kapa haka, but also a chance for our tamariki to stand tall in our shared culture and identity, together – Te Kotahitanga.



## School School Notices



#### **Before School Care** (Term Time)

Monday - Friday 7:30am - 8:30am On school arounds \$10 a day per student Includes: Toast and Spreads

To book in your child/children please contact:

Kath McShane kmcshane@greytown.school.nz

Margo Morgan mmorgan@greytown.school.nz

#### After School Care **Programme**

There are spaces available!!

Hours of Operation 3:00pm - 5:30pm

Please contact Kylee Robinson 027 878 2611 kylee.clint@gmail.com



#### Reminders

#### **Absentees**

Please let the office staff know of any absentees even if you have mentioned it to the teacher

#### Contact Details

Please inform the office if your contact details need to be updated

#### HERO - Financial Access

By pressing the Finance button in Hero, parents are now able to view family Statements of Accounts.

If you have any questions or concerns around this please either email office@greytown.school.nz

#### 2nd Hand Uniform

If you have any uniform at home that your child no longer wears, we are happy to take it and sell it on for \$5 each. All proceeds goes to the trips trust

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## Greytown School Lunch Options



### **TUESDAYS**

Order online before Tue 8:30am www.lunchonline.co.nz



#### WEDNESDAY & FRIDAYS

Combination Fried Rice / Chow Mein \$5.00 cash - Small \$6.00 cash - Large Order from the office in the morning



#### **THURSDAYS**

Pita Pit Order online before Thur 8:30am www.lunchonline.co.nz









NEW Junior Golf Program - Sept - Dec 2025

ALL LEVELS - (Ages 5 - 18)

Fun • Friendly • Affordable • Non-members Welcome

Looking for a fun way for your kids to learn golf? Whether they are brand new to golf, or looking to improve, MGC has a special 2025 program for all Juniors.

- Junior Golf School Holiday Program (22 Sept 03 Oct)
- When: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday in Week One
   Monday, Tuesday, Friday in Week Two of the school holidays
- Time: 9:30 AM 1:30 PM
- Cost: \$30 per session (includes fries or a sandwich) \$150 for all 6
- Open to: All school-aged children & teens
- · Focus: Fun, active sessions to keep kids engaged and learning
- · Features: divisions for all levels of experience, including brand new to golf
- 2. Junior Open THURSDAY OCTOBER 02

Prizes for Gross and Nett, and special 9 hole division for Juniors who are new to golf - Details to follow

 Junior Golf Term Time Lessons (Oct - Dec) - 8 x 1hr sessions - \$50 for the term - Details to follow

Register: entries@mgcgolf.nz with name & handicap (if any)







#### **COACHES NEEDED**

If you've ever thought about coaching – whether you're experienced or brand new – we'd love to hear from you! There is a small financial incentive for each week of coaching, so if you have an older child who would like to coach the younger ones. Please reach out! Wairarapa Basketball is pushing for more girl grades this year. Let's get basketball back thriving!

- What's involved?
- One training night per week
- Game day at Walter Nash Stadium
- Assistant coaches to help share the load
- Flexible support because we know life gets busy!!
- Message us here on Facebook or email:

basketballwairarapa@gmail.com

# CALLING ALL FUTURE COACHES WE NEED YOU!

### BASKETBALL WAIRARAPA

#### What's involved?

- One training night per week
- ✓ Game day at Walter Nash Stadium
- Assistant coaches to help share the load Flexible support because we know life gets busy!

#### Interested?

Message us here on Facebook or email: basketballwairarapa@gmail.com

# RED CLAY TENNIS SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Join us for professional tennis training these holidays.
All playing levels are welcome and groups will be formed based on age and ability.

#### Where:

22-26 Sept: Masterton Tennis Centre 29 Sept - 3 Oct: Gladstone Complex

#### Who:

Ages 8 and up
Beginners to competitive players

#### When:

9am-12pm and/or 1pm-4pm

#### Cost:

\$50 per session

\$225 for a full week of mornings or afternoons

#### Apply:

https://forms.gle/c4sdCdGy4XtTxGrq9

#### Contact:

jacob@premiertennis.co.nz











#### **September Events**

New Exhibition: Breadcraft Wairarapa School's Art Exhibition 20 September- 19 October

Wairarapa School's Art has been a long running exhibition at Aratoi, showing each year since the 1980's with the kind and continued support of local business Breadcraft.

A staff and visitor favourite, the Breadcraft Wairarapa School's Art gives us fresh vision and ideas from young people in the region. Some work from previous School's Art Exhibitions have even ended up in Aratol's permanent collection.

The exhibition opens with speeches on Saturday, 20 September at 2pm for invited guests including the students, families and school whānau. The exhibition closes on Sunday, 19 October.

#### School Holiday Activity: Mame Omocha Doll making 20 September - 5 October

During the school holidays there is a free art activity in the foyer inspired by Robin White and Taeko Ogawa's exhibition in the Main Gallery - Futatsu no Sekai (Two Worlds).

"Aratol invites tamariki to create their own Mame Omocha doll, a tiny, animated figure that paints at an easel when the peg is squeezed," says Aratol educator Natasha Priddle.

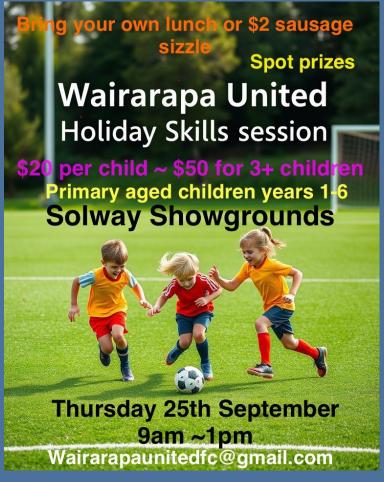
"This miniature tribute honours all artists promoting peace and intercultural collaboration through their work. This free art activity can be found in Aratol's front foyer, with parent supervision recommended. In the spirit of Wabi Sabi, we hope you enjoy making something tiny to adore at home."

#### Event: Futatsu no Sekai (Two Worlds) Closing Event Sunday 28 September, 2pm

Join us for a closing event for Robin White and Taeko Ogawa's powerful exhibition Futatsu no Sekai (Two Worlds). Ogawa will be demonstrating her calligraphy artform within the exhibition space followed by an artist talks. Light refreshments provided. Please RSVP for catering toinfo@aratoi.co.nz - limited numbers.

FREE- all welcome.











# WAIRARAPA SPITFIRES BASEBALL CLUB



2025/26 Wairarapa Spitfire Baseball season online registrations will open mid September!

We have club teams available for all levels of experience. The season will start on October 16th and pause for the summer school holidays before re-starting in early February and finishing at the end of March 2026. All Local Development games and trainings are held on the Spitfires Baseball Diamond at Kuranui College, Greytown.

ROOKIE BALL - Ages 5 to 8 play games on Saturday mornings at 9 am

MAJORS 10U/12U DEVELOPMENT (School Yrs 5-8) – Ages 9 to 12 play games on Friday afternoons at 4pm, training Thursdays 4pm MAJORS 14U/16U DEVELOPMENT (School Yrs 9+) – Ages 13+ play games on Friday afternoons at 5.30 pm, training Thursdays 5.30pm 12U/14U/16U TRAVEL TEAMS – Competitive baseball in the Wellington Regional Competition.

Wairarapa Spitfires Club Travel Teams will be formed late September, email <a href="mailto:mcwilliamae@gmail.com">mcwilliamae@gmail.com</a> asap if you are interested. Games are on Sundays and played at home on the Spitfires Baseball Diamond at Kuranui College and away at other Wellington regional diamonds in Terms 4 and 1.

Our Have a Go Open Day is on Sunday October 12th from 10am to 12pm at the Kuranui College Baseball Diamond. Come along for a fun morning learning about baseball and eating yummy sausages.

For more information and to register check out our website <a href="https://www.sporty.co.nz/spitfiresbaseball">https://www.sporty.co.nz/spitfiresbaseball</a>
Join our Facebook Page for news and updates: Wairarapa Spitfires

Contact our Teams Coordinator, Eileen McWilliam, mcwilliamae@gmail.com or phone 0276028597



## HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



#### MONDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

EPIC FORT BUILDING-Who can build the best fort using only equipment on hand? Let's get our imagination working & create some incredible hideaways to hang out in for day.

X MARKS THE SPOTI TREASURE HUNT: We will be designing our very own treasure maps (complete with actual hidden treasure) then we'll go on a treasure hunt to find the treasure- hope it's something yumny/!!!!



#### TUESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

SASSKIDS Session 1- The amazing team from SASSFIT in Masterton will take us through a fun fitness session that's sure to get the heart rate racing! These sessions have been a hit in previous holiday programs.

BLOSSOM TREE ART-We'll use our creative flair to design & paint a beautiful piece of artwork (but not using a paint brush!)



#### WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

KIMIGOLF Session 1- The team from Kiwi Golf Development Foundation will be taking us through a golf session teaching us a range of basic golf skills in a fun & active style. This team has been doing the rounds at schools recently & the engagement of the kids in the sessions is amazing!

GREENFINGERS- We will put our gardening skills to the test with a selection of vegetable & flower seeds to be planted & taken home to watch grow (hopefully!)



#### THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

WHEELS DAY- Bring your bike/scotor/skates Day! We will have fun on the amazing bike track at Greytown school. NOTE: Weather dependant- if raining then may need to be swapped to another day.

DESIGN YOUR DREAM ICECREAM SUNDAE: What's your favourite icecream flavour?

We will design the most amazing icecream sundaes complete with sauce & sprinkles! Then we'll eat them of course!!!



#### FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

SPRING THEMED CUPCAKES- We will be decorating delicious cupcakes with spring themed decorations & colourful icing- be warned they may not make it home as we suspect they'll be gobbled up long before!

GT SCHOOL SCAVENGER HUNT-We'll spend the afternoon searching Greytown School high & low to be the first group to complete our tricky Scavenger hunt.



- Location:
- Greytown School Ha East Street
- Contact: 027 878261 gtafterschoolcare@ gmail.com
- Facebook:

  Greytown after school
- care
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- OOST: FULL DAY \$60 8-5
- SCHOOL DAY \$48 8.30-3
- Some activities are weather dependent so some days may need to be swapped.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

While Staff will do their best to ensure the safety of devices, no liability will be taken for loss/damage while under our care. We will have some devices available for use if you'd rather not take the risk.



#### MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

CRAZY HAIR & PAMPER STATIONS-Prepare for a fun-filled morning of Tattoos (temporary of course) Nail painting & Wacky hair at our dedicatec pamper stations. The talented Elise will join us for some

fabulous face painting. Feel free to come dressed up for even more fun!!!

GT SCHOOL TALENT SHOW- With our hair & nails done what better time than to put on a show! We will show off our talents to our panel of judges & hope to win one of the epic prizes up for grabs!



SASSKIDS Session 2- The team from SASSFIT return to take us through another fun fitness session with lots of games & laughs!

EDEN SKYE DESIGN- I'm told this was a Pod favourite! An afternoon of jewellery design making earrings, necklace, key ring or something amazing to take home.

#### WEDNESDAY 1ST OCTOBER

KIWIGOLF Session 2- Following on from week 1, the Kiwi Golf team will take us through another set of golf skills which are sure to have us ready to take on Lydia Ko!

B.I.N.G.O.- After a busy morning practising our golf skills, we'll need some time to relax & what better way to do than a few fun games of bingo? Complete with prizes for winning of course!

#### THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER

TECH TIME- Bring along your device for a fun morning of tech-time. Screentime will be supervised & time limited with plenty of breaks. We will have the WIIFIT set up to work up a sweat with some fun games of bowling & cricket plus the Nintendo

switch with Mariokart.

CLASSIC OUTDOOR GAMES-We'll have lots of laughs playing some old playground games such as Rob the nest, Go home stay home, Red light green light, 3 legged races, the chocolate game & morel

CHILLOUT DAY & SHARED LUNCH-For the last day of the holidays we will take it easy with movies, popcorn & a shared lunch.

FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER

There will be plenty of toys & activities to do for those who don't want to watch movies.

\*\*\* NOTE: Please bring a plate for our shared lunch.