



# School Newsletter

Term 4, Week 4, 30th October

## Important Dates:

### WEEK 5:

**Tuesday 4th November**

Junior Athletics Day (yrs 0-3)

### WEEK 8:

**Pack the Bus week**

### Week 11:

**Monday 15th December**

Prizegiving 10-11am

**Tuesday 16th December**

Yr 8 Leavers

**Wednesday 17th December**

Last day (12pm close)

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### Term Dates for 2026:

**Term 1:** Tues 3rd February - Thurs 2nd April

**Term 2:** Mon 20th April - Fri 3rd July

**Term 3:** Mon 20th July - Fri 25th September

**Term 4:** Mon 12th October - Wed 16th December

## 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

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# Principal's Pānui

## Kia ora e te whānau,

What an incredible couple of weeks it's been at our kura! Our annual Pet Day was a wonderful success, the sun was shining, the animals were looking their best, and the smiles on our tamariki's faces said it all. The beautiful weather made for a perfect day to celebrate our school community, and it was fantastic to see so many families, friends, and supporters join us. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the day so special. Events like these truly capture the spirit of our school and create lasting memories for our students.

Our Senior Camp was another standout! Despite a bit of wild weather, students embraced every moment (full of adventure, teamwork, and plenty of laughter). The friendships and experiences gained will be remembered for years to come.

And just to keep things exciting, Athletics Day yesterday brought another dose of fun (and a few weather challenges!). We managed to complete most events, with sprints to come once the conditions improve. It was fantastic to see so much enthusiasm, positivity, and house spirit on display. We're looking forward to seeing the juniors take to the track next Tuesday!

Class Placements for 2026 – Just a reminder to email through anything specific you want us to know about your child before we finalise the class lists, please email the team leaders before the end of week 6.

\*Please note that we do not take teacher requests. Our focus is on creating well-balanced classes, ensuring every child is placed with at least one friend, and providing opportunities for students to learn alongside a range of peers throughout their time at school.

If your child is currently in the **Juniors** -  
please email Cath Kirkpatrick- [ckirkpatrick@greytown.school.nz](mailto:ckirkpatrick@greytown.school.nz)

If your child is currently in the **Middles** -  
please email Rhonda Jones- [rjones@greytown.school.nz](mailto:rjones@greytown.school.nz)

If your child is currently in the **Seniors** -  
please email Yolandi Verwey - [yverwey@greytown.school.nz](mailto:yverwey@greytown.school.nz)

Ngā Mihi Nui,

*Jody Hart* - [jhart@greytown.school.nz](mailto:jhart@greytown.school.nz)

Acting Principal

# School Notices



A massive shout out to Helen Smith (Moo Dog Photography) who took some fabulous pictures on the day!



## PET DAY

WHAT AN AWESOME DAY IT WAS FOR OUR ANNUAL PET DAY! THE WEATHER TRULY TURNED IT ON, MAKING IT THE PERFECT BACKDROP FOR A DAY FULL OF SMILES, SUNSHINE, AND THE CUTEST ANIMALS YOU COULD IMAGINE. FROM FLUFFY PUPPIES TO PROUD PONIES, OUR PETS WERE ABSOLUTE STARS AND THE PUPPY CUDDLES THIS YEAR WERE ESPECIALLY HARD TO RESIST (I WAS SO CLOSE TO TAKING ONE HOME MYSELF!).

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THE DAY RUN SO SMOOTHLY, ESPECIALLY OUR WONDERFUL JUDGES WHO TOOK TIME OUT OF THEIR BUSY SCHEDULES TO COME ALONG AND SUPPORT OUR KURA. THE BAKE SALE TREATS AND SIZZLING SAUSAGES ADDED TO THE FUN, CREATING THAT SPECIAL COMMUNITY FEEL WE ALL LOVE. OUR YEAR 8 HELPERS ALSO DESERVE A MASSIVE SHOUTOUT, THEY WERE FABULOUS THROUGHOUT THE DAY, STEPPING UP AS TRUE LEADERS OF OUR SCHOOL.



## MAKAHIKA

### Year 7 & 8 Camp

On the 21st of October the year 7s and 8s of Greytown Primary went on camp at Makahika Outdoor Pursuits Center

One of the days was spent at a place called tent city. At Tent City the main activity was building shelters. You were given a tarp and four pieces of string and had to make a tent to fit you and your group under. We also learnt how to build fires as a survival skill. After this activity you can go back to tent city. The tents at Tent City could fit up to five people. At dinner time there was pasta bake and milo

Another day spent at camp we stayed in the bush hut, that day we went for a long walk in the bush, we crossed many rivers and streams and got very wet. Since the space was limited we could only bring our daypack without lunch and water bottle and a plastic bag including a sleeping bag, a spare set of clothes, our eating utensils, shoes, and one luxury item. When we got back we packed our things and made our way to the bush hut. That night we had campfires, burgers for dinner, milo, and toasted marshmallows.



The last day before we left we did an adventure race. We split off into small groups and had to race around the camp on an adventure to collect markers. After we had collected 5 markers we had to go to the main desk and get given a challenge. We had to repeat that till every marker was collected.

The last night was spent in the lodge, that day's activities were the zipwire and high ropes. For the high ropes we were harnessed to a rope and sent to climb up a ladder, at the top of the ladder we walked across the wooden beam in the sky and did a dance at the end. Then we had to lean back and fall off the beam. The next activity was the zipwire, we put our harnesses on and walked all the way up the hill to the zip base. We were then asked a series of questions to determine who would go next. After we were clipped into the wire we tried our hardest to walk down the stairs and see how far we could get before falling off, then we proceeded to zip down over the river and to the end. It was really fun. That night we were asked to gather in the main area of the lodge and we did a fun little roleplay of a french restaurant. We had a 3 course meal and a hilarious experience.

By Eva Trotman, Rose Gladwell and Zoe Nielson

# School Notices



We had our school photos taken on Tuesday. Once they have completed the editing the gallery will go online with unique codes so you can view and order photos.



## School Photography Prices 2025

Prints	Single	Multibuy*
Size AA - 4x 2 x 3" (5 x 15cm)	\$25.00	\$20.00
Size A - 6 x 4" (10 x 15cm)	\$20.00	\$18.00
Size B - 7.5 x 5" (12.5 x 20cm)	\$25.00	\$20.00
Size C - 12 x 8" (20 x 30cm)	\$35.00	\$30.00
Size D - 10 x 15" (24.5 x 37cm)	\$45.00	\$35.00
Receive digital file of the above for \$20 (not available on laminated prints)		
10" x 8" Group Laminates	\$25.00	\$22.00

Digital Files	Single	Multibuy*
LOW Res Digital File	\$18.00	-
HIGH Res Digital File	\$30.00	\$10.00
Extra files after the above purchase of 3 files	\$10.00	-
Retouching of files/prints	\$10 each	-

Packages	Price
Package 1- AA + A + B (1 pose)	\$35.00
Package 2 - Class Photo + B	\$40.00
Package 3 - ClassPhoto + AA + A + B (1 pose)	\$60.00
Whānau Package - 3 x B	\$65.00

Multibuy is 3 or more | Prices subject to change without notice | Credit Card fee May apply  
Valid for 2025 bookings

## Creative Portraits for Modern Families

177B Thorndon Quay, Level 1 Courtyard Studio, Pipitea, Wellington  
Phone 04 384 8009 www.inspirephotography.co.nz



## School Photography Packages 2025

<b>Package 1</b> <b>\$35</b> 4x 2"x3" 1x 4"x6" 1x 7.5"x5"	
<b>Package 2</b> <b>\$40</b> 1x 7.5"x5" 1 Laminated Class Photo	
<b>Package 3</b> <b>\$60</b> 4x 2"x3" 1x 4"x6" 1x 7.5"x5" 1 Laminated Class Photo	
<b>Whānau Package</b> <b>\$65</b> 3x 7.5"x5"	

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# Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who came to our Book Fair. It was huge success with total sales being over \$4500.





# School Notices

## Before School Care (Term Time)

Monday - Friday  
7:30am - 8:30am  
On school grounds  
\$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



## 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](mailto: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

Sushi

Order online before Tue 8:30am

[www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://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](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)



## READY, SET, SIGN IN!

Stay in the loop by  
following these steps

### DOWNLOAD THE HERO APP

Once downloaded, click 'Sign In'

### ADD YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Select 'Next'

### SELECT 'NEW USER'

Your account will be set up by  
your school using the email  
address that you provided when you  
enrolled your children, use  
this address to request a password.

### SELECT 'SUBMIT'

Hero will send you an email with a  
link to follow.

### CHECK YOUR EMAIL

You should receive an email within five  
minutes.

### FOLLOW THE LINK

This will take you to a secure page to  
enter your chosen password.

If you encounter problems logging  
in, please check with your school to  
make sure they have the correct  
details for you.



## 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](mailto:kylee.clint@gmail.com)

### Egg Cartons Needed

The FoodBank is in need of  
some Egg Cartons.  
If you have any, please drop  
them into the office.

Thank you



# Community Notices

## TRUNK TREAT

TRUNK OR TREAT IS BACK!

ALL WELCOME TO THIS COMMUNITY EVENT

DRESS UP AND  
JOIN THE FUN!

31 OCT | 6-8PM

ST LUKES CHURCH  
135 MAIN STREET

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SPONSORS!

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[WWW.STLUKESGREYTOWN.CO.NZ](http://WWW.STLUKESGREYTOWN.CO.NZ)

## Rathkeale Christmas Fête 2025

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1  
★ 9.00am - 3.00pm ★

ARTS & CRAFTS STALLS

CHRISTMAS DECOR & GIFTS

PLANTS & FLOWERS

LIVE MUSIC

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT

GOURMET FOOD

DEVONSHIRE TEA GARDEN

Rathkeale College | 217 Willow Park Drive, Masterton

## FOOD BANK APPEAL

WEDNESDAY  
5 NOVEMBER 2025  
6PM START



**WHEN YOU HEAR THE SIRENS -  
BRING YOUR CANS OF FOOD  
OUT TO THE COLLECTORS!**

Any non-perishable food, essential household items and personal hygiene products – whatever you are able to spare – will be most welcome. Items can also be left at all libraries prior to the collection date.

This flyer is distributed by the Rotary Club of South Wairarapa



Rotary





# Community Notices

## GREYTOWN SWIM CLUB

Greytown Swim Club is an inclusive and welcoming club for swimmers across Wairarapa. If you can swim 1 lap, want to build water confidence and enjoy having fun in a family friendly environment- this is the club for you. We are a lively club for younger school-age swimmers with members aged from 6 to 17 with regular BBQ nights and social events during the season. Working with our highly experienced coaches with small ratios, our focus is on improving swimming confidence, building skills and having fun in the water and with others. We also have a Masters group who swim for fitness and improvement (a great option for any parents who want to get in the water).

We run on Tuesdays and Thursdays (5.30 – 6.30 school-aged, 6.30 – 7.30 Masters) from December to March at Greytown Memorial Pool. Our subs are competitive, \$65 for one, \$85 for 2 whanau members and \$105 for three or more. Our subs includes both weekly swim club sessions, pool access and coaching. We also provide hot chocolate when the water is chilly and regular barbeques during the season.

Come and join us, we'd love to see you at the pool.

- 📍 Location: **Soldiers' Memorial Pool Greytown**
- 📅 Starts: **December 2025** (exact dates TBC, check on our [Facebook page](#))
- 📞 Contact: <https://www.facebook.com/greytownswimclub>



**Come for the swim, stay for the fun!**



# MUSICAL THEATRE

## PERFORMANCE BY WAIRARAPA KIDS' CHOIR

FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2025 6.45PM ST MATTHEW'S  
SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2025 2PM COLLEGIATE HALL

COME AND ENJOY OUR AMAZING LOCAL WAIRARAPA TALENT



### TICKET PRICES:

Adult: \$10  
Child: \$5  
Family: (2 Adult, 3 Kids) \$30

### PURCHASE NOW:

[www.myetickets.co.nz](http://www.myetickets.co.nz)

Search for: Oliver with a Twist

LIMITED DOOR SALES – CASH ONLY



# Community Notices

WAIRARAPA CRICKET  
2025-26

## PLAYER EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

We are seeking expressions of interest from players keen to be involved in the below teams.

\*Please note that these agree groups are based upon the players 2025 school year\*

- Year 6 Boys
- Year 7 Boys
- Year 8 Boys
- Year 9+10 Boys
- Year 11+12 Boys

- Year 7+8 Girls
- Year 9+10 Girls
- Year 11-13 Girls

PLEASE FILL IN THE  
GOOGLE FORM LINK



**Holmes**  
Construction NZ  
EST 1957

**PGG Wrightson**

## Join Cubs or Scouts

Are you keen to:

- Make new friends and have lots of fun!
- Go on exciting new adventures like camping, tramping and rock climbing.
  - Spend time in your community,
- Learn new skills and test your creativity.

Greytown Cubs meet on a Monday 6-8pm and Scouts on a Wednesday 6.30-8.30pm at the Scout hall on Kuratawhiti street.

We offer young people a one month FREE trial, after which term fees apply.

Email [greytown@group.scouts.nz](mailto:greytown@group.scouts.nz) to arrange a visit



**SCOUTS**  
New Zealand