



[Greytown School Website](http://www.greytown.school.nz)

School Newsletter

Term 4, Week 8, 27th November

Important Dates:

Monday 15th December

Prizegiving 10-11am

Tuesday 16th December

Yr 8 Leavers Dinner
(Last day for Year 8s)

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

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Principal's Pānui

Kia ora e te whānau,

The countdown has begun with just over two weeks to go, things are certainly getting exciting around school! You'll find all of our staffing news for 2026 further down in the newsletter.

A huge congratulations to all the students who made it through to Regional Athletics. You should be incredibly proud of yourselves, what an achievement!

Our school reward winner this term is the Outdoor Dance Party, which will be happening next week. The exact day will depend on the weather, but we'll keep students updated so they're ready to celebrate.

We also have an exciting change to Prize Giving this year. On **Monday 15th December at 10:00am**, Prize Giving will be held **here at school on the North Field**. If it's raining, we will make a quick shift into Tahorahina. We usually hold this event at Kuranui, but with demolition starting that day for them (and to ease the pressure of getting everyone down there) we felt this was a great opportunity to try something new and make it feel special for our students. Families will be notified on **Monday 1st December** if their child is receiving a prize. We warmly welcome you to come

along and celebrate with us; however, please keep in mind that space will be limited if we need to move indoors, so we ask that you carefully consider the number of family members attending.

While most awards are for our Year 8 students, each class also has three certificate recipients. We know that not all students will receive a prize but we want to acknowledge that we celebrate student success regularly throughout the year in assemblies and throughout other events.

Year 8 Graduation Celebration will be held on **Tuesday 16th December**. You will find all the information you need (including timings and organisation for the evening) on HERO. If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Yolandi (Team Leader) yverwey@greytown.school.nz

We're looking forward to celebrating this milestone with our Year 8s and their whānau.

Ngā Mihi Nui,

Jody Hart
Acting Principal
jhart@greytown.school.nz

STAFF NEWS FOR 2026



As we head toward the end of the year, we want to share some staffing changes with whānau.

First, we'll be saying goodbye to Mrs Wilson and Miss Smith as they head off on new adventures. We're so grateful for everything they've brought to our school and we wish them all the very best for what comes next.

Next year Whaea Denise will be teaching in a Year 1 class from Monday-Thursday, with Mrs McGuiness taking the class on Fridays. Miss Kirkpatrick will be moving into a Year 1/2 class while continuing her role as team leader.

We're also excited to welcome Ed Styles to our Year 2/3 team alongside Ms Burt and Whaea Ness. Many of you may already know Ed as a parent of the school, with two of his children attending here. We're thrilled he's joining the teaching team.

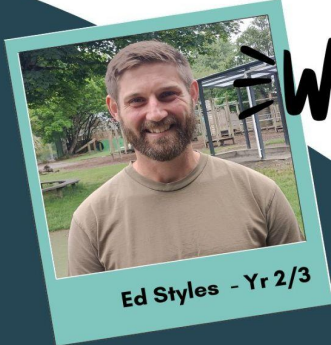
Miss Cannons will be stepping out of the Tahorahina team, but we're lucky she's staying on as our CRT teacher, working across the junior and middle teams to teach Science and the Arts throughout the year.

Joining us in the middle block will be Madison Baird, who comes to us from the Manawatū/Horowhenua area with experience teaching and relieving across Years 0-8.

We're very excited to have her join our middle team and welcome her the beautiful Wairarapa.

We also farewell Verity, who has been in Mill's class each Friday. Whaea Ness will now be in the classroom five days a week. And we also extend a big thank-you to Jo Gould, who has brought so much to our music programme this year.

A huge thank-you to those who are leaving for all they've contributed, and a warm welcome to those joining us. We're excited for the year ahead and grateful for everyone who helps make our school such a special place.



Ed Styles - Yr 2/3

≡ Welcome ≡



Madison Baird -
Yr 4/5/6

School Notices



Wgtn Regional Athletics 2025

We were proud to take 27 students to Regional Athletics this week. Our athletes faced some very tough competition and came away with mixed results, but every student represented our school with pride, determination, and great sportsmanship. A huge thank you to our parent community for your transport and support on the day, and to the organisers and helpers who worked hard to ensure the event ran smoothly.





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

Egg Cartons Needed

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

Thank you



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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Community Notices



GREYTOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

DECEMBER 18TH & 19TH 2025

Soldiers Memorial Park

Boys & Girls aged 7-12
years

9am-1pm both days

Skills, drills and thrills!

REGISTER BELOW



Greytown Swim Club Sign-Up Night! 🏊 ⬆️



Date: 30 November 2025



Time: from 4.30, BBQ from 5



Location: Greytown Memorial Pool

Come along and join our fun, inclusive, and family-friendly swim club for the 2025–26 summer season!



What We Offer:

- Junior & Senior Swim Groups for 18 years and under
- Masters Fitness Sessions
- Private Pool Access
- Experienced, Supportive Coaches
- All Levels Welcome – from beginners (can swim 1 lap) to competitive swimmers
- Opportunity to test yourself and compete & Loads of Fun
- Hot Chocolate & BBQs Throughout the Season! Including a BBQ for sign up night!



Affordable Subs:

- \$65 for one swimmer
 - \$85 for two whānau members
 - \$105 for three or more
- Hardship fund available – everyone is welcome!*

Let's make a splash this summer – see you at sign-up night!

<https://www.facebook.com/greytownswimclub>

And just like that it's our last School Holiday Programme for 2025! Get amongst it: Thursday and Friday 18th & 19th of December. Register here:

https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.sporty.co.nz_viewform_392224&d=DwlFAg&c= Zm2Kb9yJrso4r0-N78Ezl-a6DfgMbIlSn5tZXXqWk4&r=RC12etLXzYw1jfr5V0APPJ3qDQdkWsImPgeZLoPcpPw&m=c2jnuwOp2Zh1Q4gbQKDZf7QQVd92X6r2Zf5a1yCmsPQRw6ZTmUT-jduLqfXN1kvO&s=Wz5rmCXCWJnXUllvis_m2quTybfj8dw73pO8OP9k2GY&e=

Community Notices



Get your teens booked in now if they haven't been seen recently!

Wairarapa rangatahi are taking great steps towards healthier smiles, with almost 75% of young people under 18 accessing free dental care each year through the Adolescent Dental Programme. Youth Oral Health Coordinator Rachel Clarke is excited to see the numbers climbing. "In my six years in the role, uptake has grown from 70% to 75%. What really stands out is the bounce back after Covid-19, when rates dropped to 62% in 2021. "While 75% is fantastic, this does mean we still have around a quarter of our rangatahi who are missing out on the free dental care they're entitled to" she says.

Rachel encourages whānau to get their teens booked in, if it's been more than a year, since their last visit. "It's great for their smile, their health, and their general wellbeing to have a healthy mouth and strong teeth. And best of all, it's government-funded – so why not make the most of it!"

If you or someone you love is a young person under the age of 18, get along to the dentist if you or they haven't been seen in the past year – and help us reach our target of 100% uptake!

What's on offer?

All young people from Year 9 up until their 18th birthday are entitled to FREE dental care – no matter whether they are at school, in training, working, home schooled, or unemployed. Services include:

- Annual check-up
- Fillings
- Tooth extractions
- Fluoride application
- Sealants
- X-rays

(Note: orthodontic care and tooth whitening are not included.)

How to enrol

If you've recently moved to the Wairarapa or are not enrolled with a dentist - enrolment is simple – just head to your local dental practice (all except Masterton Dental) and sign up at reception. Practices providing this free service include:

- Grace Dental (Masterton)
- Kevin Wong Dental (Masterton)
- Lumino Dental (Masterton)
- Greytown Dental (South Wairarapa)
- Martinborough Dental (South Wairarapa)
- Park Rd Dental (Carterton)
- True Dentistry (Carterton)



Want to learn more?

- Visit the [Wairarapa](https://www.wairarapa.govt.nz/health-and-social-services/health-services/dental) Oral Health website.
- Email Rachel directly at Rachel.clarke@wairarapa.dhb.org.nz.
- Call the Community Dental Clinic, Masterton, on 06 377 9071.

5 TIPS TO KEEP YOU SMILING



Brush teeth with fluoride toothpaste for two minutes twice a day



Spit, don't rinse after brushing



Drink tap water and milk



Eat snacks with no added sugar



Have a dental exam every year. Dental care is FREE for under 18s

Community Notices



Is your child interested in learning a musical instrument? The **Wairarapa Youth Orchestra** is offering **scholarships for beginner musicians** in 2026!

What's included?


- \$10 per week for lessons with experienced tutors.
- Instruments and music provided free of charge.
- Opportunities to perform in a full youth orchestra.

Who can apply?

- All primary and secondary school students.

 **Apply now:** | https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfxgr5_sDVJlKGWrFmq2d_usKrIKFvJ81q9eWlKMAUWdfJQ/viewform

 **Questions?** Email scholarships@wyo.org.nz

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Kia Manaaki | We Serve






Try an Orchestra Instrument!

Ever wondered what it's like to play a trumpet, trombone, French horn or clarinet? Now's your chance to give it a go — no experience needed!

One-Off Music Lesson — Just \$10!


Perfect for curious kids who want to explore the world of orchestral music.

-  Hands-on experience with real instruments
-  Fun, friendly and supportive environment
-  Taught by experienced musicians

Sign Up Today!

Spots are limited — don't miss out!

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 Visit us on Facebook: **Wairarapa Youth Orchestra**



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