



School Newsletter

Term 1, Week 4, 26th February 2026

Important Dates:

Tuesday 10th March
South Wairarapa Swimming

Tuesday 10th March
Year 7 Immunisations

Monday 16th March
Seniors- EOTC trip to Masterton

Friday 3rd April
Good Friday- SCHOOL CLOSED

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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

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



Principal's Pānui

Kia Ora Koutou,

We had a fantastic swimming sports this week and I want to thank all of the students for their amazing efforts and supportive nature. A big thank you to our new sports co-ordinator Amanda Taylor and all of the parents who helped out with the timing. The final race of the day was of course the year 8 students v the staff v the parents and it was another win to the parents this year. It's awesome to have parents jump in to participate in something fun for the students.

Next week we will be sending out our first learning update on HERO. It will be a settling into school update. I had been hoping to send out my big newsletter about assessment by now but I keep getting new information and I want to make sure what I am sending you is the most up to date.

You might have noticed a job advertisement on seek for our office. Megan Wall is leaving us to pursue a career in real estate, which is very exciting. I'm sure you join me in wishing Megan well. Megan's last day with us will be Friday 13th March.

Ngā Mihi,

*Paula Weston
Tumuaki/Principal*

School Notices



Introducing our first Black Hats for the year!

Our Black Hats are Year 8 leaders who have been selected because of showcasing awesome leadership skills. Students who step up, give things a go, support others, and lead by example...not just in the classroom, but out in the playground too. We want the rest of our tamariki to see our Black Hats as people they can look up to and feel comfortable going to if they need help. They'll also be trained as peer mediators, so they will be out and about, helping others and making a positive difference around the school.



Lachie Garrity, Ari Burton, Ryan Legge, Marco Stratmore, Ralphie Murrell, Sophie Jacques, Lucy Mackie and Helene Mikkelsen

Head students - Joshua Maher (HB), Harvey Phillips (DHB), Harper Snelgrove-Garcia (HG) & Isla Smith (DHG)

School Notices



GREYTOWN SCHOOL HOT LUNCH OPTIONS

Tuesdays

Sushi

Order online
www.mykindo.co.nz



Wed & Fri

**Fried Rice
Chow Mein**

Order at the office



Thursdays

Pita Pit

Order online
www.mykindo.co.nz



ezlunch.

**Fresh, delicious
school lunches**

Order at mykindo.co.nz



Swimming Sports

On Tuesday, the Years 4-8 students, headed down to the town pool for our swimming sports. It was an awesome sunny day, and everyone had a great time, whether they were swimming or supporting! A big thanks to all those family members who came, supported and helped time the races.

Written by Lucy and Kayla



School Notices



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.



Egg Cartons Needed

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

Thank you



HOURS: 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM
WHERE: SCHOOL HALL
COST: \$10 PER CHILD - PER MORNING
(INCLUDES TOAST AND SPREADS)

Need an early start? Our Before School Care runs 7:30-8:30am

*Bookings will roll over each term unless we're advised otherwise. Please note, all bookings need to be reconfirmed at the end of the school year.

Questions or queries? Please contact:

Kath McShane - 0212107198
kmcshane@greytown.school.nz
or
Margo Morgan - 0277390090
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

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



Māhe Manawa Ora Movin' March

kurakete.gw.govt.nz/movinmarch
2-31 March 2026



Kura Kete
Walk or Wheel



Greater Wellington
Te Papa Mātua Teiwa

More information to come from Mr Salter via HERO

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Community Notices



Celebrating 150 Years of Greytown R.F.C

GRFC 150th Jubilee 29th - 30th May 2026

The GRFC 150th Jubilee is only months away, and as we move into the final stages of fine-tuning the celebrations, we are very much looking forward to sharing this special weekend with you all.

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our Major Sponsor, Holmes Construction Group, for their incredible support in helping bring this milestone event to life over the past year.

We are also proud to have the support of local businesses Gray Bro's, The White Swan, H & M Electrical, and the Greytown Lands Trust. Their backing highlights the strength of our community and the importance of supporting one another, on and off the field.



Events

Registration

To attend any of the 150th Jubilee events, all attendees must be registered.

Registrations can be completed via our website or in person over the bar on any rugby weekend. The registration fee is \$30 per person and includes registration for the 150th Jubilee weekend, an official event programme, tickets to any purchased events, and a Greytown Rugby Football Club souvenir.

Registration packs will be available for collection at scheduled times during the week leading up to the Jubilee, or at any time throughout the weekend from the Information Hub.

Mix & Mingle

Kick off the GRFC 150th Jubilee celebrations on Friday night at the clubrooms with our Mix & Mingle evening. Tickets are \$40 per person and include nibbles throughout the night and a complimentary drink on entry. Enjoy entertainment across the evening and go in the lucky draw to win a GRFC 150th Jubilee jersey.

This is the perfect opportunity to catch up with old rugby mates, share stories from the good old days, and talk about the strong future of GRFC. Tickets to this event will be included in your registration pack.

Transport arrangements will circulate in March.

Gala Dinner

Our Gala Dinner is on Saturday night at the Copthorne Solway. This is set to be one of the highlight events of the Jubilee weekend.

Enjoy a beautifully prepared dinner, hear from guest speakers who will reflect on rugby, and take part in a jersey auction featuring GRFC 150th Jerseys. The evening will continue with live entertainment from the band, making it the perfect setting to reconnect, celebrate, and enjoy the night together.

Tables and individual tickets are selling quickly. Tickets are \$120 per person and can be purchased through our website. Transport arrangements will circulate in March.

Ambrose Golf

Get ready for a fun day on the greens with our Ambrose golf event at Martinborough Golf Club.

Grab a team and hit the fairways for a fun Ambrose golf day at Martinborough

Golf Course. \$160 per team (\$40 per person), teams of four.

Spaces are filling up fast, so register soon to secure your spot!

Whether you're in it for the friendly competition or a great day out with mates, this Ambrose event promises good golf, camaraderie, and plenty of laughs.

There will be transport to and from Greytown Available

"Really bat-moospheric!" BAT'S INCREDIBLE

DATE: Sunday 8 March

PLACE: Wairapa Events Centre

TIME: 4pm - 5pm

PRICE: \$5 in support of Wairapa bats

BOOK ON
EVENTFINDA

STORYTELLER TANYA BATT AND MUSICIAN PETER FORSTER INVITE YOU INTO THE TWILIGHT REALM OF THE BAT. SHOW CASING AOTEAROA'S ONLY INDIGENOUS LAND MAMMAL AND ONE OF THE MOST PROLIFIC MAMMALS ON OUR PLANET - THIS FAMILY FRIENDLY PROGRAMME IS A WEAVE OF TRADITIONAL BAT STORIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD, BAT SCIENCE, STRANGER THAN FICTION FOLKLORE TRADITIONS AND A BAT - FACTS QUIZ WITH PRIZES!! SPREAD YOUR WINGS UP AND DON YOUR MASK AND COME A DISCOVER JUST HOW INCREDIBLE BATS ARE.

"Bat-Tastic!"

ALWAYS BE YOURSELF UNLESS
YOU CAN BE **BATMAN** *Batwoman*
ALWAYS BE **BATWOMAN**.



"Completely Batty!"



IMAGINED WORLDS

www.imagined-worlds.net

COMPLETE BREATHING RE-EDUCATION

for children aged 8-12

Become a Breathing Superhero!

Learn how to breathe better, feel calmer, stronger and unlock your own superpowers!



WHERE: Park Mondays or Thursdays (depending on interest)

INFO: Petra Farley - 021 0745808

A fun and gentle breathing programme for children focused on healthy breathing, body awareness and confidence.

Community Notices



TRUST HOUSE
SUMMER HUNGER

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SUPPORTED BY
FRANKIE VENTER

TICKETS ON
EVENTFINDER

SUPPORT ACTS
CULTURE EMBASSY • MACEO FIELD • LUCAS STONELEY
TOM FAR • THE YOUNG FELLAS • RUBY BREMNER

SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY
QUEEN ELIZABETH SPORTS GROUND - MASTERTON

Expressions of Interest Open

FOR OUR
2026
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

★ Spaces available for
\$10 music lessons
in our scholarship programme

APPLY NOW!
Don't Miss Out!

<https://forms.gle/6jMb8AXp5Wd54k4CA>

Alexia Urban Winery *Backstreet* Sunday Series

BINGO!

A Fundraiser For Greytown School Trips Trust

SUNDAY
1 March
2PM doors open
3PM start

TICKETS FROM:
ALEXIA.CO.NZ

Prizes & Excellent Raffle!

With your host
Lady Katie
of the
Bouncing Balls

Arrive from 2PM
Bingo starts 3.00PM
sharp!

Alexia, 197 West St, Greytown

FAMILY TOUGH GUY AND GAL CHALLENGE
EXTREME OFF ROAD RUNNING EVENT

WELLINGTON MAY 9
PALMERSTON NORTH MAY 24
HAMILTON JUNE 14
AUCKLAND AUGUST 9
ROTORUA AUGUST 22

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Community Notices



KIA KAHA JUNIOR HOCKEY



YR 1 & 2
THURSDAYS

YR 3 & 4
THURSDAYS

YR 5 & 6
WEDNESDAYS

YR 7 & 8
FRIDAYS

STARTS 29TH
APRIL

GO TO
SPORTY.CO.NZ/KIAKAHAHOCKEY
TO REGISTER.
OR CONTACT JO FAWCETT
0272441472
HOCKEYKIAKAHA@GMAIL.COM



Greytown Football Club

JUNIOR FOOTBALL TRAINING PROGRAMMES 2026

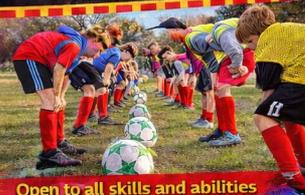
Fun, inclusive programmes for children from all schools and clubs across the Wairarapa

Junior Skills Centre

- 👤 Ages: 8–10 yrs, 3:30–4:30pm
- ✅ Ages: 11–12 yrs, 4:30–5:40pm
- 📅 Starts: Monday 9 February (Term 1)
- ⌚ Duration: 8 weeks
- 💰 Cost: \$80

Open to all skills and abilities

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Fantails - Girls Football

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- 👤 Ages: 7–12 (girls)
- 📅 Fridays, 3:30–4:30pm
- ✅ Starts: Friday 13 February (Term 1)
- ⌚ Duration: 7 weeks
- 💰 Cost: \$40

A fun, supportive environment just for girls

Junior Goalkeeper Training

- 👤 Ages: 8–14 year olds
- 📅 Sundays, 3:00–4:00pm
- ✅ Starts: Sunday 1 March
- ⌚ 6-week structured programme
- 💰 Cost: \$30

Open to everyone — children from all schools and clubs across the Wairarapa are welcome:

Contact greytownfootballclub@gmail.com or click on the links below to register:



RUGBY XPLORER

Greytown Junior Rugby Registrations

Greytown Rugby Club welcomes girls and boys who want to play rugby for the upcoming 2026 season. With a focus on creating great team culture, your child will develop their rugby skills on the field while making lasting friendships off it. This year we hope to enter teams in the Yr1,2 (Rippa), Yr3 (U8), Yr4 (U9), Yr5 (U10), Yr6 (U11) and Yr7,8 (U13). If we are unable to field a team in that age group, we will work with other local clubs to find or create a team to play for.

Junior rugby registrations will be held at Greytown Rugby Club on Thursday 12th March and Friday 20th March from 5-6pm. This will be a great opportunity to meet the coaches, get inspired by senior players who will be present, have your questions answered and most of all have some fun!

If you would like to register your child, we look forward to seeing you there! For enquiries, or if you are unable to attend either registration, please email Greytown_JAB@gmail.com. You can also find more details about our club on our Facebook page – Greytown Rugby Club

All registered players will be able to attend the Hurricanes vs Reds game on the 28th March where we will take a bus over to Wellington.

For signing up, visit rugbyexplorer.com.au (or use the QR code on the facebook page). Parents will need to create an account of their own, and then they can sign up their child under their account. If you were signed up last year, the system will recognise the details, so just select the child's profile and carry on. Those who sign up and pay will also receive a Greytown Rugby club hoodie.

Fees can be paid on registration via Rugby Xplorer. Payment options can be made for families struggling financially, just email us to set up a payment plan.

Any further enquiries, please contact Steve Bartlett on 021308484