



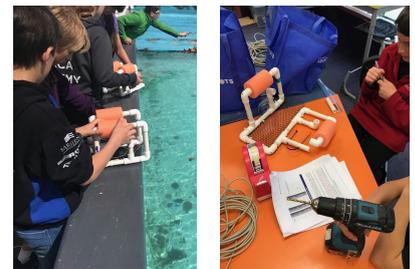
Newsletter - Thursday 17th October 2019

This term is going to be busy and a lot of fun in and out of the classroom for our kids. We have EPro 8 teams competing in a variety of engineering and problem solving activities in the hall today and tomorrow, Aquabots competitions, Pet Day, Athletics Day, Camps for Years 5 to 8, Paper Plus Literacy Night, Kowhai Teddy Bear Picnic, Year 8 leavers dinner, Celebration Awards, Choir and Kapa Haka performances and more... Please keep an eye on our upcoming dates section and the school website calendar so you know what is happening.

Here are a few successes from the end of Term 3 and the start of Term 4 and some important notices to keep you up to date.

GREYTOWN SCHOOL'S FIRST AQUABOTS TEAMS

Our Year 7's and 8's have entered a growing S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) challenge called Aquabots for the very first time with the assistance of Mr French. It involves building, testing and modifying a submersible vehicle, soldering and wiring the control components. Then they have to use their Aquabot to complete multiple challenges in the pool. This year's local heat is in Masterton on Friday the 18th of October. The teams are in the final stages of tweaking their Aquabots ready for the competition. Good luck to all of our teams!



SOUTH WAIRARAPA KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL

On Tuesday at the end of Term 3 the Greytown School Kapa Haka group took part in the 2019 South Wairarapa Kapa Haka Festival. The 120 strong group were the last performance on a very full and 'spine-tingling' day. The members of the group from Yr 1 - Yr 8 represented our school with pride and respect.

Our Kapa Haka performed a 'set' which included our school waiata, the Kō Wairarapa haka, Tēnei Rā and Hareruia. We were very lucky that Whaea Suzanne (from Kuranui College) accompanied us on the guitar and that we had lots of amazing school parents who helped get the group prepared for the performance. Special thanks goes to Eli and Jenna Telford who have been assisting Ms Mackenzie with Kapa Haka practices.



"DREAMS COME IN A SIZE TOO BIG, SO THAT YOU CAN GROW IN TO THEM!"

“CUT! THAT’S A WRAP!”

Throughout last term Kahikatea children were busy learning about how to make movies from script writing, filming, green screening, sound effects, creating sound tracks in GarageBand, editing, acting etc. This all culminated in our first Kahikatea Movie Festival Night which was a great success. These movies were totally student driven from start to finish with minimal input from the teachers. The students were really proud of the end results and everyone played a part in the movie making to make it happen. All of the students thoroughly enjoyed the learning that took place.

MATHS SUCCESS

Congratulations to our Otago Maths Challenge competitors who have now completed all their challenges for the year. The markers were very impressed with all our children, especially Seb and Campbell who both only needed one more point to make it to the next National level. Overall our results were:

Participation Award: Angus Reid Logan McArthur Kolya Marks Lachie Hooper Xavier Cook	Merit Award: Emelia Annand Abigail Kill Esther Williams Sam Thomspen Jayden Pretorius-Hartley Carlo Isaac Boston McShane Archie Schrader George Chesoare Isaac James Isaac Higgins	Excellence Award Seb Hopkins Campbell Bradbury-Mills Caitlin Ryan Liam Andrews
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POLICE VETTING FOR YEAR 5 and 6 SCHOOL CAMP DUE TOMORROW

If you are wanting to put your name forward to stay overnight at the year 5/6 camp you need to come to the office **tomorrow** with two forms of ID (one primary - eg passport, Birth Cert, Firearms and one secondary eg - Drivers License, Birth Cert, IRD number, recent utility bill) and complete the Police Vetting Forms. It is a requirement that **all adults staying overnight** with children have a police vet carried out by the individual school (Note: Police vets from last year also need to be renewed).

The police vetting service have advised us that it will no longer fast track these which means they could take up to **20 working days to process so we need them in ASAP.**

We apologise in advance to any parent who decides after this date that they would like to take part overnight however unless adults are vetted in time **they can not stay overnight.** These parents however, are welcome to come for the day and stay for the evening before heading home. The camp is at Mt Holdsworth.



IMPORTANT

ENROLMENTS & LEAVERS FOR 2020

If you have any 5 year olds (or older children) who want to come to our school next year please come in now and get an enrolment form or email Megan our enrolment coordinator in the office (mwall@greytown.school.nz). This helps us to prepare classes for next year.

If you know that your family is moving out of the area or leaving our school in 2020, can you please let our office know as soon as possible as this too affects our classroom decisions. You can email (office@greytown.school.nz) or myself (principal@greytown.school.nz). Please note parents of year 8 children do not need to do this as we know your child will be moving on to their chosen high school.

TERM 4 TEACHER ONLY DAY HEADS UP

We will be having a Teacher Only Day on the Tuesday after Labour Day. This will be on Tuesday 29th October. On this day **school will be closed** and parents/caregivers will need to make alternative arrangements.

PET DAY

Our annual Pet Day is next week! All our kids are getting excited about showing off their pets or creating pets and gardens from recycled materials. Please refer to the information at the back of this newsletter. This is a great day so put it into your diary to come along and enjoy. Please remember on this day school finishes early at 12.30pm (or just after the Final Parade of animals on the North Field).



PARENT EVENING FOR SEXUALITY EDUCATION INFORMATION NIGHT

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers that were able to come to last night's sexuality education information evening. During this evening Izzie from Family Planning outlined the resource that Kauri, Kowhai and Kahikatea syndicates will be using this term as part of their Hauora theme. More information of specific lessons being taught each week will be sent out to parents/caregivers a few days before they are taught so you are all up to date with what is happening. If you want to see the specific lesson plans for each session you can pop into the office to see the programme booklet or contact your class teacher directly for more information.

TIRED KIDS

We have noticed that a few of our kids have had full on holidays or are having growth spurts at the moment and are extremely tired. As this is a busy term, can you please help to ensure your child has enough sleep each night to enjoy learning and the fun events coming up.

START DATE FOR 2020

Many parents and families are beginning to book in or organise holidays for January and have popped in or rung to ask when we are starting next year. The first day of school next year is Monday 3rd February.

Miss Patrice O'Connor

Dates For Your Diary

25 Oct	Pet Day – school closes 12.30pm
28 Oct	Labour Day
29 Oct	Teacher Only Day
30 Oct-1 Nov	Year 8 Camp

Pet Day Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall

FrOGS (Friends of Greytown School) are running the BBQ and cake stall at Pet Day on Friday 25th October (postponement day is the following Friday).

We're asking parents to lend a hand from 9am buttering the bread and to help cook sausages or selling the baking after 10am. Alternatively if you can't help on the day we would love

baking to sell. All money raised will go towards the Bike Track.

If you can help please contact Rachel Gawith rgawith@xtra.co.nz or 0278295130.

School Information

Phone	06 304 9007
Email	office@greytown.school.nz principal@greytown.school.nz
Website	https://www.greytown.school.nz
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Paper Plus Welcomes Greytown School!

On Thursday November 21st Paper Plus will be closing its doors as usual at 5pm to the public, but at 5.15pm we'll be opening them again just for Greytown School!

It's a chance for kids, mums and especially dads to be VIPs for the evening – to have the store all to yourselves and discover the incredible number of books just waiting to inspire our children. A chance perhaps to remind them that they don't always need a screen to be taken on an adventure.

The Paper Plus book staff will be there with help, advice and recommendations on what will be suitable according to age, interests and reading level. We will also be offering a 20% discount store-wide for the evening!

So please join us. It's an important evening but it will also be a fun evening.



The Greytown School Literacy Evening
5.15pm – 7.00pm
Thursday Nov 21st at Paper Plus
Queen St. Masterton



Kia Kaha Hockey Club – Twilight Hockey

Please get all Twilight hockey forms into the school office or email to our club by **Friday night 18th Oct.** We have to submit all teams to Hockey Wairarapa so we are unable to take players after this date.

The mixed age teams play (no practices) on a Wednesday afternoon at Clareville Turf for 6wks from Wed 6th Nov onwards. Get your forms in if you want to play; email the club on kiakahahockey@mail.com

COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

SUNDAY OCT 27

KOHA ENTRY
FREE TOURS
10am - 4pm

Discover Wildlife
Native Forest Walks
Kids Arts & Crafts
Face Painting
Food
Cultural Demonstrations
Market Stalls (Cash Only)

Free buses running from:
Martinborough, Featherston, Greytown, Carterton & Masterton
Plus Dannevirke through to Mount Bruce

For details and booking information please see:
pukaha.org.nz/upcoming-events/

PŪKAHA
NATIONAL WILDLIFE CENTRE

Mount Bruce, 85379 SH2
Masterton / Tararua
06 375 8004
pukaha.org.nz



Did you know that you can support our school at our local Greytown Challenge Fuel Station?

The 'My Challenge' programme was designed so you can earn, keep for yourself or choose to donate your fuel discounts to your local school.

With My Challenge you earn 1 point for every \$1 you spend*, which you can redeem for rewards in store, or share them with your local school.

We appreciate all the people who have donated to our school during 2019!



For all 9-13 year old BeYOUtiful young women

1 day Wellington workshops
Saturday 15th February 2020 9 - 3 pm
And
Sunday 16th February 2020 9 - 3 pm

Fb/beyoutifulyoungwomen

www.heartplace.co.nz
jacqui@heartplace.co.nz
021 0733 072



THE POD
GREYTOWN'S AFTER SCHOOL CARE
AND HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

INFO AT THE POD
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THE POD HALLOWEEN DISCO!
TUESDAY 22ND OCTOBER
After School
3.30pm-5.00pm

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING:

- Your best Halloween costume
- Your amazing dance moves

COME AND JOIN US!

- Dancing
- Party Games
- Lolly hunts
- Lots of spooky Halloween fun!

ALL ARE WELCOME! *Parents, you don't need to stay,
just please pick up before midnight.

Let us know you are coming by emailing us at info@thepod.co.nz



Tēnā koe ,

The Ministry of Education invites all parents, whānau and families, along with students and our staff, to attend a regional hui to give your views on what you think should be the priorities for teaching and learning in our early learning services, schools, kura, and all our other education services, in the future.

The Government has some draft priorities for New Zealand's education services based on feedback from the Kōrero Mātauranga Education Conversation that the Ministry been holding over the last year or so. These include: ensuring all learners feel safe, appreciated and included for who they are; that all education services have high expectations of every learner, and that all education services should delivery culturally responsive teaching and learning. You can find out more about these priorities at <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/shaping-a-stronger-education-system-for-all/>

The local hui will be held at **Copthorne Hotel & Resort Solway Park Wairarapa**, 230 High Street, Masterton on **Thursday 17 October**, from **5.30 - 8 pm**. Light food and refreshments will be provided.

All are welcome and we encourage you to attend and have your say. Or, you can go to the web address above and complete a short survey, or make a more detailed submission.

We apologise for the late notice for this event. The event is also being notified on the Ministry of Education's Facebook page and through the local radio and print media.

We are holding further consultation events between now and the end of November so please keep an eye on the meetings schedule on the website.

Nāku noa, nā

Helen Walter | Senior Policy Manager | Quality Teaching and Learning, System and Schooling Policy
33 Bowen Street, Wellington

PET DAY - 2019

Greytown School Agricultural Day
Friday 25th October 2019 - Week 2

(Cancellation will Friday 1st November)

Students' artwork exhibits will be in the school hall. Each class will present artwork they have done through the term and these will be judged by Mrs Kirkland (our librarian).

All students except those with lamb and horse entries must be in school uniform.

ENTRY FORMS WILL BE SENT HOME WEEK 8/9/10 - TERM 3 .

The sections for this year are as follows (NB some of the times have changed).

Calves: Due to the 'Mycoplasma Bovis' outbreak we will not be having calves this year. Children who have raised a calf will be able to compete in a photo competition instead.

Lambs - 10.00 am Ringcraft (Calling & Leading)

Care & Attention (how well you've looked after your lamb; Type

Dogs - 10.00am - The dog must be registered to the child's family and be controlled by a handler.
Best Pet (calling & leading)
Best Overall Dog

Birds & Poultry - 11.00am

Cats - 11.00am (N.B must be used to a cage)
Care & Attention (child must be with cat)
Kittens, Best Overall Cat, Best Looking

Pot plants - 11.00am
(These come to school on the day).

Horses - 10.30am
Best Turned Out
Best Rider Around Ring
Obstacle course

Rabbits & Guinea Pigs - 10.30am

Miscellaneous Pets - 10.00am This includes all the following areas: Fish, Pet Rocks, Worms, Mice, Rats, Insects - needs to be stated on the entry form

Family Scarecrow - 11.00am: Create your own family scarecrow and bring it along with a suitable name.

Family Pet - 11.30am: Which this year is from recycled materials.

NB: If your child wins a trophy or a cup please bear in mind that it would be great if you could get it engraved with the year and your child's name.

Parade

To finish the day we have a Grand Parade where the students can participate with their pet and carry/lead their favourite exhibit of the day around the ring.

PLEASE NOTE: School begins at 9am and finishes around 12.30, AFTER the Parade.

Coffee from the Coffee Cart, BBQ sausages and cakes will be available to buy .
We need all children to supply baking to sell on the day.