



Newsletter - Thursday 12th December 2019

### END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

This week there have been Kowhai Sing-alongs with the local Early Childhood Centres and families, Kawaka Christmas Sing-along, Kowhai Picnic, Lip Sync, Class special events, "Pack the Bus" visits...just to name a few. It is exciting as we wrap up another successful year.



### CURRICULUM CONSULTATION ONLINE

**Curriculum Consultation Parent evening: Monday 2nd December 7.30-8.30 pm**

We had a great night with the parents that were able to attend last weeks Curriculum Consultation evening. This is the first of many different evenings that we will hold over the next 6 months as we revise our current school curriculum and bring in new initiatives and foci for learning from our work with students, staff and community. A few parents were unable to make this first evening and so we will open up an online consultation where you can still have your say on the matters raised at this evening. This will be open all holidays and the start of Term 1 2020. We will remind parents at the start of the new year if you forget to add a great idea on to this survey tool this week.

The survey code is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RTYWR29> or QR code



### SAVE THE DATES AND COME ALONG

**Celebration Awards: Monday 16th December 11 am-12 pm**

Our annual Celebration Awards Assembly will on the second to last day of term and held in our school hall. Teachers will contact parents of the recipients of the 3 class awards prior to this day, and we hope you can come and see these being awarded to your child. In addition to this, we will be

- giving out our new school badges to those students who have achieved 3 years of culture, service and sports achievement to the school.
- announcing the Head girl/boy and Deputy Head girl/boy for 2020.
- awarding class certificates that children of all ages are eligible for.

During these awards, we will also have the choir and lipsync winners performing.

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

### **Final Assembly: Tuesday 17th Dec 12:00pm - 1:00ish**

Our final assembly will again be held in the Kuranui College Auditorium. During this assembly, we will be

- Thanking our current Head girl/boy and Deputy Head girl/boy for all their hard work in 2019, and officially handing over their leadership roles to the new 2020 leaders.
- Awarding Year 8 trophies and certificates.
- Final Speeches
- Our Kapa Haka and School Band will perform

Please note

- we have said the end time is 1ish. This assembly may run over one hour depending on how long it takes to award all the prizes with children getting up/down etc.
- **parents need to pick up their child from Kuranui on the last day at 1pm** as this will be the official end to our 2019 school year - there will be no school bus running that day.
- Black Hats and House Captains roles will not be announced until the start of 2020.

We hope that you can come to all or some of these events as they are important parts of our school life and it is wonderful to have you celebrate with our students.

### **MEET YOUR SYNDICATE, FINAL CLASS ANNOUNCEMENTS & FINAL LEARNING UPDATES**

Today students had a meet their syndicate for 2020 games time. This gave children moving to a new syndicate an opportunity to meet their new syndicate teachers and spend time with the older children in their new syndicate. We would like to emphasise that this is not the “Meet your 2020 teacher” and final class placement. This will be on Monday.

End of Year Learning Updates/Reports will be sent out with 2020 info on Monday with your child. If you are away on Monday and Tuesday next week they will be posted out. Please make sure that the address on our school system is correct as this is the information we will use for posting. Inside this envelope will also be the Heads Up of 2020 events, EOTC/Tech and donation information and the final confirmation of your child’s teacher and class.

### **HOLIDAY CONSTRUCTION**

Please note that over the holidays there will be several construction projects happening around the school that you need to be aware of if your child is coming to school eg: roofing repairs, Bike Track, Playbased area and Bell Tower being re-sown.

### **FINALLY**

It has been an incredible year full of lots of EOTC (trips and camps) STEAM learning (Specialist Art programmes, Aquabots, EPro8, 3D modeling, robotics, coding etc), cultural events (Choir, Dance Splash, Productions, Kapa Haka, Kowhai Showcase etc), sports (too many to try and list) and a lot of incredible learning going on in classes. In addition to this there has been a lot of planning behind the scenes that will slowly be rolled out in 2020, which we are excited about. Thank you for all your support this year. On behalf of our BOT, Staff and myself we wish you the very best for the holidays with friends and family and a safe return to our school at the start of 2020. To those families moving away and all our Year 8’s we also wish you every success in your new adventures.

**Miss Patrice O’Connor**

### Dates For Your Diary

16th Dec	Celebration Awards 11-12
17th Dec	Final Assembly, End of Year
3rd Feb	First Day of Term 1, 2020

### Stationery for 2020

School stationery lists are on the website. Stationery boxes with all you need for New Entrants and Year 1 & 2s will be available to buy in the office Thursday 30th & Friday 31st January if you wish to buy from the school.

### Wairarapa Kids' Choir

A choir for children 7-13 who love to sing. With a wide variety of music from Bach to the Beatles, child focused/appropriate to the age range, carefully selected by the 3 directors.

"I enjoy being part of the WKC as I love singing and performing as a group. I like the variety of songs that we learn and it's a great way to make some new friends" Abigail Kill Age 12 (Greytown School)

Weds, 3.50-4.50 during term time at the Courthouse in Carterton. More info: [jillbebbington@wise.net.nz](mailto:jillbebbington@wise.net.nz)

### Thank You

We want to say a huge thanks to the Greytown School community for the mufti day & BBQ for Oscar. We appreciate the support, generosity and kindness towards Oscar and our family. Oscar's scoliosis surgery has been scheduled for February 2020 at Starship Hospital.

Many thanks Colin, Angela, Oscar & Noah Whibley-Smith

### School Holiday program in Hall

Wednesday 18th Dec to Friday 20th Dec

And 27th- 30th January

Info contact Kylee 027 8782611

### Breadcraft Kids Triathlon Series 2020

DATES: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> February  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

VENUE: Wairarapa College Grounds – please park outside the college

COST: \$10 for all 3 races. Enter online at [www.wmsc.org.nz](http://www.wmsc.org.nz) click triathlon and follow link to register. If you are unable to register online please attend a Pre-registration event where club members will help with registration: (cash only)

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020, 9-11am at Wairarapa Building Society

Weds 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020, 2-4pm at WBS

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, 9-11am at My Ride Bike Shop

All kids need to be pre-registered before the first event. All details of events on the website or more Info Judy Brown 378 7867

### Featherston Junior Football club holiday programme

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> & Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020, 8am-1pm

All kids 4-12 years - no prior football experience required

Cost: \$60 for both days (\$30 for one)

Where: Card reserve on Underhill Road.

BYO morning tea, drink bottle, sunscreen, hat and football boots and shin pads (the club has extras available on the day if anyone doesn't have them). Lunch will be provided (Sausage sizzle and something sweet)

Contact Nim (022 070 0200), Adele 9022 4876 146) or Simon (021 308 909) or Email [featherstonjuniorfootball@gmail.com](mailto:featherstonjuniorfootball@gmail.com)



**MORE SPACES  
AVAILABLE FOR  
SCHOOL  
HOLIDAYS!!**

**Riding Lessons Available**

Sessions available:

- 30mins (10mins Pony Management and Care + 20mins Riding) \$30
- 45mins (15mins Pony Management and Care + 30mins Riding) \$50
- 1hour Group Lesson (15mins Pony Management and Care + 45mins Riding) \$40pp 2/3people

Children and Adults welcome  
Each session is with a qualified instructor and school ponies.  
Prices include arena and pony hire

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