



## Newsletter - Thursday 12th March 2020

### SWIMMING SUCCESS

This week we had 56 children competing at the South Wairarapa Interschool swimming champs. As a result, we now have 29 children competing at the Regional Swimming sports next Wednesday. Congratulations to all those children that competed in the Interschool event and good luck to all those moving on to Regionals!

### READY! SET! PADDLE!

Yesterday all our Year 5 and 6 Kahikatea syndicate kids headed to the pool for a day of Water Survival Skills and Team Building activities. It was an extremely successful day with lots of our kids coming back tired, but with big smiles and stories to tell. They met the famous “Beachy” that all the senior kids talk about. Glenn Beach and his team from Kahikatea Outdoor Education Centre taught the kids a variety of essential skills that will lead on to future EOTC programme events. This involved the kids in rafting races, treading water in clothing, life-saving skills, 4 corner tug of war, team sack races etc....Check out the school Facebook page for more photos and information.



### LET'S TEACH AND MODEL THE RIGHT SKILLS

It is important that we model to our children valuable life skills. Three that we are especially focusing on at school at the moment are:

#### Hygiene

It is a timely reminder with COVID-19 (Please read the Ministry information inside) and moving towards winter with the usual flu, colds and general bugs that we teach our children the importance of keeping themselves safe through good hygiene practices. The skills of

- how to wash their hands correctly and frequently.
- coughing into their elbow area
- disposal of tissues after blowing your nose
- not sharing your food or drink bottle
- Tying up shoulder length or longer hair (for limiting nits)
- staying home if they are genuinely sick or contagious.

#### Washing hands tips are:

1. Wash your hands before you eat and after you go to the toilet.
2. Get your hands wet and soapy.

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

3. Rub, rub, rub, rub your soapy hands together long enough to sing “Happy Birthday” or another favourite short song in your head twice. ...
4. Rinse.
5. Shake and dry. Shake your hands a few times, then dry them with a clean towel or hand dryer.

If your child is sick with the flu or another contagious condition (eg: Chicken Pox, School Sores etc) can you please notify the school office. This means we can monitor the health of the entire school and if needed pass on information on to other parents or in the case of a large group showing similar symptoms we can contact local medical authorities to assist us with next steps.

As with all health issues please be assured that we are in regular contact with our District Nurse, local medical providers, Ministry of Education and/or the Ministry of Health and follow their guidelines and recommendations to keep everyone as safe as we can.

### **Crossing the road safely:**

How to cross a road is a part of everyone’s daily life and this often involves a crossing. For our Greytown kids, this is essential if they want to cross the main road safely without being hit by a car or truck. We need your help to do this.

If you are wanting to cross the road in between the white diamonds either side of a crossing painted on the road before and after school...please use the crossing.

We are noticing a lot of parents who are boldly crossing the road very close to the crossing without using it, especially when the Road Patrol team are out. Please be a better role model from now on.

Just like us please take the time to reinforce:

- Stop at the crossing.
- Look both ways several times.
- Hop off your bike or scooter and walk across.
- If you see a car or truck wait until they stop before you go.
- Keep looking side to side as you cross.
- Use the crossing if you are close to one.

### **Helmets:**

For the last few weeks with the bike track and wheel ramps out we are especially reminding our kids that it is not only the law to wear helmets on bikes, but also essential for their safety when using scooters or other wheels.

We love having the ramps and halfpipe that Sid Kempton made us, however, we need to remember to use them safely. Please help us to not only reinforce this but model it too.

- **The rule is simple....Riders of bikes, scooters, skateboards, rollerskates (etc) must have a helmet on at all times while using our school grounds.**

These are important lessons that could save your child and others lives.

### **THANK YOU LANGLANDS MOTORCYCLES**

Recently we needed to purchase a new ride-on lawnmower to mow our big fields. As you would imagine this is not a cheap purchase, however with the wonderful support and sponsorship from the owner and team at Langlands they have enabled this to be possible. If you go into their store please say thank you as we do really appreciate it. You may also see a big smile on Mr Gain’s face as he regularly mows the lawns (or at present more than usual lol!)

**Ngā mihi maioha Miss Patrice O’Connor**

## COVID-19 INFORMATION FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Kia ora

You may have seen that the World Health Organisation has now declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic. As noted by the Minister of Health, this doesn't change what New Zealand is doing to respond to coronavirus.

The Ministry of Health has been working through its pandemic plan since January. You will also know the Government has already implemented a range of measures to minimise the impacts to New Zealand. This includes border restrictions, a requirement to self-isolate on arrival in New Zealand from China, Iran, Italy and the Republic of Korea and immediate and detailed contact tracing of any confirmed cases. It is important to note that those four countries account for more than 90% of cases globally and China and the Republic of Korea have significantly declining numbers of new cases.

We have 5 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in New Zealand and it is pleasing to know they are all doing well and are at home. Their children, four students at Auckland schools, continue to be well and show no symptoms. While we expect that more cases will arise, the Ministry of Health says that with continued vigilance the chance of widespread community outbreak is expected to remain low in New Zealand. We all have a role to play in this.

Each school has its own pandemic plan which is ready to be implemented if needed. In the meantime schools need to continue to focus on good hygiene practices. Hand washing and good cough etiquette are very important tools in preventing the spread of illness including colds, flu and COVID-19.

With that, there is a good video clip from Nanogirl that will help your children to better understand the virus - [YouTube clip - Nanogirl](#)

You may have also seen the Prime Minister who sat down with Dr Michelle Dickinson (aka Nanogirl) and the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor, Juliet Gerrard, to talk about coronavirus:

- [Watch on the PM's Facebook page](#)
- [Read and watch on the Newshub website](#)

One other action we can all take is to be vigilant about our own health and the health of our children. I will be encouraging my staff to stay away from school if they are showing signs of illness such as coughs and colds. I ask that you please do the same with your children. Colds and flus are common in schools and by staying away, seeking medical attention and practicing good hygiene, we can all keep any spread of illness to a minimum.

Ngā mihi

### **Dates For Your Diary**

<b>17th Mar</b>	Year 7 Immunisations
<b>18th Mar</b>	Swimming Wairarapa Regionals
<b>19th Mar</b>	Year 7 EOTC
<b>20th Mar</b>	Year 8 EOTC
<b>27th Mar</b>	Wheels Day

### **Thank You**

Thank you to parents who have set up a direct debit (particularly of Year 7 & 8's to cover the costs of EOTC, Tech, laptop payments etc). This is a great way to spread the charges. If you need any information about costs please contact the office.

### School Information

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### Bike Track Fundraiser

During Movin' March we will be running a different fundraiser each week to help us with our bike track.

Next week we will be raffling off 3 bike helmets of different sizes that have been signed by NZ Olympic silver medalist Sarah Walker. Tickets are \$1 each (you can buy as many as you like) and will be on sale each morning next week at the front of the school. We will draw the winners at our Movin' March special assembly March 27th

### Rewards

We looked at our SHARP rewards recently and decided it was time to change things a bit. An idea from students was that teachers could give out SHARP tickets to students when students demonstrated good SHARP behaviour in the playground. Students collect these tickets and when they have enough they are able to redeem them for prizes at the end of the week. They can spend them straight away or save them up.

2 tickets equal a SHARP band

4 tickets equal one thing from the SHARP box eg Frisbee, handball, cards

8 tickets equal a bigger prize eg Drink bottle, book voucher

At the end of the term a student from each class who has the most tickets gets to have a morning tea with the Principal.

We started this last week and we have been seeing some great behaviour!

### After School Art Class - Yr 1-3 Students

Greytown School Art teacher Linda Kirkland, will be running art classes for children in Years 1-3 on Tuesday afternoons in Room 3, from March 24th - April 7th. There are 7 places available. The cost is \$60 for three sessions from 3.00pm

- 4.30pm with afternoon tea and all materials included.

To reserve your child's place email Linda ([lmkgreytown@gmail.com](mailto:lmkgreytown@gmail.com)) as soon as possible.

### Looking for Balance Bikes

We would love to have any 2nd hand balance bikes not being used at home for some of our younger students to use on our new bike track. Thanks.

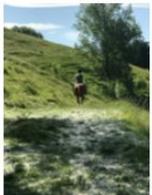
### Kia Kaha Hockey Club - Open Day

The club is having an **Open Day** at Clareville Turf Carterton on **Saturday 28th March from 10 - 11am**. All Yr5-8 players who have submitted forms or intend to play in 2020 need to attend this trial game. Also a fun event for other playing ages, and a sausage sizzle and treats.

Please contact the club if you are looking at options for your children to play hockey and another winter sport, we can look to accommodate them with regards to teams/practices etc. If you have any questions, email [kiakahahockey@mail.com](mailto:kiakahahockey@mail.com)

### Public Speaking and Drama

Gain confidence and clarity in communication with public speaking, drama and communicating in leadership lessons available to all ages, from children to adults. Speech NZ and Trinity College London exams available. Lessons are taught in small group sizes with a limited number of private lessons available. Contact Elisabeth Minards-Black at [eminardsblack@gmail.com](mailto:eminardsblack@gmail.com) for more information.



**Riding Lessons Available**

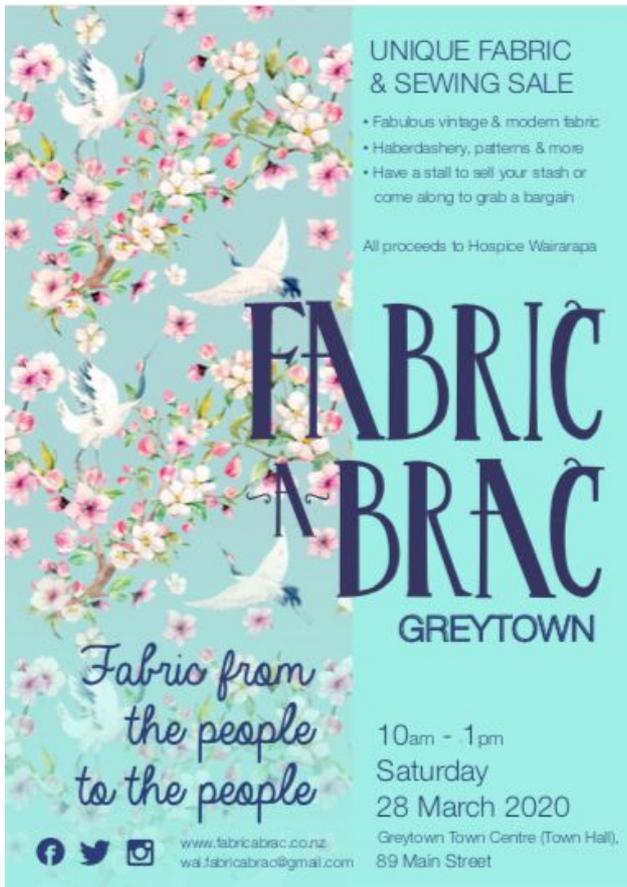
**Sessions available:**

- 30mins (10mins Pony Management and Care + 20mins Riding) \$40
- 45mins (15mins Pony Management and Care + 30mins Riding) \$60
- 45min Group Lesson (15mins Pony Management and Care + 30mins Riding) \$50pp 2 people/children

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

For more information:  
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- Haberdashery, patterns & more
- Have a stall to sell your stash or come along to grab a bargain

All proceeds to Hospice Wairarapa

# FABRIC & SEWING SALE

**GREYTOWN**

*Fabric from the people to the people*

10am - 1pm  
Saturday  
28 March 2020  
Greytown Town Centre (Town Hall),  
89 Main Street

www.fabricabc.co.nz  
wa.fabricabrac@gmail.com



**Calling all unwanted Mobile Phones**

It would be great if you could rummage around in your drawers and toy boxes and bring into School any unwanted mobile phones you may have.

Phones collected help our School gain valuable rewards and the environment also benefits by keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances.

Please drop any phones you may have in the collection box in school reception.



# TALENT WAIRARAPA

We're on the hunt for Wairarapa's brightest stars. If you have a talent we want you to enter our contest.

There are two categories:

- Over 14 years
- 14 years and under

Heat dates will be published on our website and on Facebook

*Grand Final*  
13th June

Dancers, Jugglers, Comedians, Poets, Bands, Acrobats, Singers

To find out more and to enter visit [talentwairarapa.co.nz](http://talentwairarapa.co.nz)  
Closing date 31st March 2020

Rotary Carterton

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Wairarapa Museum of Art and History

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

COME AND ENJOY 3 DAYS OF PRINTMAKING AT ARATOI THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS WITH LOCAL ARTISTS - LINDA TILYARD, NICK BRANDON AND JO LYSAGHT.

21 - 23 APRIL  
10AM - 3PM  
AGES 8-13 YEARS  
\$90 FOR THREE DAYS  
ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED  
BRING LUNCH AND AN APRON  
OR OLD CLOTHES AS WE ARE WORKING WITH INKS

**DAY ONE**  
TUTOR - LINDA TILYARD

TRY MONOTYPE PRINT TECHNIQUES AND RELIEF PRINTING USING FOUND OBJECTS, LEAVES AND PAPER MASKS. EXPLORE COLOUR AND OVERLAYS TO CREATE AN IMAGE THAT IS UNIQUELY YOURS AND DISCOVER THE MAGIC WHEN TWO IMAGES COMBINE IN AN UNEXPECTED WAY.



**DAY TWO**  
TUTOR - NICK BRANDON

MAKE WOODCUT PRINTS AND EXPLORE THE DIFFERENT MARKS THAT YOU GET WHEN USING CHISELS AND WOOD. WE WILL ALSO EXPLORE GHOST PRINTS AND EMBOSsing.



**DAY THREE**  
TUTOR - JO LYSAGHT

EXPLORE THE POWER OF PATTERN. CREATE A UNIQUE TILE FROM FOAM SUBSTRATE THAT WILL THEN BE PRINTED OVER A PAINTED BACKGROUND TO MAKE A BEAUTIFUL SYMMETRICAL PATTERN.



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# WAIRARAPA CHILDREN'S DAY 2020

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