



Newsletter - Thursday 25th June 2020

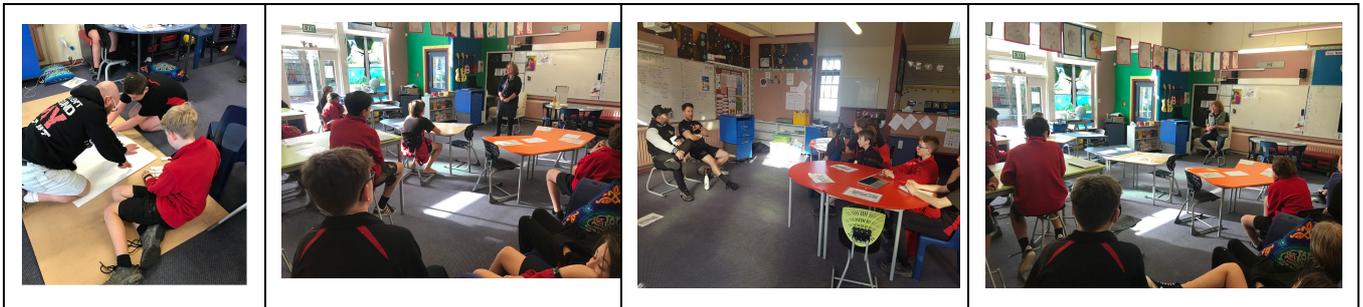
MATARIKI CELEBRATION

Next Wednesday 1st July we will be having our annual Matariki Celebration. This will be held on the school field and it is our first chance to get everyone together (it happens early in the morning before work begins). Please check out the flyer at the back of the newsletter to learn more. It will be great to have as many people there as we can!

KAURI MARKETS INQUIRY by Alex Henderson

Kauri syndicate have started with a bang on their new inquiry: Kauri Markets - entrepreneurs and economics. We have begun igniting our curiosity by designing and creating our very own theme parks - it was a challenge to be innovative and stay within the budget! We were then so lucky to have some local experts visit us to talk about starting and running a business. We heard from AJ and Matt from Strength Nation, Shane from Blackwell and Sons, Jo from Happy Belly Co, and Rusty from The French Baker. It was great to hear all of their stories and tips. Some key messages we took away were: Be brave, do something you are passionate about, failure is a good thing if you learn from it, and the importance of social skills and communication.

Thank you to these amazing people for giving up their time to share their knowledge!



DOGS IN SCHOOL GROUNDS

Last year we needed to make a rule that only dogs with special permission (exception Pet Day) are allowed on school grounds during the day. Permission will be granted for children wanting to bring them in for news, show and tell, a speech in class or another exceptional circumstance. I understand for dog owners this is a pain, however not all people and children are comfortable around dogs, especially big dogs. At present we do have a couple of small dogs with special permission carried to and from school in children's arms who are allowed on site for their own unique reasons. We ask other owners without permission to respect this rule.

MARK THESE DATE CHANGES!

We have changed a few dates in our calendar due to COVID-19. These are:

Learning Conferences will be held on **Weds 5th August (school finishes at 12 pm so please make arrangements for your child to go home then)** and **Thurs 6th August (school finishes at 3pm).**

Teacher Only Day will now be 28th August. School will be closed on this day so please start making other arrangements for child care if needed.

Cross Country will now be 11th August with postponement day 13th August. More details will follow.

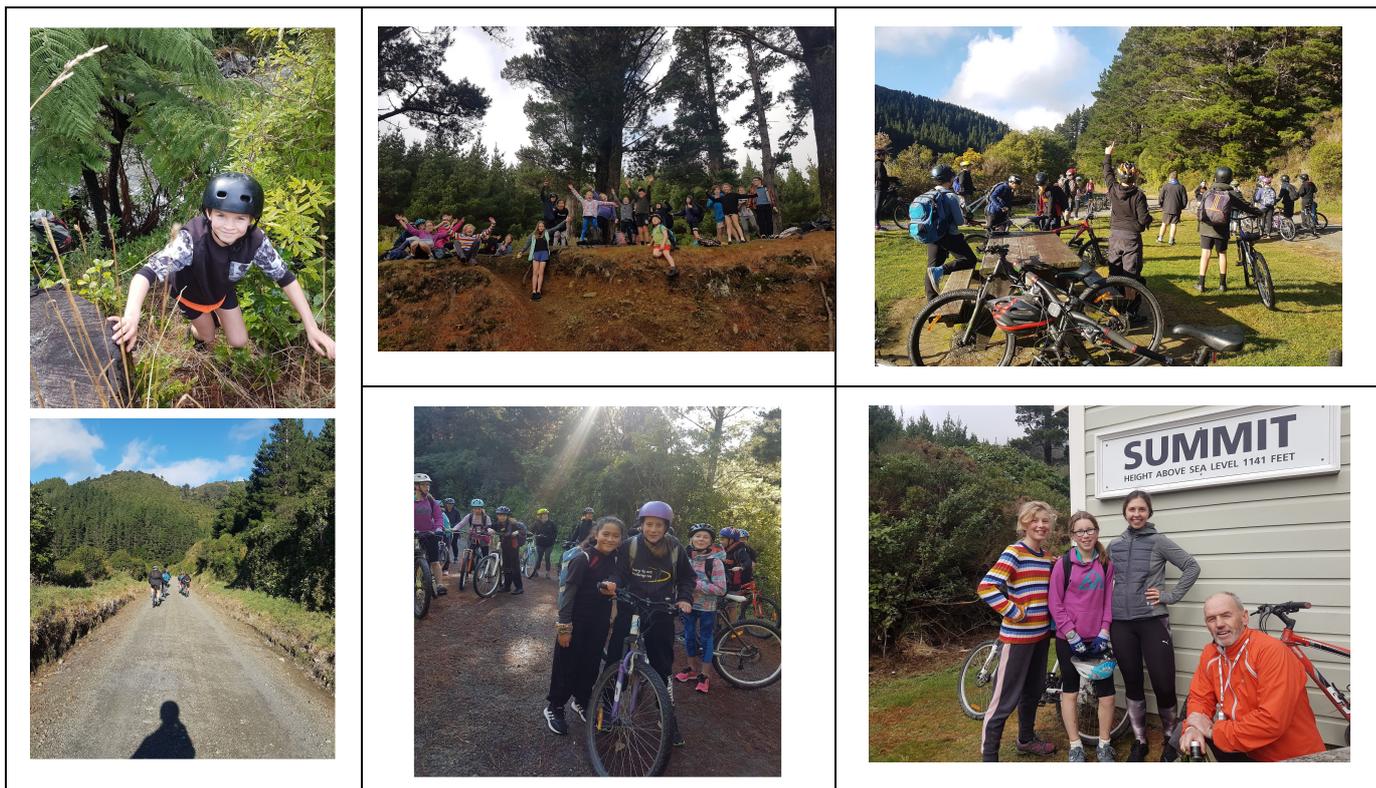
“DREAMS COME IN A SIZE TOO BIG, SO THAT YOU CAN GROW IN TO THEM!”

EOTC IS BACK IN ACTION!

Yesterday and today our Year 7 and 8's went out biking and enjoying the Remutaka Incline Cycle Trail. It is one of the many highlights of our EOTC programme for our kids. For some children, it is their first experience of cycling over bridges, up and down hills and going through tunnels. If you haven't done it, we highly recommend it!

Mrs Henderson said "We emerged from the fog into a beautiful day to bike the Remutaka incline. We had lots of stops to learn about the history and even visited a taniwha! Lunch at the top was still with no wind and we enjoyed doing some climbing and biking around. The downhill was a fast and bumpy ride but we managed it!"

All the kids from yesterday came back with mud on their legs and smiles on their face. I am looking forward to heading out with the Year 8's today.



CROSSINGS ON THE GREYTOWN MAIN ROAD

If you have a child that crosses one of the two pedestrian crossings on the main road can you please remind/teach them about taking time to check traffic both left and right, ensure the traffic stops before crossing and walk across the crossing if on a scooter or bike. The traffic is quite fast, with a lot of trucks and visibility is not always good especially in winter.

FINALLY

On behalf of all our staff and the Board of Trustees, we hope that you have restful and enjoyable school holidays at the end of next week. It has definitely been a very different term in Term 2 and 12 weeks long so our kids do need a relaxing break. Enjoy.

Ngā mihi maioha Miss Patrice O'Connor

Dates For Your Diary

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| 25th June | Year 8 EOTC |
| 1st July | Matariki Celebration |
| 3rd July | Term 2 ends |
| 20th July | Term 3 starts |

School Information

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Fundraising Practitioner/Committee Chair - Voluntary Role

Greytown School wants to appoint a skilled fundraising professional to establish and lead a new fundraising committee.

This is an unpaid role, but the rewards will be your contribution to our children's excellent education, working in a positive, collegial and fun way with other like-minded parents and caregivers, and adding to your own work experience.

We are looking for someone who is self-motivated, energetic and likely to have

previous experience in fundraising, events management and/or other forms of management.

The first task will be to work with the Board of Trustees to define and set up a Fundraising Committee.

If you are interested, please contact us with all relevant details and we would be so pleased to hear from you.

Please email: bot@greytown.school.nz

Matariki Celebration



Wednesday 1st July
Parents, whānau and friends are all invited!

*We will start the day by meeting in the hall at 7.00am (6.45am -Kapa Haka children will meet at in Room 3.
Year 8's and visitors meet in the Hall)*

Please dress warmly and bring your gumboots as we will be walking across the South field towards our Matariki Garden and Pou for our celebration which will include speakers and our Kapa Haka.

*Afterwards we welcome everyone to come and join us in the hall for a free sausage and a milo. (8.00am approximately)
The Coffee Cart will be here if you want "fancy" coffee and want to pay for it.

If wet we will postpone it on Tuesday afternoon via Facebook and our School App.

What is Matariki?

Matariki is the Māori New Year. It is also the Māori name for a cluster of 7 stars (The Pleiades) that twinkle in the winter sky just before dawn.

Matariki is a time where we can come together and celebrate the beginning of new life, look forward to the future and take time to think about the possibilities of new experiences and learning to come.

Matariki is held at this time of the time of the year because our environment starts to come alive with new growth.

Matariki is a time where whānau (and community) can come together to celebrate with singing, art and eating!

Our Matariki Garden and Pou

The *Matariki Garden* is full of plants that have great significance to learning and life. They represent collaboration, problem solving, well being, community connections (eg: Seedlings from Papawai Marae, Flaxes for weaving) and strong foundations for the future (eg: New Staff and Year 8's plant a tree for future generations to admire and play around).

The *Pou* represent our Gateway to the Future. As we journey "towards it" we take time to reflect on our past learning journey; where we have learnt new skills, made new friends and become confident learners from our time at Greytown School. As we walk "through" the gate we take time to acknowledge our present place in our learning journey; who we are now. As we walk "beyond" it we set new goals and look forward to our next steps. For our Year 8's they look towards Kuranui High School.

As part of our celebrations this year we will be planting some new trees to help restore our Matariki garden to its full glory once again.