



Newsletter - Thursday 23rd July 2020

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Welcome back! We have heard from many children that they loved having time with their families during the school holiday break visiting different places around the Wairarapa or going further away around New Zealand. For some families, it sounded like you were very busy.

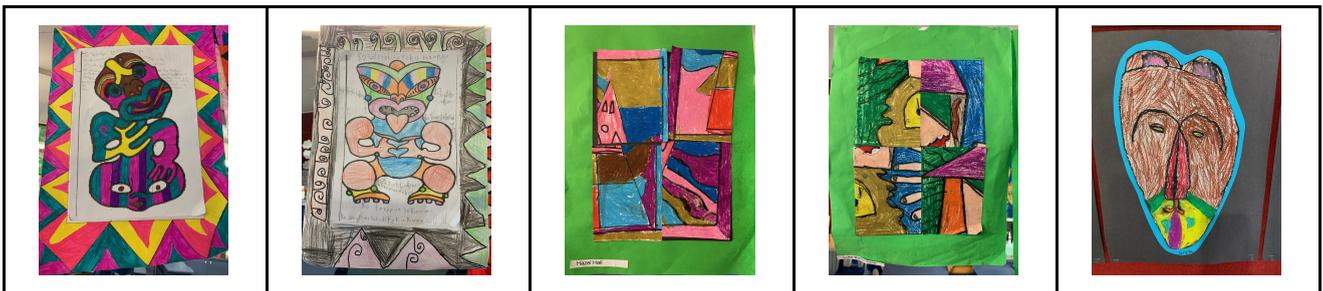
Welcome also to all our new children and families that have started with us this week. We hope that you all settle in quickly and feel welcomed by our school and our wider Greytown community. We look forward to getting to know you all as the second half of the year progresses.

MATARIKI CELEBRATION

Tomorrow morning 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 as a community since COVID-19. It happens early in the morning before work begins so we hope you can all attend. It is a very special and unique celebration that means a lot to our community. 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!

BEAUTIFUL ARTWORK FROM ROOM 8

Yesterday our school assembly was hosted by Room 8. As part of the assembly, they showed us their beautiful artwork which was either completed in class with Mrs Lyford or during their specialist art time with Mrs Kirkland. Here are a few of their Pepeha, Picasso or African Tribal Mask Art. To see all their work please pop into their cloak bay and classroom. They have done a fantastic job!



[We have changed a few dates in our calendar due to COVID-19. These are now:](#)

LEARNING CONFERENCES

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 - bus children however can remain in the library until 3pm**) and Thurs 6th August (school finishes at 3pm). As in the past we are using an online booking form. When using this site you can see the times available and make your booking and it will send you a confirmation email. If you can't do it online please give the office a call for Carol/Megan to make the booking for you. The URL of the site is www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. The code is qqksq.

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

TEACHER ONLY DAY

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. During this day our staff will be updating their skills with an outside consultant focusing on our Positive Behaviour System and Restorative Practices as part of our school Hauora values.

2020 FUN RUN (aka CROSS COUNTRY)

This year we are going to change our annual Cross Country into a Fun Run at the Orchards across from the school. More details will come out soon as we work with the Orchards team to set up the course, however, you can book the date -11th August with postponement day 13th August.

BIKING IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Whether it is before school, during the school, after school or the weekend/holidays we ask all riders of bikes on our school grounds to wear a helmet. Please help to not only reinforce this but model this as adults. Our desire is to keep all our riders safe and to model responsible practices.

BOOK FAIR AND BOOK CHARACTER DAY

It is time to start thinking about what book character you can dress up as on 27th August. You can be surprised at what you can create out of your wardrobe, craft box...with a little inspiration from a book or the internet.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photos will be taken on Tuesday 4th August this year. Please see the attached flyer.

GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM by Gretchen Saalbrey

This year the Greytown Junior Football Club has been able to field an all-girls U11 team for the first time in the club's history. This is a huge success for the girls and it is great to see the girls giving a new sport a go and giving it their all. The team is made up of 11th and 12th-grade girls, and to give some perspective, last year the club had no girls playing in 11th or 12th grade. This year we've got 13 girls playing 11th grade, more than enough for one team and three of the girls are playing in a mixed team. All the girls are current or ex-Greytown students and we are all very proud of them!

Greytown Amazons

Grace Sutherland, Maria Gale, Ella Butler-Peck, Annalise Smith, Isobel Swanson, Lily Barnes, Mia Hewson, Hazel Williams, Evelyn Cheshoare and Tyah Thompson

Greytown Hawks

Hannah Druzianic, Bonnie Griffiths and Georgia Elliot



FINALLY

It is wonderful to hear and see our kids starting up their various winter sports activities again. We look forward to sharing the many highlights of these activities in our upcoming newsletters or on our school Facebook. GO TEAM GREYTOWN!

Ngā mihi maioha Miss Patrice O'Connor

Dates For Your Diary

24th July	Matariki Celebration
4th Aug	School Photos
5th Aug	Learning Conferences
6th Aug	Learning Conferences
11th Aug	Cross Country

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Inspire Photography will be coming to photograph the children at Greytown School from 9am on: Tuesday 4 August 2020

As part of Greytown School's fundraising for the year Inspire Photography will donate 10% of all sales directly to Greytown School.

Inspire Photography is an award-winning, Wellington-based professional photography studio who specialise in School and ECE photography. We are popular throughout a number of Wellington Schools for the photographs we take, the manner in which we take them and our generous fundraising offers. We are unique in our style and approach.

What we offer on the day

- A totally relaxed and unique style of photography
 - A friendly and easy-going photographer
- Fun, games and general silliness to get even the shyest children smiling
 - Group photos of each class
- Individual portraits, friend portraits and siblings photos.

To view the pictures, we offer an online ordering system. The School Office will be advised of the password for the online gallery when the proofs are ready. Proofs are available to view online approximately two weeks after the date of the photo shoot, you will then have two weeks to place an order and two weeks after orders will be delivered back to the School. If you would prefer not to order online, please contact us in the studio for assistance.

Basic Pricing

Size	Single print price	3 or more copies*
A. 10x15cm (4x6 inches)	\$16	\$12
B. 12.5x20cm (5x7.5 inches)	\$19	15
C. 20x30cm (8x12 inches)	\$29	\$21
D. 24.5x37cm (10x15 inches)	\$45	\$30
Individual Digital File	\$40 per file	\$10 - \$30 thereafter
Group Photo	\$18	N/A

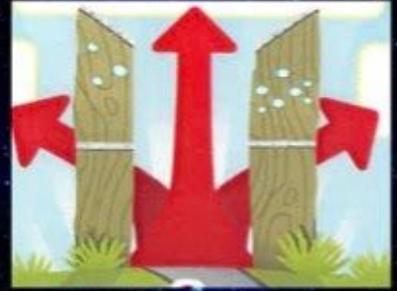
Digital File, Sibling and Group packages are also available at the time of ordering. * A discount applies if you order 3 or more identical prints at the same size with the same specifications.



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Matariki celebration



Friday 24th July 2020

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 you would like to purchase it.*

If wet we will postpone it the day before 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.