



Newsletter – Thursday 15 October 2020

#### WELCOME TO TERM 4

We hope that you all had a wonderful break. We would like to welcome our new families to our school and hope that you settle in quickly and feel supported by our wonderful community!

#### INTRODUCING OUR NEW TEACHING AND LEARNING SUMMIT VALUES

Over the last 2 years we have been working on our new Teaching and Learning values, which will work alongside our SHARP behaviour values. At first we started with 4 learning values (Challenge, Confidence, Collaboration and Innovation). With further learning, discussions with staff and kids, and more in depth research into essential life skills and dispositions needed for the future learners, we have changed or enriched these to be 5 powerful values. They are now

- Collaboration – Mahi Tahī
- Hauora – Wellbeing
- Challenge – Whakatara
- Purposeful – Whāinga
- Innovation – Auahu

This term we will introduce and unpack these new values and their new images in the upcoming newsletters so that you can start to learn what each one means to us. We will explain how we use them in our school learning culture to help you become excited with them also. You will see these images popping up around the school in large murals and see them being unpacked with kids in our classes. From here we hope it won't be too long before our children will be confident about sharing how they demonstrate these values and set personal goals in order to be successful learners. Our goal in introducing these are to support our learners to be “confident, creative, connected and actively involved lifelong learners” – the vision for the New Zealand Curriculum.

The artwork has been a labour of love and learning from our Summit Learning team (head students Carlo, Ollie, Esther and Sadie, Miss O'Connor, Mr Preston and Mrs Henderson) with the Dusty and Lulu design team. We want to say a huge thank you to Mike and Lindie Sleyer for working with us and sharing their incredible talents. We are excited to share the final images with you. The first image below captures all of our new values together and will be a big mural.



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

## **THANK YOU INSPIRE LIVING!**

Thank you Tavita Isaac and his Inspire Living painting team who have donated their time and expertise to paint our Bike Container over the holidays. It looks fantastic! Thank you for helping us get another step towards finishing this project.

## **ENROLMENTS & LEAVERS FOR 2021**

If

- You have any 5 year olds (or older children) who want to come to our school in 2021 please come in and get enrolment forms or download one from our website.
- your family is moving out of the area or leaving our school in 2021 please let us know as this will help us with class structures and numbers.

You can email this information to Megan, our enrolment officer at [mwall@greytown.school.nz](mailto:mwall@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.

## **STAFF UPDATES FOR 2021**

There will be some staff changes in 2021.

- Mrs Alex Henderson will go on maternity leave for 2021 and we are lucky to have Mrs Kim Hill appointed for the year. Kim is a very experienced teacher and is currently a team leader at Fernridge. She is looking forward to joining the Kauri team and sharing her love of learning, the outdoors and her expertise of collaborative learning and learner agency.
- Mrs Tina Reynolds is now a permanent member of our team. Next year she will be teaching a class full time (currently she teaches between 2 as the AP/DP release teacher).
- Neil Preston will be coming out of the class to be a full time walking Deputy Principal as we grow as a school.
- Mrs Kirsten Matthews is sadly leaving us and we are in the process of appointing a teacher in the Kowhai area. Kirsten has been an incredible member of our team, as our New Entrant teacher, setting our children up for a successful and fun start to learning at school. She will be greatly missed, however we are excited to hear about her next adventures as she takes a break from teaching to learn how to be a Beekeeper.

## **REMINDERS**

### **PET DAY**

Yah we are back in Alert Level 1 so one of our favourite days of the Greytown School calendar can go ahead as planned....Our Annual Pet Day! Come along and join this amazing day. Please use this electronic form to enter your child's pet, scarecrow or miscellaneous pet (including pet rocks). [Link](#) or <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSeswAQ6SC7q3BMERg.../viewform>

Pet Day will be held next Friday 23rd October. School finishes this day at 12.30pm after the parade. If you have any queries please email Mrs Lyford [slyford@greytown.school.nz](mailto:slyford@greytown.school.nz) or Miss Burt [rburt@greytown.school.nz](mailto:rburt@greytown.school.nz)

### **TEACHER ONLY DAY**

Our next and final Teacher only day this year will be on Tuesday 27th October. This will enable families to have an extra long Labour Weekend as school will be closed on this day.

### **STAY UP TO DATE...IT'S AN ACTION PACKED TERM!**

This term is going to be very busy so make sure you keep up to date by either reading the newsletters and notices carefully, going onto the school app or our school website. There will be

a lot happening with Pet Day, Athletics Day, year 5-8 Camps, year 7-8 EOTC events, Pukaha Mount Bruce trip for Kawaka children...just to name a few. It's going to be a fun way to finish the 2020 year!

## **UNIFORMS**

We are seeing a lot of funny coloured socks, sport polar fleeces etc being worn. Please make sure your child is wearing the correct uniform. Thank you

## **FINALLY**

As the weather heats up please remind your child/ren to bring their hat to school, a full water bottle and slap on some sunscreen (on those hot days). This will help them to thrive in the hot summer weather that will be coming soon.

[Ngā mihi maioha Miss Patrice O'Connor](#)

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### **Featherston Amateur Wrestling Club**

On the middle weekend of the school holidays Tommy and Angus Read along with Seb Hopkins represented Featherston Amateur Wrestling Club at the New Zealand Wrestling Championships. All three came away with medals, Tommy and Angus with bronze and Seb the 2020 National Champion for his age and weight.

All three young boys were not only a credit to our club but a huge credit to your school with their behaviour. We hope to have them representing our club next year and continuing their hard work.

### **Greytown School Fundraising Group**

Setting up a new group can take some time, so it was great to have a positive start at our first meeting. We have some familiar volunteers and new faces ready to help. We welcome and encourage you to participate wherever you can. The next meeting will be Weds 4th Nov.

### Sausage Sizzle and Bake Sale

As always, there will be a Sausage sizzle and Bake Sale at Pet Day. Rachel is looking forward to another successful day. She would like to have helpers behind the scenes with jobs such as cutting up onions and setting up tables. The seniors have a terrific time serving customers and we usually have a few adults around to check in on them if needed. If you can spare an hour please let us know.

If you are able to contribute some baked goodies, then please bring them in on the morning of Pet Day to the office.

### Christmas Raffle Bonanza

It's been a crazy year for us all, the amazing ups and a whole lot of downs however our community spirit is still so amazingly strong and more connected than ever.

Greytown School, fundraising opportunities have been limited due to COVID-19 but we are

looking to end the year with a bang and ensure the 2021 school year starts with some amazing new resources, some current projects tidied up and some new ones started to give our children the very best we can!

As you may remember our school decile changed a few years back resulting in a cut to funding so we are relying on our community to boost resources and ensure we can continue to provide the very best for our kids.

Greytown School are looking to raise \$1,000 through the biggest ever Christmas Raffle Bonanza and are looking for prize donations from our local community. It may be a specific item, a voucher, a service, no matter how big or small.

What you will get back... your business name and logo on all communications about the raffle and then throughout the promotion we will feature a blurb about business in our Facebook communications to spread the love.

If you can donate or help please get in touch on [gtsfundraising@greytown.school.nz](mailto:gtsfundraising@greytown.school.nz) or phone: Brooke 029 122 2272

We would need all offers of donations by 15th November. We hope you can get behind this fundraiser making this a successful celebration of our community.

### **Greytown Football**

Could any Junior Football shirts not returned at prize giving please be left in the box at the school office for stocktaking. Thanks Rachel Gawith

### **Wairarapa Kids Choir**

At the end of last term we took the choir on a road trip to Greytown, Ponatahi Christian School and Solway School where we sang songs with an environmental theme in a range of styles from the 13 century to the present day. We would gladly welcome any new and past children of the choir

who are free on Fridays between 3.50 and 4.50 who would like to sing with us. Our aim is to foster a love of singing in style and harmony and at the same time learn about different musical genres. We rehearse at the Carterton Court House during term time. We are a non auditioned choir for children aged 7 upwards. Our eldest are 14. For more info contact [jillbebbington@wise.net.nz](mailto:jillbebbington@wise.net.nz) or 027 347 5891

### Dates For Your Diary

23th Oct	Pet Day
26th Oct	Labour Day
27th Oct	Teacher Only Day
3rd Nov	School Athletics Day

### School Information

Email	<a href="mailto:office@greytown.school.nz">office@greytown.school.nz</a> <a href="mailto:principal@greytown.school.nz">principal@greytown.school.nz</a>
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Bank Acc	03 0609 0124353 00

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WAIRARAPA  
NEW ZEALAND

SPLASH

**21ST NOVEMBER**  
**BIKE | RUN | PAINTBALL**

**BORDERLAND 2**  
**PAINTBALL**

**AKURA**  
PLANT NURSERY

**Forest & Bird**  
THE BEST OF THE BEST - GIVING NATURE A HAND

Open to 5-17 year olds  
[www.wairunfest.co.nz](http://www.wairunfest.co.nz)  
to register  
for WAIRUNFEST events

### PET DAY 2020 REMINDER

Greytown School Agricultural Day  
**Friday 23rd October 2020**  
(Cancellation will be the first fine day)

Pet Day is next Friday. All entry forms need to be in this week. Below is the timetable for the day.

Student artwork will be displayed in the school hall. Each class will present artwork they have done throughout the previous terms. These will be judged by Mrs Kirkland (our STEM Teacher).

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

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO GET EXTRA ENTRY FORMS AT THE OFFICE.

The sections for this year are as follows.

#### Calves (11 am)

Ringcraft  
Care & Attention  
Best Type (all types)  
Calves  
Beef Class

#### Lambs (10.00 am)

Ringcraft (Calling & Leading )  
Care & Attention (how well you've looked after your lamb)  
Type

#### 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

#### Dogs (9.30am)

The dog must be registered to the child's family and be controlled by a handler.  
Best Pet (calling & leading)  
Best overall dog  
Best Looking

#### Pot plants (11.00am)

(These come to school on the day)

Memorial Pet Garden  
(not judged)

#### 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

#### Family Scarecrow (11.00am)

Create your own family scarecrow and bring it along with a suitable name.

Recycled Family Pet (11.30am)- this year from recycled materials.

#### 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 8.50am AND all children to be in their classes.  
The day finishes around 12.30, AFTER the Parade.

## Come and Join Us!!!!

We have **FUN** completing badges

We have **FUN** completing craft projects

We have **FUN** playing games

We have **FUN** learning about first aid, healthcare, and leadership

We have **FUN** being part of a team and wearing our uniform

### St John Youth - Penguins

Places Available - Commencing 10 February 2021

Ages 6-8 years

\$10.00 per term

St John Hall, 73 Main Street, Greytown

6.00-7.30pm every Wednesday (term time only)

#### Further Information Contact

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