



## Newsletter - Thursday 26th November 2020

### SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS - CLASSROOMS

Last week the Board of Trustees and I were ecstatic to finally be able to share our great news. For anyone that hasn't heard, we have 6 million dollars of building work starting in April next year. This will consist of

- Stage 1 - to start in April 2021
  - We begin a new 5 classroom replacement block for the Seniors where the Senior Playground and Rooms 15 and 16 are currently. This means these buildings will be relocated.
  - Room 15 will be moved to the other end of the school.
  - Room 3 will be turned around to face the Junior Playground and Room 15 will be sited beside it with an opening between them. They will have a deck and ramp put in and be renovated internally.
  - The area outside Rooms 1 to 3 will be tidied up with new drainage and concrete put in to handle the water that often backs up in this area in the winter (or summer!).
  - The sandpit will be removed and rebuilt at a later date.
  - The Senior Playground will be moved to the end of the turf and wall area. This will also be added to with a few new items. Fundraising for this is now underway for this project.
- Stage 2 - Starting April 2022 (approx)
  - The old Senior Building will be taken off-site or demolished by the Ministry team.
  - A new 4 classroom Roll Growth Block will be built with new gardens and play areas around it on the site of the old Senior Building.



What will they look like?...Watch this space as we will share the plans with you in the next few weeks.



### SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT - NEW TURF

As part of the School Investment Property fund that was announced at the start of the year, we are excited to tell you that we will replace our turf in 2021. Many of you know our turf is very old and worn. This project will involve new blue turf, relocation of lights and additional fencing. It will be a new look to our school and be used by the school and local sports clubs.

### DIGITAL DEVICE SURVEY

Tomorrow is the closing date for our survey.

The Board of Trustees is carrying out a community survey around Digital Devices. We would like as many parents as possible to complete this survey so it can inform our decisions and learning programmes moving forward. To access our survey go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GTSdigital2020>, or scan this QR code, or if you require a paper copy please pop into our school office.



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

## WRITING COMPETITION

Congratulations to Esther Williams who was selected as Highly Commended in the NZ Write On competition for her wonderful story. You can read it online here at <https://www.schoolforyoungwriters.org/post/it-s-a-long-story>

## CAMP YEAR 8

Last week our Year 8's enjoyed their final camp for primary school. Despite a wet and windy start, they had a great time pitching tents, kayaking, going to Castlepoint (dune surfing, surfing in the ocean, walking to the Point, etc) and a team building day with Beachy.



## BAKE SALE AND BBQ

- **Tomorrow** children will be able to order a cupcake for \$2 (one per person) before school from Ava and Tyah. Their baking team will then be making them and will deliver them to your child's class next Wednesday 2nd December. No late orders will be taken. Money raised will go towards the new Kapa Haka Uniforms.
- Tuesday 8th December there will be a BBQ run by the Year 8s. More information will come out next week.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

As you are aware the final few weeks in a school year are busy. These are some important events to remember

- 1st December Regional Athletics All children involved have been given notices with key information.
- 2nd December Lip Sync Battle for Kauri
- 2nd/3rd December Kahikatea Syndicate Camp to Tora
- 4th December Kapa Haka and Choir Performance at Greytown Fellowship Club.
- 7th December Moving On Conference for Year 8's at Kuranui
- 10th December Kōwhai Xmas Picnic
- 14th December Celebration Awards in the school hall  
(Class award and major award winners families will be contacted prior)
- 15th December Final Assembly at Kuranui College - 12 pm and finishing just after 1ish  
(Please note: We try our best to stay on time however we can run over depending on how long speeches and cups etc take to give out)

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

## INTRODUCING OUR NEW TEACHING AND LEARNING SUMMIT VALUE:

### WHĀINGA - PURPOSEFUL



The definition of purposeful is having a clear direction, use, or showing determination to achieve a specific aim. As a school, we chose this value to support our teaching and learning beliefs around "Learner agency".

Learner Agency is centred around the belief that powerful learning happens when children are informed and active in their learning journey.

In partnership with their teacher children become informed about their learning and their next steps, ie:

- Children understand why they need to learn.  
*eg: I need to learn how to write to communicate to others. I need to learn how to catch and throw a ball to play netball, basketball etc...*



- How great learners behave and learn.  
*eg: I need to set goals so I can plan and achieve new things. I need to learn how to collaborate with others because daily life demands these skills. Collaboration involves listening, compromising, brainstorming ideas etc...*
- What they are currently able to do.  
*eg: I work at Stage E4 for maths. This means I can count on in 10's and 1's to numbers to 100.*
- What success looks like and what they need to learn in order to achieve their best.  
*eg: My next step is to work at Stage 5 for maths. I need to be able to "make and break" numbers to solve addition and subtraction problems eg:  $45 + 32 = 45 + 30 + 2$*

Our goal in teaching and instilling this value is to ensure all learners will become "confident, connected, actively involved lifelong learners"; leaving our school with a stronger sense of identity, a growth mindset, intuitiveness, and in-depth knowledge and understanding of themselves as a learner for now and the future.

Some of the keywords/ideas that we will be using with our children to teach and instil this value are...

- Know where you are going and why it's important
- Be willing to lead and lead with vision
- Find a way to plan that suits you.
- Have the end in mind; Set **goals** and steps towards achieving them
- Seek and learn from feedback
- Reflect and revise often (is what you are doing working? If not, change it)
- Children are **Proactive**
- Work first, then play (prioritize what is important)
- Be dependable, complete what you need to do
- Be disciplined - be on time, focused, make commitments and follow through.
- Be **self-managing** - take responsibility for yourself and your learning
- Know your strengths and weaknesses
- Know where and how to ask for help
- Manage distractions
- Know who and what tools help you learn
- Take breaks when you need them
- Be enthusiastic and motivated
- Play - find your own passion/excitement and fun in everyday

**PACK THE BUS**  
Donate Christmas gifts this festive season!

Bring an unwrapped gift or Christmas treat to school on Friday 4 December

# AQUABOTS

This is the second year that Greytown School has participated in the Wairarapa Aquabot Competition. 2019 was a steep learning curve as we face many challenges. Students have to assemble their submersible robot, solder their controllers PCB's and test for control, buoyancy and troubleshoot on the way

This year, our year 8's carried on with the same two Aquabots, refining their buoyancy, spending many hours poolside in our own obstacle course. In the Wairarapa Competition one team 'Subway Surfers' came 2nd and also took out the best looking Aquabot. Both teams made it to the National Competition.

This years Aquabot Participants were; Subway Surfers: Ollie Bliss, Jayden Hartley De Gouveia, Angus Rd, Campbell Bradbury-Mills. Yellow Zebra's: Emelia Annand, Kayleigh Jordaan and Esther Williams.

A big thank you to Brian Goodman for prototyping a new controller that was greatly needed as a spare on the day, Ella Butler Peck and Grace Sutherland for building the obstacle course.

**GREYTOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE**  
12TH DECEMBER 1-2PM

**SHOWCASE YOUR BUSINESS, COOL VEHICLE OR FLOAT FOR YOUR CLUB, SCHOOL OR KINDY ON SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER PARTICIPANTS ARE ASKED TO MEET AT THE WORKING MENS CLUB CARPARK AT 12PM**

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Mobile Phone Recycling Scheme and Sustainable Coastlines.

We are grateful to all Schools, organisations and individuals from all over NZ that have kindly helped raise awareness of this campaign and for all the donations of unwanted mobile phones we have received throughout 2020.

If you have any old phones you can drop them into the collection box at school for them to be sent away before the end of term.

### Trust House Recreation Centre – Swimming Pools

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

As from 1 December all children 12 and under must be accompanied by actively supervising adult over 18.

## Information gives Choice for the Future

By joining one of the following **free** personal finance or small business management courses in 2021 you are setting your life up for the future, e.g. working when you want to.

20 week **Certificate in Money Management** (make your money work for you) **Mondays 6-9pm or Tuesday 9am-12pm**

36 week **Certificate in Small Business Management** (business success needs knowledge and tips) **Tuesdays 6-9pm, or Wednesdays 9am-12pm.**

You will gain numerous ideas for personal and/or business growth – and have fun while doing it. These courses are tutored in Masterton and start in March 2021. Email [jeanette@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jeanette@xtra.co.nz) or phone 06 377 3378 immediately.



**Greytown**  
KINDERGARTEN

### Kindy Spaces Available

We have places at Greytown Kindergarten for your child right now. We take children from age two, and we offer 20 hours free to all children.

Children come for six hours a day, and can come for three, four or five days, to suit the family.

We offer fun, friendship and learning for all. All our teachers are qualified and we support and encourage children to learn through play.

We follow New Zealand's bicultural curriculum and we respect the cultures of all our families.

We have a forest programme, using O'Connor's Bush to learn about the natural world.

We're open for 49 weeks of the year, so please come and visit – we'd love to see you any time.