

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS AND CAMPS

The last few weeks children have had a fantastic time with various activities. We had camps for Year 5, 6 & 7, The Lip Sync battle, Kowhai Sing-a-longs, class celebrations, certificate and flashes awards, ePro 8 Nationals, Regional Athletics, Aquabot Nationals, Choir performances, Kapa Haka performances, Pack the Bus, Radio Groupand lots more



Our children never seem to stop surprising us with what they do.

STAFF LEAVING

A few of our staff are leaving at the end of the 2020 year. We will thank them as a community at the final celebration at Kuranui on Tuesday, however, you might also like to take a moment to personally thank them yourself.

- **Kirsten Matthews** - New Entrants. Kirsten has worked here the last three years and has done an incredible job providing our children starting school life with a “SHARP”, “super-creative”, “coolest” and “fun-loving” teacher. We wish Kirsten all the best with her new adventures as she learns how to be a Beekeeper and enjoys the last few years of her kids being in high school.
- **Alison Morgan** - Has been on personal leave this year and will not be returning in 2021. Ali is an incredibly experienced teacher who many of our children have had over the

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

years and loved. She has helped our school in numerous ways with Maths evenings, leading us to Green Gold Enviroschool and helping with the FROGS.

- **Kelly Walker** - Came last term to start up our second New Entrants class in Room 3. She has helped to enable our year 1 students to have a great start to school. The children have loved her “caring” approach and “big friendly smile”. We wish her the very best next year with her young son Oliver and getting married. We hope to see her back again at some stage.
- **Miriam Tong** - Is one of our parents who put herself forward to join our Teacher Aide team. Miriam has worked with our special needs children and children requiring support or extension for the last two terms in the junior area. We thank you Miriam for all your support and we are glad you are coming back next year to parent help again. All the best with your painting which you will have more time now to do.

On behalf of all our school community and our staff, we want to thank all of you for everything that you have done to help contribute to our school being the spectacular place it is. We will miss you!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO GREYTOWN TRUSTLANDS TRUST

Today Phil Holden presented our school a cheque for \$21,322 dollars from the Greytown Trustlands Trust. This money will make a significant difference in our school helping us to buy new Kapa Haka uniforms, update our new SHARP murals, and move and renovate our Senior Playground at the end of Term 1. On behalf of our school community, we want to thank the Trust for all their support and the hard work that they put in behind the scenes to enable this donation to happen.



FINAL CLASS ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Monday students will have a block after lunch to “Meet your 2021 teacher and class”. Thank you all for your support this year by getting any critical information to us before the deadline. We have done our very best to take this information into consideration, however, please be aware that some preferences may not have been possible and other decisions had to be made. Overall the teaching team and I are very excited about the class placements and know they will help our children have another successful year.

FINAL LEARNING UPDATES

End of Year Learning Updates/Reports will be sent out with 2021 info on Monday 14th December with your child. If you are away on Monday and Tuesday next week they will be posted out. Please make sure that you have updated us with any changes to address you have had this year. Inside these envelopes will also be the Heads Up of 2021 events, EOTC/Tech and donation information, confirmation of staff and rooms and the final confirmation of your child’s teacher and class.

FINAL EVENTS

Celebration Awards: Monday 14th December 9 am-10ish am

Our annual Celebration Awards Assembly will be on the second to last day of term and held in our school hall.

Teachers will contact parents of the recipients of the 3 class awards prior to this day, and we hope you can come and see these being awarded to your child. In addition to this, we will be

- giving out our school badges to those students who have achieved 3 years of culture, service and sports achievement to the school.
- A small number of other achievements eg: Writers cup, Walsh Cup etc
- Our School Choir will perform.

Final Assembly: Tuesday 15th Dec 12:00pm - 1:00ish

Our final assembly will again be held in the Kuranui College Auditorium. During this assembly, we will

- Have a slideshow of events from 2020
- Thank our current Head girl/boy and Deputy Head girl/boy for all their hard work in 2019, and announce the Head girl/boy and Deputy Head girl/boy for 2021 and officially hand over their leadership roles to them.
- Award Year 8 trophies and leavers certificates.
- Have Final Speeches
- Have performances from our Kapa Haka and School Band

We hope that you can come to this final assembly as it is an important part of our school life to celebrate our Year 8's and to see our children perform one last time for the year.

Please note

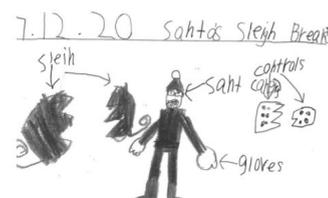
- We have said the end time is 1ish. This assembly may run over the one hour allocated depending on how long it takes awarding all the prizes as children get up/down etc.
- **All parents need to pick up their child (or other arrangements depending on age) from Kuranui on the last day at 1pm-ish** as this is the official end to our 2020 school year - there will be no school bus running that day.
- Black Hats and House Captains roles will not be announced until the start of 2021.

ROOM 1

Room 1 sent in a video for the Te Reo Singalong Virtual Christmas Countdown Video. They were successful in making it through to the final video which has been launched this morning! Congratulations Ruma Kotahi!!! Here's the link: <https://youtu.be/aHSKIpKRC9I>

WONDERFUL ROOM 3 WRITING - SANTA'S SLEIGH BREAKS by Ralphie Murrell (7)

On Christmas eve Santa's sleigh was ready to go, he shouted to the reindeer "Giddy Up!" and off they went. They were 5000,000 meters up and the clouds were ruffffff!! It turned into a monster and ate the sleigh but not Santa! That was the end of the sleigh; but it was not the end of Santa. The presents fell to the ground, to the chimneys and Santa fell too! "Oh no!" he said. "Why is this so scary", he said "Am I just closing my eyes?" He fell to the ground. He looked at the windows, the presents were under the Christmas tree, it was all good, and they lived happily ever after.



FINALLY

Thank you for all your support this year. On behalf of our BOT, Staff and myself we wish you the very best for the holidays with friends and family and a safe return to our school at the

start of an exciting and busy 2021. To those families moving away and all our Year 8's we wish you every success in your new adventures.

Ngā mihi maioha Miss Patrice O'Connor



The School Office will have a Stationery Shop open on Monday 1st February from 10am to 1pm

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" This term the students in the Kauri Syndicate were asked to do work out in the community in their own time.

We had a number of fantastic projects including fundraising events, gardening, working preschools and retirement homes. Here's Patrick Cole in the weekend wedding at Carterton Preschool.



Funsticks 2021

Funsticks is a 8 week programme for kids school years 1 & 2. Funsticks is the first step in entering the structured smallsticks hockey competition. Funsticks aims to set kids up with important fundamental movement, social and hockey skills and knowledge.

When: Term, 1 2021.

Locations: Masterton, Hadlow School.—Tuesdays
 Clareville Hockey turf—Wednesdays
 Featherston , Card Reserve Turf—Thursdays

Dates: 7 consecutive weeks beginning February 9th till March 25th.

World Cup: 31st March—Everyone attends the 8th week at Clareville for fun games and prize giving.

Cost: \$60 - A funsticks t shirt is included in the cost of the programme.

To Register: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/wairarapahockey/Online-Registration-Forms/Funsticks-Registration>



MTC PROUDLY PRESENT
MASTERTON THEATRE COMPANY



PRINCESS AND THE PEA

BOOK BY PAUL PERCY
 DIRECTED BY DEBORAH PERCY

MTC is looking for young people aged 7 to 20 years for their 2021 Junior/Youth Theatre musical play.

Pre-Auditions: Sunday 20 December 4:30-6:00pm
Auditions: Saturday 30 January 9:00-4:00pm
 Sunday 31 January 1:00-4:00pm

Rehearsals: Term 1 2021
Performances: April 8, 9, 10 & 11

Venue : The Majestic Theatre, Ngamutawa Rd, Masterton

For more information or to book an audition time contact :
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HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

AGE: 8-14yo TIME: 9am -12pm

MASTERTON

DATE: 17 & 18 December
 LOCATION: Solway College, 49 Fleet St
 COST: \$45/ day
 \$80 for both days

REGISTER @ www.paulifill.com