



## Newsletter - Thursday 6th May 2021

### **KATH McRAE**

It is with great sadness that yesterday I announced the passing of Mrs Kath McRae. Kath started at Greytown School 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years ago as our Assistant Principal, Kōwhai leader and New Entrant teacher. She helped to lead our school for 18 months before going on maternity leave and then returning at the start of 2020 part time in our Kōwhai Team.

Right from the start we knew that we were incredibly lucky to have Kath. She was a vibrant, loving and caring person and an exceptional teacher and leader. She strived to inspire and support all those around her, which she achieved on a daily basis. Kath is very much loved by us all.

We will leave this news to you as individual parents to share with your children as you see fit, as we know some children have been taught by Kath and others have not. We have sent our love, prayers and thoughts to her family.

Thank you to everyone for their support and kind words to our staff since this was announced.



### **BEND THE RULES DAY**

On the last day of term one we had our Bend the Rules Fundraiser at school. We raised \$900 that will go towards the Junior Playground area. Children and teachers had a lot of fun wearing mufti, having pillow fights, water fights, eating lollies,



buying fizzy drinks etc. This was a fantastic idea by Brooke Webster and the Fun Friends...The kids think it should definitely be an annual event!

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Over the school holidays Mr David French and his wife Rachel had another new addition to their family with baby Emma. We look forward to meeting her and watching her grow up.

### **SCHOOL WORKING BEE**

A huge thank you to our incredible work force that pulled out our Senior Playground (ready to be relocated and updated in the next few months), trimmed trees and bushes around the school gardens, removed the old decking (ready to be replaced) and filled up the Junior Playground area with more safety matting stones. We really appreciate your support!.

### **KōWHAI SCOOTER AND ROAD SAFETY TRAINING**

Constable Julie came in to take all our Junior School for scooter and road safety training. They loved it!

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

## MOVIN' MARCH 2021

As part of our Movin' March celebration some of our students entered their artwork into the Movin' March Art Challenge ..... drum roll please ..... Hugo Preston has won a District prize in the 7-8 year old category and Isla Smith in the 5-6 year old category. A huge congratulations to you both.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR CROSS COUNTRY

Our annual School Cross Country is coming up on Tuesday May 18th at Barton's farm. We had to change the time and venue last year due to Covid..so we are looking forward to it being back at the farm. This day is one of the real highlights of our school year. Children love running up and down the hills, around the thistles and through the creek. As part of the day there will be a bake sale and sausage sizzle that will raise fun for our Trips Trust (which enables children of families needing extra support to attend our school camps). The postponement day will be Thursday May 20th. More information will be coming out soon but book this date so you can come along!

## FREE PARENTING EVENINGS

We are pleased to announce two important parent evenings. Please get behind these events by attending and inviting your friends and family to attend also. They are too good to miss out especially as they are free!

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### Raising Resilient Children

What we can do – as parents and community – to help!

We use the word *resilience* all the time, we want it for ourselves and for our children. But what does it actually look like? And how do we develop it?

Understanding the neuroscience of how resilience develops, will help us recognise what we can do in our everyday lives and interactions, to increase resilience in our communities. This session will help you understand, in a simple yet sufficient way, how we can build resilience.

The beauty of this session is that you can take the information and immediately apply it to your world. Reports of 'you have changed our household' and 'I get it now' are very common feedbacks from those who attend this session. Come along and hear how it can help you too.

Kathryn is a mother of two adolescents, with a Masters in Educational Psychology. Kathryn has been learning and working in this area for over twenty years, training national and international audiences, including Police, Teachers, Parents, Social Workers, NZ Rugby and many more.

Come along to this unique, local opportunity to hear what might be the most useful information of your life!

Raising Resilient Children will be held on Tuesday 15th June at 7pm (Kuranui College Auditorium)

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### WHAT'S GOING ON?

#### Navigating the Adolescent Years

The adolescent years are an incredible time for change. So much is going on for our youth as they transition from children to adults. This session will outline the main changes that are physically happening in their brains and in their bodies. You will be amazed at what is going on, and it will make so much sense!

Understanding the changes, and how they affect our adolescents, will give you an increased ability to deal with the behaviour that results from them. Adolescence is an important time for increasing resilience, so this information will help you support them in this area too. The beauty of this session is that you can take the information and immediately apply it to your world. Reports of 'you have changed our household' and 'I get it now' are very common feedbacks from those who attend this session. Come along and hear how it can help you too.

Kathryn is a mother of two adolescents, with a Masters in Educational Psychology. She will explain what is going on in simple, real language. You will leave her session with practical tips you can use IMMEDIATELY.

Kathryn has been working in this area and training international audiences for over twenty years; working with groups such as Police, Teachers, Parents, Social Workers, NZ Rugby and many more. She also has a TEDx talk online – "Neuroscience of Device Zombies"

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LEARN WHAT TO DO IN THAT MOMENT OF CONFLICT

REAL 'TAKE HOME' STRATEGIES

IDEAL FOR THOSE WITH AGES 10+

EASY TO UNDERSTAND EXAMPLES

Thursday 20 May  
7.00pm

ANZAC Hall  
Featherston

Free Entry

*Excellent presentation, loved the examples, easy to understand. Have heard some of the info many times before however the way you explained things CLICKED for me! – Parent (Whangarei)*

South Wairarapa  
**Rotary**



## ROOM 4 CREATIVITY

This is Room 4 after they made a wonderful autumn leaf mandala. The children loved collecting all the different leaves, sorting them into similar colour and shape groups and creating the overall design.



### BOOKTOWN “SPEED DATE AN AUTHOR”

Today a group of Year 7 students attended 'Speed Date An Author', a Booktown event at Anzac Hall in Featherston. Workshops were held with poet Paula Green, illustrator Josh Morgan, author Maria Gill, and journalist Noelle McCarthy. It was a brilliant day, the kids were engaged and inspired! A big thank you to Transit for providing transport for the day and to Booktown for inviting us.

### ABSENCES

If your child/ren are going to be away for any reason or be late to school can you please advise the office eg: pop in, ring, email [office@greytown.school.nz](mailto:office@greytown.school.nz), use the absence button on the School app or website.

### MEDICATIONS

At the end of each year our office team sends home inhalers or other medications that we hold for your children. As winter is approaching and the children are training for cross country and other events we are finding that some of these have not been returned. Should your child require any form of medication, whether inhaler or other preventatives, please ensure they are provided to the School office.

### MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU

Our kids loved seeing a special Star Wars visitor walking their dog by our school on Tuesday. It was one of the highlights of the day and children were heard talking about it all over the school. Children were very animated telling him that they had seen no droids but that the Jedis were currently at the supermarket (great imaginations!). Thanks to Mark Crawford who made their day!



### Dates For Your Diary

<b>11th May</b>	Young Leaders Day
<b>13th</b>	Year 7 Caving Trip
<b>18th</b>	Cross Country
<b>20th</b>	Cross Country (ppt day)
<b>21st</b>	School Disco
<b>24th</b>	Year 7 vision & hearing screening

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**ENTER TODAY**

**TALENT WAIRARAPA**

We're on the hunt for Wairarapa's brightest star.  
If you have a talent, we want you to enter our contest.

There are two categories:  
Over 14 Years - winner receives \$1000  
14 Years and under - winner receives \$500

To enter visit [talentwairarapa.co.nz](http://talentwairarapa.co.nz)  
Heat dates will be published on our website and on Facebook.  
Entries close 7th May 2021.

**Grand Finale**  
**12th June 2021**

Dancers
Jugglers
Comedians
Poets
Singers
Acrobats
Bands








The Greytown Swim Club AGM and Prize giving is to be held on Sunday 23rd May at 3pm in the Greytown Pavilion. If there is anyone that is keen to help join the volunteer committee group we would greatly appreciate it as we need new committee members.

If you are interested please email: [greytownswimclub@gmail.com](mailto:greytownswimclub@gmail.com)

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Kids enjoying walking to school in the morning? Keep them visible from when they leave home till they get to the school gate. Enquire at the school office for your FREE Waterproof back pack cover.

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**WAIRARAPA ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL**

