



Newsletter - Thursday 12th August 2021

FREE NETSAFE PARENT/COMMUNITY EVENING - COME ALONG!



“How do I keep my children safe online?”
“How can I protect my kids when they are surfing the net?”
“How can I protect my child’s privacy?”
“How can I stop cyberbullies?”
These are just a few of the questions parents ask and this is your opportunity to ask the experts and learn from them...for free!

Cyber safety and keeping our children safe online is an important issue and one that I am regularly asked for advice on. Our children (and ourselves!) are bombarded by information, hacking, scams etc or know about unsafe or bullying behaviour online. It is a very real and everyday issue even amongst friendship groups, clubs, online communities etc.

Last year as part of our digital survey run by the board, parents asked for an evening focussed on cyber safety. As a result we have contacted Netsafe New Zealand to book in a free parent/community evening so we can learn more about this issue and practical ways we can upskill ourselves to avoid it occurring. It is free (funded by the school) and we would love as many people to attend as possible. You are more than welcome to invite other parents or family members that you know.

It will be held on **Thursday 19th August** at 6.00pm in the school library.

Please come along and take up this opportunity. All our staff will be upskilling themselves with the Netsafe team at our staff meeting as we know it is important.

SOCCER - HAVE A GO DAY

Yesterday we had four teams of children that took part in the South Wairarapa Schools Soccer - Have a Go Day. It was a fantastic day and the children had a great time giving a new sport a go. A big thank you to Mr BW's for organising it and Mr. Preston and the parents for helping and encouraging all the teams. The kids came back buzzing!



TE REO.

It was a pure delight and a proud moment to walk into room 7 and hear all our tamariki practicing their Te Reo with each other. As part of their learning they have also designed signs to encourage others to join in

and learn new vocabulary so they can use it too. Tino pai ngā tamariki!

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

STAFF UPDATES

As with any school or organisation there will be changes in staff at different times of the year. It is never easy as we love the staff that we have, however change can bring lots of new opportunities and people with new talents and strengths to take our school to the next level.

Current staff updates are:

In the last two weeks we have said goodbye to Carol Fergusson in our office. Carol has done an exceptional job and has played a vital role in the overall financial management of our school. She will be missed, however she is already enjoying her early days of retirement and being a full time grandmother.

In her place we welcome Jeanette McMenemy who is already settling into her new role. The children and staff are loving her bubbly and positive personality and efficiency in the office. For children and staff she will be going by her first name Jeanette and not Mrs McMenemy.

Sadly we are announcing that at the end of this term Nicke Verstraten will be leaving us as she will be returning to Matamata with her partner Aaron, as he has a new job. We will miss her but know that she needs to move with him!

Our community has also been notified of my resignation at the end of this year as I will be moving back to Hawkes Bay and taking up the position of Principal at Te Mata School. I will be sad to leave, however I know that I am leaving our school in a very strong position, will pop back to visit (especially to open the new classes) and our board will appoint a new principal to lead the school into the future. The board will keep the community informed of this process.



POETRY BY EVIE HOLDEN

When you are up town, have a look at the poetry in the store windows. Two of these poems have been written by Evie Holden - age 8. It is wonderful to see our children's work being celebrated and displayed in our community. Congratulations Evie we are super proud of you and your poetry!

TEACHER ONLY DAY

This term we will be having a Teacher Only Day so our staff can work with Liz Kane on Structured Literacy and The Code (two highly effective literacy programmes). This will be on the 2nd of September. **School will be closed on this day** so please start making other arrangements for child care if needed.

CHESS

We had some of our year 7&8s attend a chess tournament recently at Wairarapa College. The boys won the tournament and Blake came 2nd in the individual with Sam 3rd. Well done boys keep it up!



HOT LUNCHES

Just a reminder that the hot lunch orders have increased to \$5.00 for small and \$6.00 for large.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Please make sure you let the Office know if your child is away. You can do this either through the School App or by leaving a message on the absence line, 06 304 9007.

DRIVE IN MOVIE NIGHT

A huge thank you to our organising committee Rachel Fletcher, Megan Wall, Neil Preston, Sid Kempton, Duncan Didsbury and all the numerous parents and Rotary Club Helpers that helped on the night to make this a huge success. Without your dedication and support it would never have been so successful. We have received rave reviews from our community, and people that came especially for the evening from Wellington to Palmerston North.

Also a big shout out to our sponsors Fresh Choice and Challenge for sponsoring the big screen. Please continue to support these businesses as they give back to our kids.

All proceeds from this night will go towards playground upgrades.



BUILDING UPDATE

We welcome the team from Holmes Construction who will be part of our school for the next two to three years. Currently they are in the process of setting up the construction areas and getting ready to move rooms 3 and 15 into a temporary location by rooms 1 and 2. From here they will be starting both projects at the same time.

Project 1 - Senior block

Holmes will be starting the foundations for the Senior Build in the next few weeks. From here they will begin the construction of five new classrooms. This will take approximately one year to build.

Project 2 - Rooms 15 and 3 renovation.

Rooms 3 and 15 will be on the move next Monday after school. These will be temporarily placed by rooms 1 and 2 while the ground work is undertaken, and then moved into their final location side by side facing the junior playground. Finally they will be reroofed and renovated throughout terms 3 and 4 ready for the start of 2022.

As part of the groundwork new drainage will be placed outside rooms 1 and 2 to fix the puddles outside these rooms (this will happen in the October holidays to minimise disruptions to learning to these classes).

Dates For Your Diary

19th Aug	Netsafe Parent Evening 6.00pm
23rd	Year 7 EOTC
	Year 5/6 EOTC
24th	Year 8 EOTC
	Year 5/6 EOTC
26th	Netball Tournament
2nd Sept	Teacher only day
30th/1st Oct	Kapa Haka Festival

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LMK ART & DESIGN



AFTER SCHOOL ART WITH LINDA KIRKLAND

Art classes suitable for children **aged 7-9** will be held at Greytown School on Wednesday afternoons from **Wed 1st - Wed 29th September from 3.00pm – 4.30pm**. The cost for all 5 sessions is \$100 with afternoon tea and all materials supplied.

Art classes suitable for children **aged 9 – 13** will be held at Greytown School on Friday afternoons from **Fri 27th August – Friday 1st October**. There is no session on Friday 17th September. The cost for all 5 sessions is \$100 with afternoon tea and all materials supplied.

Please note: Class sizes are limited. If interested please contact Linda asap.

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WAIRARAPA
**KIDS
CHOIR**



Presents



Roald Dahl's
**Little
Red Riding
Hood and the
Wolf**

Music by Matthew White and Ana Sanderson

Rosewood 417 QUEEN ST,
MASTERTON

Saturday 28 August 3PM

Entry by Koha



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If you need a hand in your
garden on a casual hourly
basis call
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