



Panui - Taite 18th o Whiringa-ā-nuku 2021 Newsletter - Thursday 18th November 2021

Nau mai haere mai ki te Kura o Hupenui.
Welcome to Greytown School.

ANNOUNCING OUR NEW STAFF PROMOTIONS

We are extremely proud to announce to our community the following internal promotions.

- Mrs Gaylene Hansen is our new second Deputy Principal in 2022. In her role she will continue to be our SENCO (Special Education Needs Coordinator), head of literacy and oversight teaching and learning for Years 0-4...amongst other roles!
- Mrs Kim Hill is our new Kauri Syndicate Leader for 2022. She will be leading the Year 7 and 8 team which is growing to 4 classes next year.

We congratulate both Gaylene and Kim in their new roles and know that our school will be very lucky to have them in our Senior Leadership Team.

S.H.A.R.P COMMUNITY FEEDBACK - by Mr Preston

At the start of this term we invited our parents, staff and students to share stories about their experiences with our school.

We asked them to share one experience that shows who we are and how we do things at our school. Listening to their voices and insights will help us make our school an even better place for our students. We had over 200 stories and they were overwhelmingly positive. Thanks to everyone who took part. They have given us things to work on in the near future. We thought we would share just a few.

“Once at school a new kid didn’t know anyone, so my friend volunteered to take them around and show them everywhere. We opened up to them and became their friends and now they really belong here.”

“I remember when the teacher told the class we were going camping. Me and my friend looked at each other straight away. When we got there it was a blast, because the teachers made it fun and a great experience.”

“I am a new student at Greytown school. On my first day here I walked in and I saw about 50 students talking and laughing. Some even stared at me. I was petrified and wanted to hide behind my mum but a girl came up to me and asked “do you want me to show you where you can put your books?” and immediately I felt welcomed and wanted. I will never forget that moment!”

TEACHER ONLY DAY NEXT WEDNESDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

Remember our next Teacher Only Day Wednesday 24th November due to rescheduling our professional development because of COVID-19. The focus for this day is Structured Literacy with Liz Kane. **School will be closed** so please start making other arrangements for child care if needed.

CLASS STRUCTURES

We are currently in the process of organising our class structures for 2022 and locking in class placements. I would like to make all our parents aware that in some areas of our school there will be

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

different year level combinations than previous years. This is due to the numbers of children in each year level which then determines the sizes and make up of the classes to keep class numbers down.

It is important you understand that no matter what class your child is in they will be taught at the level that they require. There is no Year 5 or Year 2 'curriculum set plan'. Children can be in Year 5 and be working at a higher or lower level depending on their needs and learning area strengths. In addition to learning, each year level will experience the same EOTC events so it is fair. ie: Year 5 and 6 will go to camp. The Year 4's will go on their Mount Bruce trip with the other Year 3/4 's. These will be held at the same time.

The class structures are

Kauri Syndicate: 4 x Year 7/8 classes

Kahikatea Syndicate: 2 x Year 5/6 classes and 2 x Year 4/5 classes

Kawaka Syndicate: 3 x Year 3/4 classes

Kōwhai Syndicate: 2 x Year 2 and 1 x Year 1 with another start up New Entrant class beginning Term 2.

As you can see there is one more Year 7/8 class next year and the Year 4's are spread over 5 classes as this is a large group of children. They will be in two syndicate groups, however we want to reinforce again that this will be a team/syndicate name only and they will have the same opportunities and learning provided. **Please do not send in requests** for a particular combination of year level class for your child as this is a decision for our staff and leadership team only and is based on a lot of factors.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS

The sun was out and we had an incredible day at Kuranui with our years 3-8's or at school with the Kōwhai Syndicate on the South Field. The juniors loved having the field to themselves and taking part in "big kids" events with the high jump and crash mats without the big kids around. It was wonderful to see them challenging themselves and we were quick to see the "friendly" competition kicking into place.



Congratulations to all our children for their SHARP attitude and to our winners on the day.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING RE: GIRLS PUBERTY

Many of our young girls are developing a lot faster than previous generations. As a result it is important to start educating them about their bodies sooner so they can face puberty with increasing confidence and to reinforce that we are here to support them. To help assist parents/whānau to upskill themselves and to help offer support and guidance for tricky questions we have asked Bex Henderson (Women's Health and Fertility Nurse) to come and run a session for parents. Mums, Dads, caregivers, aunts etc are welcome to attend on November 30th at 6pm in our staffroom.

This is free and the session will be 30 minutes long with question and answer time at the end. Bex will have her book available at this event for people to purchase (\$25) if you would like to have this for future reference. I have met with Bex (who is also a parent in our community) and seen her book. I would highly recommend coming and purchasing this to fully understand how we can support our girls and answer any questions they have with confidence.

2022 ENROLMENTS

If you have any children that are turning 5 in 2022 or are moving to our school in the new year please contact Megan in our office to put their name down (or remind your friends to enrol their children). She can then send out enrolment forms and information about our school. Knowing when children are coming makes a big difference in our planning and helps us to all work together to settle them in. Contact details: mwall@greytown.school.nz or 06 304 9007 or pop in.

2022 LEAVERS

If you are moving in the new year and your child/ren are not going to be at our school please let our office know asap as we will start organising classroom numbers and structures in the next few weeks. Contact details: mwall@greytown.school.nz or 06 304 9007 or pop in.

Nga mihi, Patrice O'Connor

Dates For Your Diary

24th Nov	Teacher only day
30th	Pack the Bus
1st Dec	Kowhai Christmas "Sing-along" Year 8 Kayaking EOTC Trip
3rd Dec	Year 7 Raft Building EOTC Trip
16th	Last day for 2021

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PACK THE BUS

Donate Christmas gifts this festive season!

Bring an unwrapped gift or Christmas treat to school by Tuesday 30th November 2021



Year 8 Leavers Dinner Sausage Sizzle

Some of our fantastic Year 8 parents held a sausage sizzle at school today to help towards the leavers dinner. A massive thank you to all our families that supported them by purchasing a delicious sausage and also Chris and the team at Fresh Choice for their continued support and sponsorship.



Recently the team of Dave and Jennah from Property Brokers Greytown held a quiz night to help raise funds to assist families purchase School uniforms. We would like to acknowledge both Dave and Jennah for this generous contribution which will make a difference for families. Thank you to the following sponsors for the generous donations.

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Kapai Cleaning
Coney Wines
Carterton Bottle Store
Huka Lodge New Zealand

Greytown School Athletics Results

Sprints - 100m	1st	2nd	3rd
Girls - Year 8	Evelyn	Grace	Luka
Boys - Year 8	Marco	Max	Charlie E
Girls - Year 7	Talia	Maiya	Khalia
Boys - Year 7	Charlie F	Tommy	Oskar M
Sprints - 80m	1st	2nd	3rd
Girls - Year 6	Eleanor	Lucinda	Harper
Boys - Year 6	AJ	Sven-Aksel	Bane
Girls - Year 5	Stella	Ellie	Maddie
Boys - Year 5	Archie	John	Max
Sprints - 60m	1st	2nd	3rd
Girls - Year 4	Olivia	Matilda	Esther
Boys - Year 4	Sam K	Declan M	Freddie
Girls - Year 3	Ari	Emily	Charlotte S
Boys - Year 3	Beau	Austin	Eli F
High Jump	1st	2nd	3rd
Girls - Year 8	Evelyn	Grace	Luka
Boys - Year 8	Charlie E	Max	Marco
Girls - Year 7	Talia	Riley	Maiya & Amelia
Boys - Year 7	Franklin & Charlie	Caleb	
Girls - Year 6	Lucinda	Eva S	Harper & Harriet
Boys - Year 6	Riley D	Ethan	Isaac
Girls - Year 5	Stella	Amber	Georgie
Boys - Year 5	John & Jonah	Archie, Micah & William	
Girls - Year 4	Holly S & Matilda	Amelia W & Esther	
Boys - Year 4	Sam	Freddy	Eli & Teddy
Girls - Year 3	Ari	Helene & Emilie	Isla S & Amelie
Boys - Year 3	Cooper	Raff & Eli	Austin
Long Jump	1st	2nd	3rd
Girls - Year 8	Evelyn	Grace	Luka
Boys - Year 8	Max	Charlie	Blake
Girls - Year 7	Talia	Maiya	Amelia H
Boys - Year 7	Charlie	Franklin	Oskar

Girls - Year 6	Lucinda	Aleisha	Lila
Boys - Year 6	Octavian	Bane	AJ
Girls - Year 5	Georgie D	Molly	Riley F
Boys - Year 5	Archie	John	Joe
Girls - Year 4	Holly	Olivia	Matilda
Boys - Year 4	Declan	Sam	Freddy
Girls - Year 3	Ari	Helene	Emilie
Boys - Year 3	Austin	Raff	Cooper
Discus/Quoit	1st	2nd	3rd
Girls - Year 8	Ella	Maria	Grace
Boys - Year 8	Charlie	Dallas	Brook
Girls - Year 7	Tia	Riley	Khalia
Boys - Year 7	Franklin	Caleb	Sam
Girls - Year 6	Lucinda	Harriet	Scarlett
Boys - Year 6	Louis	Jamie	Riley
Girls - Year 5	Stella	Georgie	Ellie
Boys - Year 5	John	Archie	Harry
Girls - Year 4	Violet	Ayla	Awanui
Boys - Year 4	Sam K	Lewis W	Isaac
Girls - Year 3	Ari	Grace	Emily
Boys - Year 3	Lachie	Austin	Ari
Vortex	1st	2nd	3rd
Girls - Year 8	Tyah	Niysa	Evelyn
Boys - Year 8	Dan	Max	Charlie
Girls - Year 7	Amelia H	Eloise	Tia
Boys - Year 7	Charlie F	Franklin	Tommy & Sam
Girls - Year 6	Mckenzie	Lucinda	Harriet & Madison
Boys - Year 6	Bane	Jamie	Van
Girls - Year 5	Sophia	Riley	Eli
Boys - Year 5	John	Archie	William
Girls - Year 4	Holly	Zoe	Ailish
Boys - Year 4	Sam K	Riley W	Asher
Girls - Year 3	Raff	Ryan	Austin
Boys - Year 3	Ari B	Charlotte S	Emily