



Panui - Taite 16th o Hakihea 2021 Newsletter - Thursday 16th December 2021

FINAL GOODBYE

It is hard to believe that this is my last Greytown School Newsletter after 5 years as Principal. It has been an incredible experience, full of beautiful and hard working children, two extremely talented and supportive Board of Trustees, spectacular staff, welcoming parents and families, generous and involved community....and full of life long memories that I will treasure and take away with me.

I am proud of the projects I have led or been apart of (9 new classrooms, pool upgrade, new turf, bike track, play based area, senior playground etc), but most of all I am proud of the work we have created around our school vision and culture of teaching and learning (ie: Our School Summit Values - Collaboration, Innovation, Hauora, Purposeful and Challenge). These are the skills that as they strengthen and grow deeper will help to shape the character of our teachers and children for successful learning and life for years to come.

I am proud of all our children who have been or are currently involved in our school. Your talents, sense of fun, determination, love of learning and life always puts a smile on my face and has made every day purposeful. You continue to demonstrate our core school values of S.H.A.R.P and Summit Learners which I am truly proud of. I encourage all of you to keep strengthening these values, to dream big, put yourself forward for new opportunities, keep going no matter what and give everything you do on a daily basis your very best effort. Please know that I will always be celebrating with you in spirit with the many successes you will experience, cheering you on when you make mistakes then pick yourself up and keep going.... and most of all that I will remember you all for many, many more years to come!



To our parents and wider whanau. Thank you for all your support in so many different areas of our school and community life. Your support and participation is critical in helping our children succeed and be able to access new opportunities. Thank you to all those parents who have volunteered their time on camps, EOTC, Rainbow Reading, Radio Groups, Parent Help in class, Pet Day and other school activities, Sports, Fun Friends Fundraising initiatives (BBQ, Movie Nights etc)...the list goes on. Please know that we value your active support and I hope that you will continue to put your hand up to help when you see an opportunity to use your expertises in 2022.

To our Board of Trustees (since I began)... Jane Cooper, Jess Isaac, Dorreen Mackenzie, Rusty Donworth, Duncan Didsbury, David Savage, Alistair Plimmer, Matt Bell, Belinda Wells, Peter Kill and their support team Carol Fergusson, Megan Wall, Neil Preston, James Mackie (Property Advisor). Thank you once again for all the time and energy you have or continue to give our school. As I said in my speech, our school is incredibly lucky to have people with such a high skill set of diverse expertises who strive to make our school a better place. I have loved working with you all and will miss your fun and laughter too. There was never a boring board meeting with you all there.

To my staff. No words can express how thankful I have been working with you all. You give 110% and inspire me everyday. Our community and children are richer because of your dedication and the love of teaching, learning and community that you have and give from everyday. Take a well deserved break and all the best for 2022!

Love Miss O'Connor aka Miss O!

"Ko ngā pae tawhiti whāia kia tata, ko ngā pae tata, whakamaua kia tina."

"The potential for tomorrow depends on what we do today."

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



YEAR 8's LEAVERS DINNER

On Wednesday night the annual leavers dinner was held. The parents worked hard behind the scenes to make it a truly special night with a theme of "Oh the Places you will go". Thank you to all our parents who helped make this night possible. The leavers danced the night away, shared hilarious moments, laughed at their pictures in the slideshow from special moments they have had since they started, enjoyed delicious food...and so much more.

We wish you all the very best at College next year. Enjoy every moment!

STAFF LEAVING

To all our teachers and support staff leaving today.... On behalf of our children, staff, parents and wider whānau we want to thank you for all your hard work and dedication

- Mrs Sue Lyford after 32 years of teaching at Greytown School
- Mrs Amanda Taylor
- Mrs Mel Thawley
- Mrs Deb Mann
- Mrs Tika Dew
- Miss Emma Bell
- Mrs Grace King
- Guusje de Schot
- Mr David French and Mr Blake Walker (Enjoy a break in 2022 and see you again in 2023)



WELCOMING STAFF

We welcome our new permanent staff in 2022. We know that you will love being a part of Greytown School as it is a spectacular school to be a part of. Welcome to

- Mrs Paula Weston (New Principal)
- Miss Jody Hart (Year 7/8)
- Mr Miu Phillips (Year 7/8)
- Mrs Jenn Mudgway (Year 3/4)
- Miss Courtney Mei (Year 3/4)
- Mrs Mandy Smyth (Year 1)

POWHIRI FOR NEW PRINCIPAL, STAFF, CHILDREN and WHĀNAU

We would like to invite all our school community to attend a powhiri for all the new people coming to our school in 2022. We will be welcoming our new principal Mrs Paula Weston, new staff, new children and their families that are arriving to be part of our Greytown School Learning Whānau. This will be held on the first day of school Tuesday 1st February 2022. More information about the time and key information for new people to come and be welcomed, will be sent out prior to the school year beginning. Please book the date and come along to this special occasion for 2022!

THANK YOU TO

We would like to say a huge thank you to Greytown Trustlands Trust who have given our school \$29, 592 for 2022. This money will be used to provide 70 new Chromebooks and their storage units for our Year 7/8 classes. Their ongoing support to our school is invaluable and we thank all the trustees for their ongoing support of our school.



FINALLY

On behalf of all our Board of Trustees and Staff we wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and a wonderful, fun and relaxing summer holiday. We look forward to seeing you all back again in 2022!

Term Dates

	START DATE	END DATE	HOLIDAYS
Term 1 - 11 weeks	Tuesday 1st February	Thursday 14th April	Public holiday: Waitangi Day (observed) 7th February School Holidays: Thursday 14th April - Sunday 1st May. Teacher Only Day - To be confirmed
Term 2 - 10 weeks	Monday 2nd May	Friday 8th July	Public holiday: Queen's Birthday 6th June, Matariki 24th June School holidays: Saturday 9th July - Sunday 24th July. Teacher Only Day - To be confirmed
Term 3 - 10 weeks	Monday 25th July	Friday 30th September	School holidays: Saturday 1st October - Sunday 16th October
Term 4 - 9 weeks	Monday 17th October	Thursday 15th December	Public holiday: Labour Day 24th October Last day Thursday 15th December

January

Monday 31st

Office open from 9am for stationery sales
2.00 - 3.00pm Stationery drop off for parents and children (Optional)

February

Tuesday 1st
Wednesday 2nd
Monday 7th
Thursday 24th

First Day Term 1 - Pōwhiri for new principal, staff and new families.
Swimming programme starts (to be confirmed)
Waitangi Day observed (no school)
Whole school family picnic - Artisan night 5-7pm

School Information

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MTC presents two Acting Antics Junior Theatre summer holiday productions.

- Fabulous costumes
- Learn acting & stagecraft skills
- Free performance for family & friends
- Every student gets a role with dialogue

Monday 20 - Thursday 23 DECEMBER

BOB GOT A BARBIE (24 roles)

It's Christmas morning and children all over the world are opening their presents. But wait... something is dreadfully wrong! Bob's got a Barbie and Beth's got a soldier, and what's more, these toys can actually talk and they are not happy! How could this terrible mix-up have happened and who could be to blame? Could it be the mail room elves, perhaps it's the toy maker elves, maybe Ollie in logistics finally got it wrong, or maybe Blitzen and his rebel reindeer have been up to their old tricks again?

Tuesday 25 - Friday 28 JANUARY

A CASE TO ANSWER (18 roles)

Minty & Monty, two mice, live in Fran & Fritz's toy shop with Tick & Tock, two clocks that never stop arguing. One day Romas, a very obnoxious boy, steals a toy soldier from the toy shop. Minty & Monty agree to help Soldier's friends rescue him, but they haven't counted upon TC, BC & AKA, 3 very wicked cats, getting in their way. How will they rescue Soldier, and will Tick & Tock stop arguing long enough as Judge and Defence Council at Toy Court to come to a decision about Romas.

TIMES: Program operates 9am-3pm (venue open 8:30am-3:30pm)
VENUE: MTC Majestic Theatre Ngaumatawa Rd, Masterton
AGES: 8-12 years
FEES: \$185.00 (includes performance, costumes, Acting Antics Kids Club folder, bookbag & performance certificate)

REGISTER: <http://harlequin.actingantics.com>

ENQUIRIES: Deborah Percy
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If you'd like to support a local business go to www.paperplus.co.nz/backtoschool in early January and you will find all our class stationery lists for 2022 at sale prices.

It's easy for you and it benefits us, as 5% of all purchases made by our families will be paid back to the school by Paperplus!

Thank you everybody!

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For any queries call Karen at Paperplus 06 3788300



2022 HEAD Wairarapa Tier 3 JUNIOR OPEN TOURNAMENT

5th & 6th February 2022
 (Waitangi weekend)
 Vaccine Pass Only Event for those aged 12.25 and older
 Masterton Tennis Centre
 Age Groups 10's, 12's, 14's, 16's
 (as at 28th February 2022)
 Singles & Doubles
 Entries Open Now
 via Tournament Planner
<http://tnz.tournamentsoftware.com/>
 Entries close 11.59pm Sat 29th Jan 22

For more info visit:
<http://wairarapatennis.nz/tournaments>
 Enquiries to: Rebecca Pearce
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HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
 AGE: 8-14yo TIME: 9am -12pm
MASTERTON
 DATE: 20 - 22 December 2021
 LOCATION: Solway College, 49 Fleet Street
 COST: \$45/ day
 \$120 for 3 days
REGISTER @ www.paulifill.com

**OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES
 SUMMER OF CHALLENGES**

COMING SOON
 REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE FROM 3 DECEMBER

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