

GREYTOWN SCHOOL

Newsletter Monday 13th February 2023

Welcome back to 2023

A warm welcome back to the school year and to all of our new students, staff and families. How nice it feels not to have Covid dominate the way in which we can interact with each other this year.

The students have come back to school feeling positive and energised, which is fantastic to see. It matches the energy of the staff!

So far this year we have welcomed 18 new students and 4 new teachers to join our GTS Whanau. We held a pōwhiri last Friday in our new block (Tahorahina). For some of our students and staff, this was a first experience of a pōwhiri and we were incredibly impressed with the students with the level of respect they showed throughout.



On the second page of this newsletter you will see an updated list of events for the term so far. Our first trip of the year will be to Wings over Wairarapa. Please look out on Skool Loop for a permission notification. The permission notice will be in teams so you will have to do one for each child but it is really easy to do.

Our school wide focus this year is sustainability. Reducing our use of paper is part of that sustainability focus but the students will also learn about sustainability through a variety of lens'. We look forward to sharing this learning with you throughout the year.

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Nga Mihi.

Paula Weston

Tumuaki/Principal

Events coming up:

Thursday 16th February - School picnic - see invitation at bottom of the newsletter.

Friday 24th February - Wings over Wairarapa (permission notice coming on Skool Loop). We will need parent help with this trip so please keep the day free if you can!

School Swimming sports - week of 27 February - more details to follow

Student Spotlight: our head students for 2023

At the final assembly and graduation last year, we announced our 4 head students for 2023.

This leadership group will be added to throughout the year



Head Boy - AJ Richards



Head Girl - Lucinda Hight



Deputy Head Girl - Alexandra Read



Deputy Head Boy - Jamie Mills

Opening Of New Block - Tahorahina



It was a fantastic milestone to complete the first of our new classroom blocks for the beginning of the school year. In consultation with Papawai Marae, our new block is named Tahorahina. Tahorahina is the name of the block of land that our school sits on and was one of the original settlements in Greytown.

The staff and students of the Kauri team (year 7/8) are enjoying working in their new space.

Ms O'Connor cutting the ribbon after Mrs Weston welcomed our guests



Student Medications/Inhalers

If your child requires any medication or preventatives during the school day, please ensure these are delivered to the Office.

Lost Property

Already we have had parents looking for some items that have been misplaced by students. Can you please check that the uniform items coming home have your child's name on them.

Lunches

Students can order fried rice/chow mein on Wednesdays/Fridays \$5 small or \$6 large (order in the office)

Pita Pit can be ordered through the Lunchonline App for delivery on Thursday.

Thank You

We would like to acknowledge the continued support of Freshchoice to our School.

Back to School Family Picnic

PLEASE JOIN US

THURSDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

4:30-6:30 pm

Bring along your picnic dinner

The school pool will be open if you fancy a dip

Staff will be around to mix and mingle with you throughout Families of Kauri (year 7/8) are invited to a meeting in the new Tahorahina block at 5:45 to learn about this years camp.

WAIRARAPA SPITFIRES BASEBALL CLUB

Wairarapa Spitfires is a family oriented club with good, dedicated coaches and a focus on skill development and fun. New players are welcome.

ROOKIE BALL – Ages 5 to 9 play on Saturday mornings at Kuranui College at 9am.

MINOR LEAGUE 11U – Ages 9 to 12 play on Saturday mornings at Kuranui College at 10 am and train on Fridays at 3.45pm

Facebook Page: Wairarapa Spitfires. Website <https://www.sporty.co.nz/spitfiresbaseball>

For more info and to join our club, contact Teams Coordinator, Eileen McWilliam, on mcwilliamae@gmail.com

Girls Rugby!!!

We are wanting to form two girls teams

U11 and U13 to travel to compete in the NZ junior rugby festival in Christchurch (22nd-24th September)

If your daughter is interested please private message the Pioneer face book page, or txt 0273136933

([Trisanna](#), Pioneer JAB delegate)

