

GREYTOWN SCHOOL

Newsletter Friday 24th February 2023

It has been nice to see the sun return to allow us to get on with our summer programmes like swimming, however of course our thoughts are with those communities affected by Cyclone Gabrielle. One of our families has done some collecting of pet food and as a school community we are planning a student fundraiser to support Tinui School. We will provide more details about this.

It is timely that we update our own systems and ensure we have the most up to date contact information for each student. To that end, we will be sharing a link to a survey with you.

Fundraising:

Within the survey mentioned above we will also be asking for support for all of our planned fundraising activities for the year. Our big project for 2023 is to fund our new junior playground. Sid Kempton and David Ross, from the Board of Trustees, have come up with a fundraising schedule for the year and we are asking for your assistance with these events. If each family could help with even one event, it would mean we have more help than we could ever need!

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Absences: through Skool Loop

Learning conversations:

We have scheduled these for Tuesday 7th March and Thursday 9th March. The bookings for these can be found on Skool Loop under the Interviews tab (that looks like two speech bubbles). Each interview time is for 10 minutes but the slot is for 15 minutes to allow you to book back-to-back appointments if you have more than one child.

We have decided not to close early for these interviews so school will run as usual for students.

Union Meeting for teachers:

We sent out a notice last week to let you know that our teachers will be attending a union meeting on Friday 3rd March and we are asking for students to be collected at 1:00 pm.

We will have limited staff available to supervise students who need to stay at school. Please contact the office to let us know if your child will be staying. Again, we thank you for your support with this.

Teacher Only Day - term 2:

The Ministry of Education has allocated 2 teacher-only days to schools to work on the revised curriculum and the first of those days must be taken in the first week of term 2. We have decided to hold our day on Monday 24th April, which is the first day of term, however, Tuesday 25th is a public holiday for Anzac Day.

Nga Mihi.

Paula Weston

Tumuaki/Principal

Events coming up:

School Swimming sports - years 5-8
Tuesday 28th February (pp 2 March)
Years 3-4 - Thursday 2nd March or Friday 3rd March (morning)

Moving March starts Wednesday 1st March

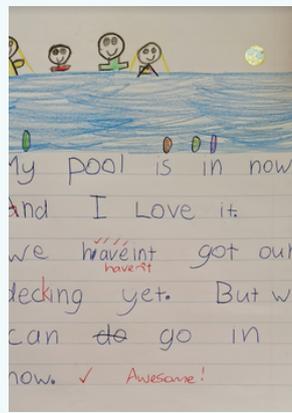
1pm finish on Friday 3rd March

Parent Interviews (goal setting conferences)
Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th March - no early finishing! Booking through the interview tab on Skool Loop

Teacher only day - school closed - Monday 24th April 2023
Anzac Day public holiday - Tuesday 25th April 2023

Student Spotlight: Room Mackenzie

Room Mackenzie has been super busy; we have been studying sunflowers so we can draw and write about them, looked in the mirror to see what we look like and draw our portrait, and enjoyed writing about something that happened during the school holidays.



Parking Safety!

We have been asked by several neighbours to remind our community about the parking rules around drive ways. Please do not park across drive ways or on yellow lines. This is both sides of the school!





We are really pleased to have our new Shade sail installed over the swimming pool deck.

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 Lunch Online App for delivery on Thursday. If ordering Pita Pit please ensure the class name is correct.

Active ROAD SAFETY OUTSIDE SCHOOLS

Please make sure you:

- Use crossings outside schools and if parked away from the gate, walk to the safest crossing point. Do it correctly, young eyes are learning behaviours off of YOU.
- Park away from the gate and let tamariki walk the final small distance. For New Entrants and younger tamariki, please walk that last part with them until you know they are safe to do so themselves.
- Reduce speed to 20km/h either way past a stationary school bus.
- Park legally! Not on yellow lines, over driveways or double parking.

WALKING, BIKING, AND SCOOTING TO SCHOOL CAN HELP INCREASE INDEPENDENCE, PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH, DECISION MAKING, AND ROAD SAFETY SKILLS FOR TAMARIKI - AND THE SCHOOL BENEFITS FROM LESS CHAOS AT THE SCHOOL GATE.

TOP TIPS

Keeping Safe on your travels
Here are a few tips to prepare your tamariki for their hikoi to school. Set these up for safety skills that last a lifetime.

1. When cycling, scooting, or skating, make sure you wear a helmet. Show them the right way by practicing this too if you are making the journey with them.
2. Go over a safe route to and from school. Have a safety plan and practice this in weekends or school holidays
3. Check the gear. Make sure your wheels are good to go. There is a bike safety checklist on our website.
4. Safety in numbers. Walk or bike with a friend. Even better, ask your school if there is a walking school bus.
5. Be bright and be seen. If you are walking to a bus stop or school, wear bright colours or a reflective vest or back pack cover.

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KAWAKA - non-competitive swimming groups - Fun Swimming showcase.

When: Thursday March 2nd 2023
(If postponed we will reschedule for the following week)

Time: 9.30 - 11.30am

Where: Greytown Town Pool (11-55 Kuratawhiti Street)

What: A swimming showcase for the children to demonstrate what they have been doing...in their swim safe lessons.

Need: Children to bring their togs & towel, sunhat, sunblock, water bottle & normal lunch.



