



School Newsletter

Term 2, Week 2, 8 May 2025



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*To keep up with all the dates go to our [Website](#)



School Bell Times

8:30am - Classroom open for students

8:50am - School Starts

9:00am - Block 1

11:00 am - Morning Tea

11:20am - Block 2

12:40pm - Eating

12:50pm - Lunch

1:30pm - Block 3

3:00pm - School Ends

Dates for the Calendar

12-15 May

Careers Week (Year 7/8)

Thursday 15 May

Pink Shirt Day

Friday 16 May - No school

Teacher only day

Monday 2 June - No school

King's Birthday

Thursday 19 June

Matariki Celebrations

Friday 20 June - No school

Matariki

Friday 27 June

End of Term 2

Paula's Panui



Kia Ora Koutou,

Welcome back to our new term. We have had another fantastic cross country event this year. Thank you to all of you who came out to support your children. It was lovely to catch up with all of you at the carpark and the parking was much better this year!!

Cross country is one of our really significant school events, where students experience what is for some a personal challenge. We had lots of students talking about their goals for where they would come and for some of our students (not just the juniors) it was the first time they had taken part.

Parent Portal through Ministry of Education:

You may have seen the announcement on Sunday of the parent portal through the Ministry of Education that has been launched. Here is the link to that portal. Lots of the information was already on the ministry website but this is much easier to navigate.

<https://www.education.govt.nz/parents-and-caregivers/schools-year-0-13/parent-portal>

Revised Maths Curriculum: Staff Only Day:

Our staff, along with Martinborough School, are having Professional Development in maths next **Friday 16th May**. A reminder that school is closed on this day. We appreciate your support with this and look forward to updating you with some more information in future newsletters.

*Ngā Mihi, Paula Weston
Tumuaki/Principal*

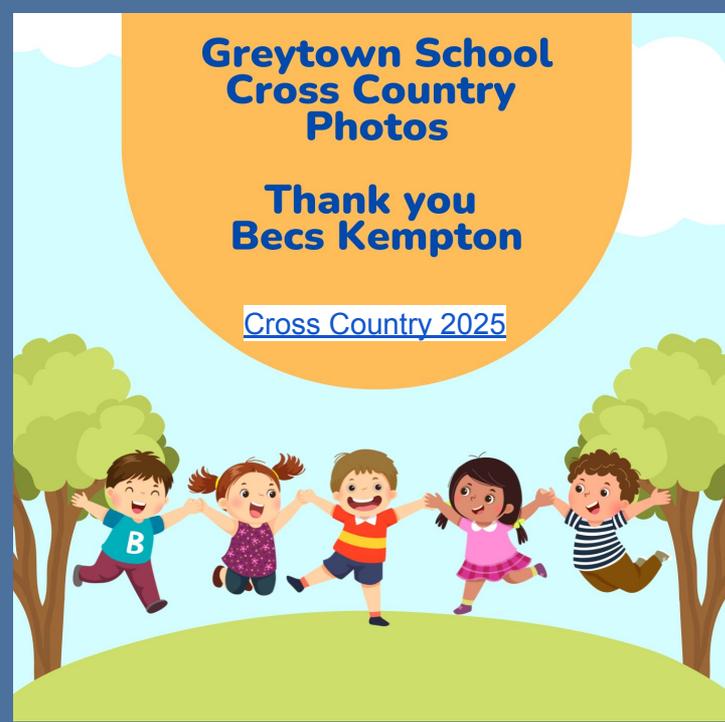


Cross Country 2025

Yet another beautiful day at Cross Country!

We are so lucky with our venue, Barton's Farm, and want to sincerely thank Roger and Barbie for their continued support. We have had the privilege of using their farm for over 20 years!

It was a fabulous atmosphere, with plenty of children going out of their comfort zone to push themselves and give it a go! Thank you to Property Brokers, Levitate Coffee and our parents for the baking and coming to watch!



Thank you to Millie from Mrs Blackwells Village Bookshop who came into Greytown School offering students the chance to use their voucher on discounted books



Your children will be bringing home Book Town vouchers if they haven't already used them with Millie

FEATHERSTON
**BOOK
TOWN**

2025
\$10
2026
\$10

2025-2026
**BOOK
TOWN**
Karukatea
**FESTIVAL
2025**
VOUCHER

This voucher can be used to buy books at all Featherston bookstores, Martinborough Bookshop, and the Greytown Village Bookshop from 5-26 May and in the Bookseller Marquee outside the Featherston Booktown Karukatea Festival from 9-12 May 2025



School Notices

Greytown School Lunch Options



TUESDAYS

Sushi

Order online before Tue 8:30am

www.lunchonline.co.nz



WEDNESDAY & FRIDAYS

Combination Fried Rice / Chow Mein

\$5.00 cash - Small

\$6.00 cash - Large

Order from the office in the morning



THURSDAYS

Pita Pit

Order online before Thur 8:30am

www.lunchonline.co.nz

MUSIC LESSONS AVAILABLE
OFFERING FUN AND ENGAGING GUITAR, PIANO/KEYBOARD, AND VOCAL LESSONS FOR STUDENTS ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS.
★ EACH LESSON IS 30 MINUTES FOR JUST \$20 PERFECT FOR BEGINNERS AND THOSE WITH SOME EXPERIENCE.
★ DEVELOP YOUR MUSICAL SKILLS IN A SUPPORTIVE AND FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT!
★ FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT HEMI ON: HEMIWALKER95@GMAIL.COM 0220254154
★ THESE LESSONS WOULD BE HELD AT GREYTOWN SCHOOL DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Egg Cartons Needed
The FoodBank is in need of some Egg Cartons.
If you have any, please drop them into the office.
Thank you

Before School Care (Term Time)

Monday - Friday
7:30am - 8:30am
On school grounds
\$10 a day per student
Includes: Toast and Spreads

To book in your child/children please contact:

Kath McShane
kmshane@greytown.school.nz

Margo Morgan
mmorgan@greytown.school.nz



After School Care Programme

There are spaces available!!

Hours of Operation
3:00pm - 5:30pm

Please contact Kylee Robinson
027 878 2611
kylee.clint@gmail.com

Reminders

Absentees

Please let the office staff know of any absentees even if you have mentioned it to the teacher

Contact Details

Please inform the office if your contact details need to be updated

HERO - Financial Access

By pressing the Finance button in Hero, parents are now able to view family Statements of Accounts. If you have any questions or concerns around this please either email office@greytown.school.nz

2nd Hand Uniform

If you have any uniform at home that your child no longer wears, we are happy to take it and sell it on for \$5 each. All proceeds goes to the trips trust

READY, SET, SIGN IN!



DOWNLOAD THE HERO APP

Once downloaded, click 'Sign In'

SELECT "NEW USER"

Your account will be set up by your school using the email address that you provided when you enrolled your children, use this address to request a password.

CHECK YOUR EMAIL

You should receive an email, within five minutes.

If you encounter problems logging in, please check with your school to make sure they have the correct details for you.



Stay in the loop by following these steps

ADD YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Select "Next"

SELECT "SUBMIT"

Hero will send you an email with a link to follow.

FOLLOW THE LINK

This will take you to a secure page to enter your chosen password.

Greytown School Details

Phone: 06 304 9007

Email: office@greytown.school.nz

Website: www.greytown.school.nz

Bank Acc: 03 0609 0124353 00

Absences: Through HERO or phone office

If you would like to advertise something in our newsletter please get in touch with Daz Wilkes - admin@greytown.school.nz

Community

The Love Tour
benefit concert to **start**
Starlight Featherston
Monday May 19th
7pm Anzac Hall
\$10 per person
or \$25 per family
poster Art by
Tiffany Nicol
featuring
Starlight Masterton
special guests
Hugo del Mar **Waiohine Belly Dancers**
and **Tangle Ballet**

Alzheimers Wairarapa



Bricks & Wheels Children's Lego® Building Competition

- Open to primary and intermediate aged children
- One entry per child
- Build size limits -16x16 Lego® base and no higher than 30cm Lego®.
- Please note as this show is hosted in association with Well-LUG, only Lego is to be used. No other bricks will be accepted.
- The competition closes on 5th September

Experienced Lego builders will evaluate the builds at your school or club on an agreed-upon date prior to the show. Builds judged as the best in each school or club will be taken by the judges for display at the brick show.

The winning entry from each school or club will receive free passes to the Bricks & Wheels show for up to 2 adults and 3 children. All successful entries must be collected from the show on the day at 3pm.

First, second, and third place winners will receive a show brick badge and Lego set.

Contact details: tony.dragicevic@gmail.com or m.slykhuis@xtra.co.nz (Marianne)

Bricks & Wheels Show

Sunday 19 October 9am – WAICOL main hall

Fundraiser for Alzheimers Wairarapa in association with

WELL-LUG



Please label the Lego builds with the following information:

Name of child: _____ School or Club name: _____
Caregivers name: _____ Contact number of School or Club: _____
Contact mobile number: _____

Community Notices

Winter Wellness

Preparing your Early Childhood Centre/Kōhanga/School for winter

Tēnā kotou katoa,

Cooler winter weather means more people are likely to get sick with colds, flu, and other respiratory illnesses, such as whooping cough. This increases the risk of these illnesses being brought into your home, workplace, centre or kura/school.

Use the following messages and actions now to prepare your centre/kōhanga/school for winter wellbeing.

We recommend sharing the following information with staff, whānau and communities by email, social media or notice boards.

Messages for staff



It is important to keep your immunisation register, including staff, up-to-date.



Remind whānau to tell you when their tamariki receive immunisations. This will help us to quickly identify those that are most vulnerable.



Individuals who work with tamariki should get a flu vaccine to protect themselves and tamariki against infection.



Whooping cough vaccines are free for pregnant women, all children under 18 years old and adults from 45 and 65 years. If you are not eligible for a free whooping cough vaccine, they can be purchased.



Have up-to-date contact details for whānau of tamariki in your centre/kōhanga/school in case you need to arrange for them to be picked up.



Support your staff to be immunised - bookings can be made via bookmyvaccine.health.nz

Notify Public Health if you are experiencing a respiratory outbreak

A respiratory outbreak in an ECC is defined as:

- Three or more cases (staff or tamariki) in one area (e.g. under-tuos) exhibiting symptoms of illness in 48 hours or 15% of the centre or a room are unwell.

A respiratory outbreak in a school/college is defined as:

- Three or more cases (staff or tamariki) exhibiting symptoms of illness in 48 hours in a class or 15% of the school is unwell.

To calculate this percentage, you divide the number of sick children and staff by the total school roll (including staff) and times this number by 100. This will give you the percentage of people off sick.

To report an outbreak, or if you have any questions or concerns, contact Public Health on (04) 570 9002. Alternatively, you can notify us of any notifiable disease outbreaks online: [Early learning service gastro or respiratory outbreak notifications – Greater Wellington](#)

Keeping your centre healthy

We also have advice on our website about keeping your centre healthy: [Keeping your centre healthy – Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora](#)

This includes:

- how to limit the spread of the virus,
- how to recognise an outbreak – and what to do about your outbreak
- resources for school whānau – you may want to put some of these snippets on your website/Facebook page, or in your school newsletter. Please feel free to use the winter illness snippets [insert link once it is live] to help reduce the spread of influenza-like illnesses in your school community.

NURTURING SUSTAINABLE PERSONAL CARE CHOICES



DIVINE · RIVER

CREATIVITY & CONNECTION WORKSHOPS

MAKE A NOURISHING LIP BALM

Weds 12 - 1.30 @ Carterton Library
7 May 3 - 4.30

Weds 12 - 1.30 @ Greytown Library
14 May 3 - 4.30

Weds 12 - 1.30 @ Martinborough Library
21 May 3 - 4.30

Weds 12 - 1.30 @ Featherston Library
28 May 3 - 4.30



✉ divinerivernz@gmail.com

☎ 021 425 099

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DRAMA CLASSES



Ignite your child's passion for the performing arts in our high-energy classes, where they'll build confidence and master performing arts skills, our hour-long sessions are led by seasoned industry professionals. Limited spaces available in our younger and intermediate classes.

When – Wednesday afternoon.
Where – Greytown School Hall.

Drama encourages children to build social skills, express feelings and explore creativity. It also encourages teamwork and leadership - The main goal is to have fun, learn new skills and make great friends!

If you are interested in please send us an email and we will send you out an information pack.

starlightperformingartsnz@gmail.com

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

Community Notices



HEADS UP! PHONES DOWN

Before crossing, press pause
on your phone and feet.



Road Safety Week



KALEIDOSCOPE
19 April– 13 July
Aratoi Wairarapa Museum of Art and History

FREE entry

An immersive and family friendly exhibition space
that lets you play with light and notice how it
changes through reflection and refraction.



We're Back –South Wairarapa Computer Solutions

Part of the team from South Wairarapa Computer Services are back. We are not operating out of a shop but from John's house. This means that we are able to keep our prices at great rates for you.

John has refurbished computers for sale. These are ex-business recycled laptops and desktops, all with Windows 11 and Microsoft Office 2024. We can transfer all your data and programs from your old computer to your new one.

We have 2 technicians available for in-house calls in Greytown, Martinborough, Featherston and surrounding area and you will find the charge out rate very reasonable.

If you need our services, please contact John on

027 248 3265

or email me –

johnrennienz@hotmail.com

Looking forward to being able to help you.

Regards

John Rennie



RAISING A HEALTHY ATHLETE
Wairarapa seminar

12 May 25 6-7:30pm
St Matthew's Collegiate School
For Girls, Seminar Room, Masterton

19 May 25 6-7:30pm
Kuraunui College, Student Center,
Greytown

Swipe for speakers →



RAISING A HEALTHY ATHLETE
Wairarapa seminar

Guest speakers:



Anna Beetham
Sports Podiatrist
Wairarapa Sports Podiatry



Ryan Monastra
Senior Physio/Director
Back in Action Clinic

Support the journey
Fuel the dream

Register now!

