



# W E L C O M E T O G R E Y T O W N S C H O O L

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

13 June 2019

## **WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2019-2022**

I am very pleased to announce the results of our recent Board of Trustees Election.



Belinda Wells



Jane Cooper



David Savage



Duncan Didsbury



Rusty Donworth



Dorreen Mackenzie

I believe this will be another very strong BOT who will help lead our school over the next three years. It will be an exciting three years with the Senior Build, Bike Track, Localised Curriculum Development and no doubt numerous exciting things that we will think of as we go. Congratulations to all the successful candidates and thank you to all nominees for putting your name forward and to all the parents who voted.

## **A HUGE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE**

With the new board taking over I would like to acknowledge in front of our community the work and leadership of the two Board of Trustees members who are stepping down.

Alistair Plimmer has been our school BOT Chairperson for the last 6 years and Matt Bell has been in charge of our Property Portfolio for the last 3 years. During this time, they have done an incredible amount of work behind the scenes in shaping our school, helping us to achieve numerous successes, and make major in-roads towards future successes. Together with the other members of the BOT and school leadership team they have set a strong foundation for our future and we thank them for all their hard work.

As a new principal I also want to personally thank them. Matt and Alistair were part of the BOT who employed me just over 2 years ago as a first-time principal. During the last two years they have fully supported me with their time, wisdom and expertise in a number of areas, many of which were not in my "skill set". They have helped me to strengthen my own leadership and significantly upskilled me in a variety of areas of governance, legislation and property where I can now lead with greater confidence. These two were instrumental in helping me to speed up the process of getting the Senior Build underway, and we look forward to commencing this building at the end of this year. Alistair will remain on both our school Trusts which he helped to establish ie: The Trip Trust to assist families in need with EOTC costs and The Educational Trust which assists with gaining funding for large projects like the Bike Track.

As a school we wish them the very best and we thank them for their willingness to continue to support us as parents and to support the BOT with their induction process. THANK YOU!!!

## **INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**



Yesterday we had a large number of children representing our school at the Wairarapa Interschool Cross Country. We were incredibly proud of all of their efforts to train prior to this event and their effort throughout the event. We wish the 19 children



who have made it through to the Lower North Island Regional Cross Country all the best and look forward to sharing their successes.

## **UNIFORMS**

It is that time of the year when our kids are taking different layers on and off so it is very important that they name all their uniform items (eg: polar fleeces, tights, shoes) We also need parent support with ensuring that our children are wearing the correct uniform. We are noticing that there are quite a few non-uniform items sneaking in ie: non-regulation sweatshirts (Rugby hoodies or other street wear) or "alternative" black pants. Please check our website to see specifics of what is and is not allowed. We are trying to make our uniform SHARP and we really need your assistance and support to do this.

*Thanks Miss O'Connor*

## **DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Matariki Celebration
July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term 2
22 <sup>nd</sup>	First Day of Term 3

## **GREAT WRITING**

Why did the kiwi cross the road?  
Because its home was polluted.

Here at Greytown School, we are a Green Gold school but at times it's embarrassing to say that because there are still pieces of rubbish lying around the school. We need to do something about it!

In my class, we explored the possibilities to protect our school from vandalism and rubbish. We had some pretty great ideas. One idea which we have already put in place is that each class has a little area that we are in charge of. Another idea we had was security cameras to protect us from vandalism. We can look after our school during the day, but we need your help afterhours. Why? It's not just us kids who need to do something it's also the community's responsibility too. Especially with a new bike track coming along people might be using our school more than ever in the weekends and we can't be policing what happens then, so it is up to us all to look after our school.

So, if we start changing our school maybe a kiwi will cross back over the road to a warm and snugly home. Let's spread the word and be tidy kiwis

By Jonte, a Greytown school R10 student

## **THANKS**

At assembly last week Anna O'Connell from Jennian Homes presented the School with a cheque for \$500 from the Mother's Day Fun Run. Registered runners nominated a school and Greytown had one of the highest number of runners taking part.



Oscar went to the Rotary meeting to thank them for their recent funding to help with his basketball rep team trip to Australia. They told us he spoke well at their meeting and was a great ambassador for GTS



## **SICKNESS AT SCHOOL**

As well as a headcold/fever/sore throat there is also a stomach bug doing the rounds at school at present. **Please keep your child at home for 48 hours if they vomit or have diarrhoea.** Please advise the office of your child's absence by 9.15am and provide a reason so we can keep track of any illnesses.

## **TRAILER FOR DONATION**

We have recently purchased a new trailer for the school. If someone would like our old trailer for around their property (it is no longer registered) you are welcome to have it for a "donation"



## Parent and Staff Election Results

### GREYTOWN SCHOOL Board of Trustees' Election Declaration of Parent and Staff Election Results

#### Parent Representative Votes:

Cooper, Jane	131
Didsbury, Duncan	132
Donworth, Richard	112
Jurlina, Marc	77
Savage, David	89
Warner, Kelly	46
Wells, Belinda	121
Invalid Votes	2

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Cooper, Jane	Didsbury, Duncan	Donworth, Richard
Savage, David	Wells, Belinda	

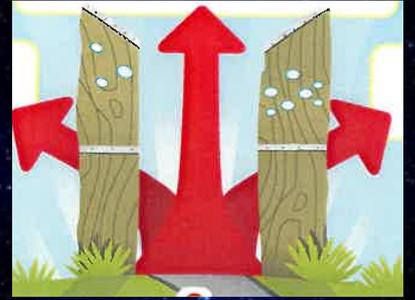
#### Staff Representative:

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Mackenzie, Dorreen

Signed  
Megan Wall  
Returning Officer

# Matariki celebration



**Friday 14th June**

*Parents, whānau and friends are all invited!*

*We will start the day by meeting in the hall at 6.45am ( Kapa Haka children will meet at 6.45am in Room 3.)*

*Dress warmly and bring your gumboots as we will be walking across the South field towards our Matariki Garden and Pou for our celebration which will include local speakers and our Kapa Haka. All of this will be near a warm bonfire!*

*Afterwards we welcome everyone to join us in the hall for a hot drink.*



## **What is Matariki?**

Matariki is the Māori New Year. It is also the Māori name for a cluster of 7 stars (The Pleiades) that twinkle in the winter sky just before dawn.

Matariki is a time where we can come together and celebrate the beginning of new life, look forward to the future and take time to think about the possibilities of new experiences and learning to come.

Matariki is held at this time of the year because our environment starts to come alive with new growth.

Matariki is a time where whānau (and community) can come together to celebrate with singing, art and eating!

## **Our Matariki Garden and Pou**

The *Matariki Garden* is full of plants that have great significance to learning and life. They represent collaboration, problem solving, well being, community connections (eg: Seedlings from Papawai Marae, Flaxes for weaving) and strong foundations for the future (eg: New Staff and Year 8's plant a tree for future generations to admire and play around).

The *Pou* represent our Gateway to the Future. As we journey "towards it" we take time to reflect on our past learning journey; where we have learnt new skills, made new friends and become confident learners from our time at Greytown School. As we walk "through" the gate we take time to acknowledge our present place in our learning journey; who we are now. As we walk "beyond" it we set new goals and look forward to our next steps. For our Year 8's they look forward to their future learning journey at college.

Come and join our celebrations!