



# 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!”

27 June 2019

## ***LEARNING ABOUT RESPECT***

Last term as a school our learning topic was “Diversity” as we wanted to celebrate the growing diversity of cultures and beliefs in our school community. In this inquiry children began to learn about the different cultures and values represented in their class and our school; how these can be similar and different. From here we spent Term 2 looking at “Who are we?” focusing on New Zealand history, diversity and our own unique bicultural heritage.

During both of these units we reinforced our SHARP school value of RESPECT. We also extended this to try and help our children understand that this value fits under an even bigger concept of International Human Rights. These rights ensure that no matter what country, culture, legal system, religious or personal beliefs people have, we are all legally and morally bound to treat and be treated fairly, safely and respectfully. I encourage you to take time as a family to discuss

- How to treat others at all times with RESPECT.
- What is important to you as a family e.g.: Your personal values, cultural values and beliefs, behaviour expectations etc
- What makes your family similar and unique from others.

And finally, please take time to reinforce that everyone even if they are a from a different culture, have a different religion or hold different personal beliefs need to be treated with respect.

## ***SPEECH WINNERS***

Last Friday we had our annual school speeches. It was tough judging them this year as the quality of speeches were outstanding. As a result our top finalists went through to the South Wairarapa Interschool Competition. At this event Ella Patterson - Diamond and Charlie Regnault took out top spots and will now compete in the Regionals held next week. Congratulations and good luck Ella and Charlie!

## ***BOARD OF TRUSTEES***

Our Board of Trustees meeting on Monday was the official handover to the new Board. At this meeting we assigned the BOT portfolios and it is my pleasure to announce our new chairperson is Ms Jane Cooper.

I would also like to thank Mr. Peter Kill. Peter served on our board for the last six years.

Originally, he planned to stay for three years helping to lead the school finances, however knowing that there was going to be a change of principal he stayed on a little longer... (and then a lot longer!). Peter's wealth of financial expertise and incredible foresight has ensured our school leaves his care in a stronger position and with a principal that understands a lot more! Thank you, Peter we really appreciate everything, you have done.



## ***THANK YOU***

Every year our children love receiving a free bag of yummy apples. A big thank you to JR Orchard and Greytown Lions!



## ***SURPRISE VISITORS***



Megan Jacobson, partner Mike Ross and their gorgeous baby girl Isobel Riley Ross visited us yesterday. A swarm of fans and admirers came out of every nook and cranny of the school to see them within seconds. Isobel was born early on the 2/4/19

weighing 1.78kg and has continued since then to grow into a beautiful girl with lots of personality. It was great to see them as we have missed our Miss J!

### **KAPA HAKA**

This year we have nearly a third of our school in the Kapa Haka group and we are really appreciating the extra support from volunteer parents. They are still looking for a guitarist to help on a Thursday afternoon between 2-3pm. If you are able to help or know someone please let Dorreen Mackenzie know [dmackenzie@greytown.school.nz](mailto:dmackenzie@greytown.school.nz)

The Kapa Haka group are getting a lot of requests to perform. This week they performed to the Greytown Lionesses group. It was a stunning performance and we received rave reviews from the Lionesses today.



### **MATARIKI CELEBRATION**



What a fantastic celebration this was! We had an incredible turn out to see in the morning light with over 200 people attending. Thanks to all the organisation behind the scenes by Dorreen Mackenzie and her team it ran smoothly and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. This celebration started with the opening Karanga (Call) to our Year 8's, school community families and friends across the field and was filled with several waiata from the Kapa Haka, speeches from Deputy Head Boy Liam Andrew and Deputy Head Girl Caitlin Ryan, the

debut performance of the new Year 8 waiata they wrote, and finished with lots of talking and enjoying the yummy sausages in the hall. We have included Liam and Caitlin's speeches in this newsletter so those of you who were unable to attend can also enjoy them.



*Thanks Miss O'Connor*

### **DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

<b>July</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mufti Day</b> , Last Day of Term 2
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	First Day of Term 3
	31 <sup>st</sup>	Learning Conferences
<b>Aug</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Learning Conferences
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Teacher Only Day

### **GREAT GAME**

The Greytown team made it through to the Southern Wairarapa Basketball finals next week after beating the St Teresa's team by one goal in the semi-final.



### **PAINTED POTS**

Have you noticed the pretty pots that are brightening up our school? Ava Ross and Aisling Murphy initiated the project last year and were keen to see the pots redecorated and replanted. Ava and Isla Partridge did a superb job of painting them and Bella and Ollie Field



joined the team to finish the potting up. In Spring the daffodils planted in the pots will make a pretty display marking the end of winter.

### **MATARIKI 3 DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

Tue 9 July – Thur 11 July, 10am - 3pm (Bring your own lunch and warm clothes) For ages 8-12, \$90

We will be exploring Matariki, the stories and the science behind it (including using a telescope, Augmented Reality and our Star Dome). We will make art, do gardening, perform, weave stars and create mathematical star patterns, while being sustainable and raising awareness about our environment.

Book at [info@aratoi.co.nz](mailto:info@aratoi.co.nz)/ Tel 06 370 0001

### **Free Smart Steps to Business course**

Do you want to start a business and be your own boss? Join the free Smart Steps to Business course starting 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019. This informative course is one session a week for 20 weeks – choose Monday 6-9 pm or Tuesday 9-12 noon. You will create a business plan and be ready to start your business. Great chance to get access to a business mentor and network with like-minded people. Email [jeanette@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jeanette@xtra.co.nz)

**MUFTI DAY NEXT FRIDAY 5th July**

## MATARIKI SPEECH

### Welcome and Introduction

Kia ora koutou, Ko Liam toku ingoa.

As year 8's, and in our final year of Greytown School, there always comes a time at which point we have to say our final goodbyes. Goodbyes to the school that has nurtured us for many numbers of years. And although I feel, that this time truly begins for the first time today - the end of this time is currently drawing ever-closer.

### Beginnings and Ends

I believe that this day is not about the end of something special; something that we'll never go back to. Because I also believe, this is not the end of our story at Greytown School - because I think it never will be. This is not "The End" it is only the beginning, a new beginning. A beginning that is yet to be drafted, planned, or predicted. Who knows where we'll turn up? Because a new year, means a new beginning, and - to me - Matariki is a major part of the beginning, of our new beginning; offering us the incredible choice of how we want our futures to turn out to be.

### Conclusion

I will always cherish my time at Greytown School; but, I will also cherish, the beginning, of the end, of my time at Greytown School. We don't need to be fearful of what is to come; the final lines in our finale. We should be glad and thankful, of the empty script for us to create, that is our bright future.

And although though the sun may set on today - the sun will also rise on our tomorrow.

Kia Ora.

Kia ora koutou, Ko Caitlin toku ingoa.  
E nga Manuhiri  
Nau mai, haere mai, haere mai  
Greeting all. My name is Caitlin Ryan,  
deputy head girl. To the visitors;  
welcome, welcome, welcome.

We all appreciate you coming out here this morning, despite the freezing weather and the early start, because today is a special day for all of us. Matariki is the maori new year, and a new year means endings and new beginnings. That is why today we are also saying farewell to our year eights, our senior students. This has included us walking through the pouwhenua, or pou for short, right behind me in the Matariki garden. We have also prepared a waiata, written by us, the head students. This waiata is about us leaving Greytown School, a place which has supported and nurtured us, and moving on to a new beginning, making way for the next generation of year eights. Greytown School has always been a kind, and encouraging place, providing us, the students, with many opportunities to grow, learn and discover. I, for one, have learned many things here and would not be the person I am today without Greytown School, and I know that is the case with many of our year eights here today. We are all incredibly sad that this is our last Matariki celebration as Greytown students.

Tuhia ki te rangi  
Tuhia ki te whenua  
Tuhia ki te ngakau o nga tangata  
Ko te mea nui  
Ko te aroha  
Tihei wa Maori Ora

Write it in the sky  
Write it in the land  
Write it in the hearts of the people  
The greatest thing is love  
Behold there is life



Highly Recommend

## The Developing Brain

Monday 5 August 2019, 7:30pm - 9:00pm  
Douglas Park School, 136 Cole Street, Masterton

Douglas Park School are proud to announce that the host of the documentary "All in the Mind", and co-host of the TV Series "The Secret life of Girls", Nathan Wallis, Aotearoa's renowned neuroscience educator, is coming to our community with his talk - The Developing Brain.

With a profound reputation as a lively and engaging speaker, Nathan uses humour and plain language to make this complex topic burst into life. So, here's your chance to get all the latest research from a valid source, in a way that's made to make sense.

In this presentation, Nathan will guide you through the stages of brain development that happen across childhood, which is a lot longer than you think. Nathan will reveal little tricks to make parenting easier, and help you open up communication with your child in a way that actually gets them to listen, develop & grow, and even like you more!

You will walk away understanding how yours and your child's brain work, so you know that a lot of it is normal development and not in fact your fault - Phew!

This talk is for those parents or caregivers who want a quick snapshot of brain development. His unique "tell you how it is" style will have you captivated, and you will walk away jam-packed with "ah-ha" moments.

Tickets are available at [www.eventfinda.co.nz](http://www.eventfinda.co.nz).

Get in quick as tickets will sell out.



July 7th at 11am

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## Junior Rangers School Holiday Programme

July Dates  
8th - 12th & 15th -19th

Price: \$30 per day  
Ages: 5-14 yrs  
Includes: lunch and all activities  
Hours: 11.00am - 3.00pm



Who wants to become a certified Junior Ranger? Prepare yourself for adventure as we learn all about the natural world with bug hunts, kākā feeding and more. Holidays aren't meant to be boring!

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e: [info@pukaha.org.nz](mailto:info@pukaha.org.nz) p: 06 375 8004



## PIFA HOLIDAY PROGRAMME MASTERTON

As the weather has been so good, we've decided to put on a winter holiday programme 8th & 9th July

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# MID WINTER LANTERN PARADE

saturday 6 july  
carrington park

Families to assemble at the basketball court, Carrington Park, with their homemade, recycled lanterns.

Sausage sizzle & hot chocolate available for purchase.

Please no naked flames, glow sticks or battery operated lights only.

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