



Newsletter - Thursday 17th March 2022

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

What a difference two weeks makes in terms of the impact of Covid on our school. We had our first case on 1st March and from then it has been a steady increase in our cases. We now have at least one case from each class in the school. It has been lovely to see families return after their time away. We have around 60% of students at school at the moment, and that mirrors our staff absences also. The latest information that we have received from the Ministry of Education is that cases should peak over the next two weeks. You will have noticed that we have pulled in the welcome mat, so to speak, at the office. This is a temporary measure while we work through the next few weeks.

We have been really pleased with the uptake of zoom meetings for our learning conferences and it has worked out well with some families and staff isolating this week. If you haven't been able to make a booking for this week, please contact the classroom teacher to arrange a time.

Staff news:

As I shared on Friday last week, Mrs Hill has been promoted to the position of Deputy Principal of Wainuioru School in Masterton. It is always sad to lose a teacher, however when someone receives a promotion like this, we can also feel proud that we have been part of their career journey. Mr Ryan will teach in Room 12 for the rest of this year.

Ms Hart will take over as the Kauri team leader.

We have made some other appointments in the last few weeks as well. Mr Wilson leaves us at the end of the term and we are welcoming back Megan Jacobson who will take over in Room 13.

With our new entrant number growing, we have added a part time teacher, Renata Balfour to the team to support in Room 4 and in term 2 we will be opening Room 5. We have appointed Andrea Shepherd to teach in Room 5.

Teacher Only Day:

The School will be closed on Friday 1st April for a Teacher's only day.

Lost Property:

At this time of the year we get a lot of polar fleeces in the lost property. If your child can not find their top there is a good chance this has turned up in lost property. Please ask them to have a look. If uniforms are clearly named we are able to return them to their owners.

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

School Garden and Enviro Group:

Some of you may have noticed that our School vege garden and orchard are badly in need of some attention. We are hoping that there is someone in our school community with a little bit of time that wouldn't mind working with a group of enthusiastic Enviro Group students to give them some attention. Please contact Neil Preston, Deputy Principal on npreston@greytown.school.nz.

House of Science Photo Competition:

Last year Greytown School, with the help of Mrs Possenneskie, entered a photo in the House of Science Photography Competition. Our entry came first! Here are Ari, Freddy and Tom showing off their circuit.




Ngā Mihi Nui (warmest regards)
Mrs Paula Weston - Principal

Dates For Your Diary

March	
22nd	Rooms 6 & 7 EOTC - Mt Bruce Year 7 EOTC Rafting Trip
23rd	Room 8, 13 & 14 Year 4's EOTC - Mt Bruce
24th	Year 8 EOTC Rafting Trip
April	
1st	Teacher Only Day

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