



Newsletter - Thursday 12th May 2022

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

Welcome back to term 2, we have a fantastic term ahead of us, starting with our school cross country next week.

I'm writing this newsletter from home isolation this week as I tested positive for Covid myself. You may have noticed my office looking a bit empty this term so far. I was lucky enough to get to go on a fantastic leadership course last week and then into isolation from Sunday. I will be back on deck on Monday next week. I want to thank Neil Preston and Gaylene Hansen for doing an amazing job of looking after the school in my absence.



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

Tennis Champs

Last week Greytown School's top tennis team won the Wairarapa Primary Inter School Tennis competition. They played Gladstone in the final of the Championship grade. This is the first time in 10 years since Greytown last won the competition so awesome effort boys.

Pictured here at the final are George Fletcher, Franklin Wellington, Reuben Heard and Sam Gawith. Well done and a big thank you to Louise Wellington for managing the team.



Teacher Only Day

As previously advised the School will be closed on **Monday 30th May** for a teacher only day. Please make sure you make alternative arrangements on this day for your child/ren.

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



Movin March

Last week Liam McLennan of Room 15 won the top prize when his name was drawn from all the “Movin March” passports sent in from schools in the Wairarapa. Liam was the lucky winner of a \$400 MY RIDE voucher. Thank you to Miss Burt for all your efforts in organising the Movin March campaign in our School.

Absences

If your child/ren are going to be away or late for any reason can you please make sure to let the office know by either popping in, ring, email office@greytown.school or use the absence button on the school app or website.

Cell Phones

Just a reminder to parents that students need to leave their cell phones at the office before school and collect them at the end of the day. If there is an emergency students can come to the office to use their phones. The phone will be much safer kept in the office.

Cross Country

This year's Cross Country is back on at Barton's farm on Tuesday May 17th. All parents are welcome to join us on the day (postponement day is Thursday May 19th). There will be food available to purchase during the day and the coffee cart will also be on site.

We have booked buses to take students to and from school.
ALL children will run in their Year groups not age groups.
 Below are approximate start times for each Year group.

<p><u>Walk Through for Years 2-8 - 11:00</u></p> <p>11:30 = Year 7 Boys = Year 7 Girls</p> <p>11:45 = Year 4 Boys = Year 4 Girls</p> <p>12:00 = Year 3 Boys = Year 3 Girls</p> <p>12:15 = Year 5 Boys = Year 5 Girls</p>	<p>12:30 = Year 2 Boys = Year 2 Girls (NE/Y1 Walk their course)</p> <p>12:40 = Year NE / Y1 Boys = Year NE / Y1 Girls</p> <p>12:45 = Year 6 Boys = Year 6 Girls</p> <p>1:00 = Year 8 Boys = Year 8 Girls</p>
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There is a short walk from the farm gate to the course.

NO DOGS ALLOWED ON THE FARM PLEASE.
FOLLOW THE BALLOONS AND SIGNS FROM WOODSIDE STATION.

Girls' Rippa Rugby

We had two girls teams enter in a Girls Only Wairarapa Tournament held in Masterton last term. They had a great time, played well and had their photo taken with the Womens Rugby World cup. Thank you to all those parents who helped with transport and supervision.



Dates For Your Diary

May	
17th	Whole school cross country
18th	Year 8 EOTC - Rimutaka incline
18th	Rippa rugby tournament Years 5, 6 & 7
24th	Young leaders day
26/27th	Ruud Kleinpaste (The Bug Man) visit to the school
30th	Teacher only day - School closed
June	
6th	Queen's Birthday
14th	South Wairarapa cross country

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Studio 73, Greytown Little Theater

Gracie is teaching acting classes for primary school aged students and is having an introduction day on Monday 16th May at 4pm till 5pm for students, parents and caregivers to come have a look at what it's all about ! It'll be full of games, creation and a lot of laughs.

Contact Gracie on: voice.grace.182@gmail.com

Featherston Community Center

We are going to be starting a game development course, starting originally on Friday afternoons operating from 4-5pm and most likely moving to Thursday nights later on, this is subject to change. It is a comprehensive course detailing the methods used to create video games while introducing them to programming and other computer methods to aid in their development.

By the end of the 8 weeks students will have created their own clone of the popular game Minecraft including designing their own art and textures plus learning methods to help them evolve and practise these skills further.

We would appreciate it if we could organize something to come in and talk about it to the ages interested, targeting ages 8+, in the form of an assembly or something. Otherwise we've attached a copy of our poster which we'd appreciate if it could be put in a new letter or other form of media.

Most recently in the last 2 years New Zealand has seen a 400% increase for the demand for game developers and designers with the industry here booming faster than film and having a good start into the area might be beneficial for anyone interested in an IT based career down the line, or if they just want to have some fun.

The course will be starting on the 13th of May, as we've pushed it to the second week of term so kids have a chance to find out and apply before it starts.

For any further information or queries please feel free to direct them here as I will be teaching this course but for any logistical queries regarding operations please direct them to the community center.

Please note, due to the orange light setting we do have limited slots for the room so it will be first in first serve, we also will be charging a one-time fee of \$20/Child to help cover costs of the room, extra gear, etc. Also it is advised all kids are able to bring their own laptops, Windows required as Chromebooks will not work, and if not we will have a couple on-hand for use.

We have a signup link for enrollments here: <https://form.jotform.com/221027813351850>

Dan Alexander