



**Greytown**  
SCHOOL

# School Newsletter

Term 1, Week 2, 13th February 2025



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

**NB: For your term 2**  
**Calendar**  
**Friday 16th May** school closed for curriculum day (teacher only day)

**Dates for the Calendar**

**Thursday 27 February**  
Year 4-8 swimming sports

**17-21 March**  
Middle School camp week

**Tuesday 18 March**  
Year 7 vaccinations

**Thursday 27 March**  
Learn Along Afternoon - Maths

**Thursday 3 April**  
Learn Along Afternoon - Science

**Thursday 10 April**  
Learn Along Afternoon- Literacy

**Friday 11 April**  
End of Term 1

# Paula's Panui



## Kia Ora Koutou,

A warm welcome to all our of new families and all of our returning families for 2025. As is always the way, the hot weather starts just in time for school to come back so it has been a very hot and sticky start to the school year. Thank you to everyone who has purchased stationery through our office and been understanding of us running out. We do still have stock of the main items but our eftpos machine has now gone back.

### Attendance:

You can now submit absences through HERO when your child is away. It does not allow for future absences so if you know about something in advance please email the office. If you know the absence is going to be for a few days, include that in your reason on the first day of the absence.

The Ministry of Education target for attendance is 90% attendance. That equates to students taking no more than 5 days off during a term, which we know can be challenging. We are aiming for that target and will be working with families who are finding attendance a challenge.

### New Maths Curriculum:

No doubt you will have seen in the media a great deal around the new maths curriculum and resources. As a school we have chosen the PRIME maths programme across the school. Our resources arrived in late January and teachers have been spending time getting to know the assessments and grouping of children. Our professional development will be ongoing throughout the year and will include 2 curriculum days (also known as Teacher Only days). This first of these is Friday 16th May (in term 2). I will keep you updated about our progress along the way.

We have 3 Learn Along afternoons planned, where we welcome families into the classroom to see learning in action and join in with the students. The first one on 27 March will be focused on Maths so you will get to see how we are getting along with our new PRIME programme.

### Teacher Release:

As part of the teachers employment agreement, the amount of teacher release has increased to 5 days per term this year. Rather than have teachers out for full days, we are trialling having specialist teaching areas where students come out for an hour at a time for different subjects. In the junior and middle teams, Mr Salter is teaching PE to each class and Ms Gould is teaching music. In the senior team, Ms Hart is teaching visual art.

*Ngā Mihi, Paula Weston*

*Tumuaki/Principal*

# School Notices

## SWIMMING SPORTS



2025  
Yrs 4-8



Where: Greytown Pools

When: Thursday, 27th February

Races will start at 10:00am

\* All times will be sent out on Hero and Skool Loop closer to the time.

\*Students will need: togs, towel, sunscreen, hats, lunch and drink bottles, they are also encouraged to wear their house colours.

\*Students can go home after their races if they are accompanied by a parent



# BOOK CHARACTER DAY



WHEN: WEEK 5,  
THURSDAY 6TH MARCH



LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD AND COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL BOOK CHARACTER DAY! THERE WILL BE SPOT PRIZES THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND ALSO PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED ★



# School Notices

## 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](mailto: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

Phone: 06 304 9007

Email: [office@greytown.school.nz](mailto:office@greytown.school.nz)

Website: [www.greytown.school.nz](http://www.greytown.school.nz)

Bank Acc: 03 0609 0124353 00

Absences: Through HERO or phone office

## 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  
[kmcshane@greytown.school.nz](mailto:kmcshane@greytown.school.nz)

Margo Morgan  
[mmorgan@greytown.school.nz](mailto: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](mailto:kylee.clint@gmail.com)

## Hot Lunch options

### Tuesdays

Sushi  
Order online before Tue 8:30am  
[www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)

### Wednesdays & 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](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)

### READY, SET, SIGN IN!

Stay in the loop by following these steps



**DOWNLOAD THE HERO APP**  
Once downloaded, click 'Sign In'

**ADD YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS**  
Select 'Next'

**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.

**SELECT "SUBMIT"**  
Hero will send you an email with a link to follow.

**CHECK YOUR EMAIL**  
You should receive an email within five minutes.

**FOLLOW THE LINK**  
This will take you to a secure page to enter your chosen password.

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





## 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](mailto:HEMIWALKER95@GMAIL.COM)  
0220254154

★ THESE LESSONS WOULD BE HELD AT GREYTOWN SCHOOL DURING THE SCHOOL DAY



# Community



Sunday 13th – Wednesday 16th April

An overnight stay camp for 8 – 12 year olds.

**Fun, Friendship and Adventure!**

\$199.00/child includes accommodation,  
food and an exciting range of our onsite activities.

*Please note the different days due to the Easter Public Holidays.*

Campers will be at camp from  
4:30pm Sunday – 4:30pm Wednesday.

OSCAR/WINZ subsidies available.

**REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!**

TRUST HOUSE

# SUMMER

FEATURING  
**CASSIE HENDERSON**

A stylized illustration of a woman's profile with long red hair, looking to the right. She is set against a large sunburst with orange and yellow rays. The background is a semi-circle with alternating pink and white stripes. There are small pink clouds and birds flying around the sunburst. Two large, colorful flowers with eyes in the center are positioned at the bottom corners of the semi-circle.

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# HUMMER

**QE SPORTS GROUND MASTERTON**

*Saturday 22nd February 2025*

RESERVE YOUR \$2 TICKET ON EVENTFINDER  
GATES OPEN 1PM. MUSIC STARTS 1.30PM

# Community Notices



## ALFREDTON SCHOOL HILL COUNTRY WALK *and run*

### 9 MARCH 2025

Set in the heart of Alfredton, join us for a hill country farm walk or run featuring spectacular views & rural hospitality at its finest!

11km Short Walk/Run - 17km Long Walk/Run

**Adults \$55 per person      Youth \$30 per person**  
Catered Lunch Included

BBQ & Beverages at the finish line (cash only)

[WWW.EVENTBRITE.CO.NZ](http://WWW.EVENTBRITE.CO.NZ)



HOCKEY  
WAIRARAPA

## FUNSTICKS 2025



Year 1&2'S

Wednesdays - Masterton 4pm-4.45pm

12th February - 12th April

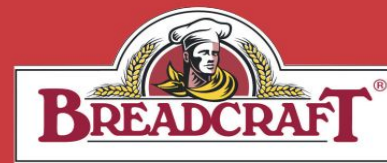
Thursdays - Featherston 4pm-4.45pm

13th February - 12th April

Saturdays - Clareville 10am-10.45am

15th February - 12th April

Register: [www.hockeywairarapa.org.nz/programmes/funsticks](http://www.hockeywairarapa.org.nz/programmes/funsticks)



## KIDS TRIATHLON SERIES 2025

Venue: Wairarapa College, Renall  
Street, Masterton - No parking on site

Start: 5.45pm  
(note early start time)

Race Briefing 5.30pm



### REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Swim, Ride, Run and HAVE FUN at the 36TH Annual Breadcraft Kids Triathlon Series. Hosted by the Wairarapa Multi Sports Club.

**MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY**  
**MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY**  
**MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY**

Open to all kids 3 to 17 years,  
**\$10.50 per series**

PRE-REGISTER at [www.wmsc.org.nz](http://www.wmsc.org.nz)  
Enquiries or to volunteer: [wairarapakidstri@gmail.com](mailto:wairarapakidstri@gmail.com)

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Shoe Clinic - Masterton, Subway, Trust House,  
Wairarapa Times-Age

# Community Notices

## Looking for a HOUSE PAINTER?



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Master Painters

Mark  
027 260 0021

mark@craftpainters.co.nz



craftpainters.co.nz

## COMPUTER | MOBILE | TECHNOLOGY CODING LESSONS



### A BRIGHT FUTURE

Our lessons encourage students to create with technology, instead of just consuming it. Your child will learn skills to prepare them for success in our increasingly digital world. Together we'll create technology products (even make games!) while learning useful skills.

### WHO

Years 5 & 6, 7 & 8,  
9 & 10, 11 to 13.

### WHAT

Beginner to advanced  
technology lessons!

### WHEN & WHERE

One hour per week.  
Your choice of 4pm, 5pm or  
6pm weekdays.  
Attend online from home.

### SIGN UP FOR A FREE TRIAL



Give your child the  
opportunity to learn to code:  
[codingnz.com](http://codingnz.com)



[codingnz.com/signup](http://codingnz.com/signup)