

NEWSLETTER FOR TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2017

Kia ora koutou

I wish to thank you for your continued support throughout 2017.

This year has seen the revitalisation of our school vision and what the Grey Main Way looks and feels like. Since the beginning of Term 3 we have collected data, analysed it, reported it back around behaviour. This informs staff and children of where the issues are and as a school family we make decisions how we can fix it. Following instructions is difficult for our younger learners and speaking appropriately is a problem for many of our young people. You can help us by teaching your children well.

I believe many of the basic family values have been forgotten in our busy lives.

At Grey Main School 'Manners do Matter' as does good work ethic, being organised, punctual, getting along, showing resilience, speaking up when something is not right and always owning up to our mistakes because that's how we learn and earn respect

Teachers can model these for the 5 hours contact time but the role model who makes the most impact is you, the child's first teacher so let's work together to ensure ALL children can manage themselves in all facets of their lives. At home, at school and on the sports field.

Last evening at the concert I had a captive audience and I asked that everyone reflected on how they engaged with our kura this year.

I asked if they had visited the classroom where your child spent 1000 hours this year?

Did they attend the student led conference so you can celebrate the learning that has gone on in that classroom and set new learning alongside their child?

Was their name on the list to help at the Family Fiesta this year to commit funds to go towards the all weather playing surface the children will play on which the Friends of Grey Main School and the Board will have completed in 2018 after the \$100,000 target has been raised?

Were they able to sit on a raffle table, coach a sports team, comment on a child's blog or help at a working bee? Research tells us that parents who engage positively with their child's schooling will have a direct impact on their achievement.

Please may I ask you to consider playing a more visual role in your child's school life in 2018. Yes we are a high performing school but we need you to help us be even better!

I take this opportunity to wish you and your whanau a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Thank you for sharing your children with us.

Nga mihi nui,
Mandy O'Sullivan
Principal

2017 SCHOOL DATES:

December: 13th Year 8 Lunch / Main Star Awards Afternoon Tea 3pm

14th GHS Orientation 9 am - 12 noon

15th Final Assembly 1:15pm PLEASE NOTE

CHANGE OF TIME

15th Last day of School

2018 SCHOOL DATES

January: 29th 1st day of Term 1 2018

ABSENCES: Please phone 7685411 or text the absence mobile 0277685089. Please state the reason why your child is absent.

INTERNET BANKING: Payments can be made to the school via internet banking to: Grey Main School 12-3168-0045425-02. Please include your child's name and what the payment is for in the reference fields.

EFTPOS: Is available for payments in the school office. Sorry no cash out or credit card facilities.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Last week attendance was 91%. Our aim is to have 95%.

FULL ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER @ 1:15PM (Please note change of time)

Principal's Awards
Key Coms
School Singing

DATES FOR 2018

School will start on Monday 29 January and we will work the full week. On Monday 5 February we are closing the school to incorporate Waitangi Day on 6 February which will give us a four day weekend. Next Year we will work 384 half days as required by the Ministry of Education and finish on 18 December 2018.

SEND OFF FOR STACEY MCEVEDY

The Friends of Grey Main School invite parents and staff to a function at Monteiths on Tuesday (tonight) 12 December at 7.30pm to farewell Stacey. Stacey has played a pivotal role in our school family involving herself in fundraising, camps and generally volunteering for almost everything. Food will be provided and buy your own refreshments. This function replaces the annual FOGM'S Christmas party at Mandy's house. Even if you have never been to a FOGM'S meeting but you want to wish Stacey all the best you are welcome to join us.



Scenes from Rata's concert item with our caretaker Kevin Kilkelly participating.



Mamaku Hub in full swing at our school concert matinee.

GREY MAIN 2017 AWARDS

Award	Recipient	Award	Recipient
Burgess School Wide Values	Corianna Kitchin	Grey Main School Values	Holly Smith
School Spirit	Shialla Steel	Young Person of the Year - Boy	Finlay Brown
Young Person of the Year - Girl	Paris Jackson-Roberts	Overall Excellence - Boy	Jimmy Gully
Overall Excellence - Girl	Maya Willman	Nathan Kennedy - Kapahaka	Joseph Cotterill
Nayaran Family - ICT	Matthew Davey	Stanton Trophy Creative Writing	Jimmy Gully
Eddie Parsons - Sports	Tearu Harraway	Sporting Excellence	Ella Beirne
Boustridge Family - Arts	Kate Bell	Wood Trophy - Numeracy	Kyle Hsieh
Alistair Bromley Memorial Trophy	Kyle Cox	West Basic Facts	Maya Willman
O'Sullivan Trophy for Public Speaking	Corianna Kitchin	MacMillan Trophy for EOTC	Ella Richards
Bell Trophy for Visual Arts	Bessie Barry	Robson Family Trophy for Excellence in Culinary Arts	Kyle Hsieh
Matt Gunter Trophy for Determination	Tayla Muller	Hamilton-Rose Trophy for Science	Kyle Hsieh
Jordan Jarvis Memorial Trophy for showing empathy in Team A	Millen Kerr	Perchig-Gibli Trophy for the learner who strives for excellence in reading	Hannah Hsieh
Special Character - Johnny Kiely	Xavier Brears		