

# NEWSLETTER FOR TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2017

Kia ora koutou

This week I ask you as school family to feed back to the board so at next week's hui we can make decisions around our strategic plan. We know many of you are very busy but we would appreciate feedback and next steps. Here is the [Strategic Questionnaire](#) otherwise complete the form and send back to school to be placed in the box in the office.

Last week Matua Emile presented to our school a haka which he has written for our kura. We are excited about this and can't wait to hear the Kapahaka group perform it at the school concert. Here are the words and translation.

## HE MOEMOEA

Kia rite! Kia rite! (Kia mau!)  
Kōpana tō riri!  
Ka Tangi! Ka Tangi! (Ka Tangi Te Pere)  
(Ka oho Rātā! Ka oho Pōhutukawa! Ka oho Māmakū! Ka oho Tōtara! Ka oho Te Hiringa!)  
Ka huti mai te punga!  
E heke mai (Ka tahi! Ka rua! Ka toru e!)  
Kei kōnei mātou, Te Kura Matua o Māwhera i te taumarumarū o Te Ngārara tāukiuki!  
Mā tātou hikoi, whakatōmene kāpuāwai te ngākaunui ki te ako!  
I a haha!  
Tihei ki te Ao Marama

## DREAM

Be ready! Be ready! (Take hold!)  
Fire your anger!  
Ring! Ring! The bell rings!  
Wake Rātā, Wake Pōhutukawa! Wake Māmakū! Wake Tōtara! Wake Te Hiringa!  
Pull up the anchor!  
Move up (Once! Twice! Thrice!)  
We're here Grey Main School in the shadow of the ancient lizard!  
Through the journey of discovery the passion to learn will flourish!  
I a haha!  
Behold the world of enlightenment

Thanks Emile! He Whetū koe! (you are a star)

Enjoy the sunshine!

Nga mihi nui,  
Mandy O'Sullivan  
Principal

### 2017 SCHOOL DATES:

December: 7<sup>th</sup> Ice Skating  
8<sup>th</sup> Board Hui  
11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grey Main Concerts  
13<sup>th</sup> Year 8 Lunch / Main Star Awards Afternoon Tea  
14<sup>th</sup> GHS Orientation 9 am - 12 noon  
15<sup>th</sup> Final Assembly 1:15pm PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME  
15<sup>th</sup> Last day of School

### 2018 SCHOOL DATES

January: 29<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> day of Term 1 2018

### FULL ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER @

11AM  
Class Presentation – Mamaku 1  
Pohutukawa Singing

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Last week attendance was 93%. Our aim is to have 95%.

**FOGMS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** Raffle tickets have been sent home. Please return to school by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

### DATES FOR SCHOOL CONCERT TICKETS SALES

Tickets will be available for purchase on the following days:  
Year 8 leavers (2 tickets per family, 4 if parents are separated) - Monday 20 November  
All students (2 tickets per family, 4 if parents are separated) - Monday 27 November  
Public sales - 4 December  
We limit the tickets to 2 only to allow ALL parents the opportunity to attend. The Tuesday performance is for grandparents, friends etc to attend although there are usually some limited tickets available for the Monday concert. Ticket prices for Monday evening concert are \$10 adult, \$5 child and \$6 adult, \$4 child for the Tuesday matinee.

### 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.

### TOKI POUNAMU

Toki Pounamu advise that customer statements will be sent out at the end of November but there will be no statements run in December. Please ensure that if your account is close to being finished you sort the appropriate balance to pay and then stop any automatic bank deductions from coming out. We do not wish to hold your money for 6 weeks at a time when most people need every penny and there will not be anyone available to issue refunds until late January. If you have any queries around your account our office will be open till 15 December and then re-open 25 January. We thank you all for your support this year and wish you all a happy and safe festive season.

### FRIENDS OF GREY MAIN CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Helpers are still required for the following time slots on our raffle tables at New World. **Sunday 10 December 12-1pm, 1-2pm, & 3-4pm. Monday 11 December 3-4pm & 5-6pm.** If you can spare an hour to help please contact the office.

We require helpers on Sunday 10 December to help move and assemble seating for our school concert. If you are able to help by providing a trailer or truck, please be at school at 9.30 and meet in the carpark behind the two storey block. If you can help at The Regent Theatre to unload and assemble seating, please meet at The Regent Theatre at 10 am. Please bring a drill. and other suitable tools for assembling the seating. We also require helpers to disassemble the seating following the matinee on Tuesday 12 December from approximately 11.30. Please return the slip below to the school office.

I can not provide a trailer or truck on Sunday 10 December.

I can help assemble the seating at The Regent Theatre on Sunday 10 December.

I can help disassemble the seating on Tuesday 12 December

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### PRESTON FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for this Arts scholarship closes Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Applications available at the office.

### SEND OFF FOR STACEY MCEVEDY

The Friends of Grey Main School invite parents and staff to a function at Monteiths on Tuesday 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.

### SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMME

This exciting initiative is open to all Year 4-8 students at our school. Basically our learners can sign up to this 4 week programme over the school holidays and complete the activities to win some great prizes such as mobile phones. The purpose of this well researched programme is to encourage kids to write over the Summer. Children who have completed it in other areas have progressed at an accelerated rate and shown no effect of the Summer drop (That is when children drop back during the holidays). Our very own librarian Allie Costello has leave of absence from her role to work for the Auckland University to facilitate this project and will return to work in mid-February after she has given out the prizes. Please support your child to register as Allie will be here next Monday and Wednesday to help our learners enrol. It would be wonderful to see everyone give it a go!

**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.