

NEWSLETTER FOR TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2017

Kia ora koutou

A few end of year reminders:

- Please return the Strategic Planning Survey by Thursday. Even if you are happy with our kura we want to hear about it but more importantly we want to know what we can do better.
- Ice Skating for Pohutukawa, Mamaku and Totara on Thursday and it is user pays so please ensure this is paid by Wednesday.
- School Concert Tickets are available at the Regent Theatre. Please ensure you pre book as there will be no seats left for those of you who expect to rock on up next Monday evening.
- All classes are attending St Johns First Aid courses this week. It would be great if everyone donates \$2 to this worthy cause as we never know when we may need them.
- Children who are representing our school on the float in the parade on Saturday need to be in Johnson Street at 12.30pm in their Minion costume.
- End of Year assembly will be at 1.15pm on Friday 15 December and children can leave school after the assembly if their parents accompany them. The buses will run at the same time as usual.
- Please ensure your children have sunscreen on and a hat everyday.

Have a great week.

Nga mihi nui,
Mandy O'Sullivan
Principal

2017 SCHOOL DATES:

December: 7th Ice Skating
8th Board Hui
11th - 12th Grey Main Concerts
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.

TEAM ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER

Team A – 10:10am
Class Presentation – Rata 4
Team B – 11:00am
Class Presentation – Mamaku 2



SITUATIONS VACANT

Teacher Aide Positions (1 year fixed term)
We are looking to employ 3 new Teacher Aides in our busy and exciting school. If you are positive, flexible, open to new learning, love children and want a challenge please apply for one of the following positions:

1. 25 hours (ORS / School funded)
2. 17.5 hours (ORS / School funded)
3. 17.5 hours (School funded)

Application packages are available from the school office – phone 768 5411 or e-mail admin1@greymain.school.nz
Applications close 8th December 2017

SCHOOL GARDENS / TE ARA HAUORA – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Would your family like to enjoy the garden this holiday break? If you would like to help care for the garden and at the same time utilise the opportunity it provides for produce and family time please let us know so we can arrange a plan

Thank you
Jeff Beckwith

I would like to assist in looking after the garden in the holidays

NAME: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____

DATES FOR SCHOOL CONCERT TICKETS SALES

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.

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.

CANTERBURY ATHLETICS

Tomorrow our athletes are competing in Canterbury Primary Schools Athletics in Ashburton. We wish them well as they are competing alongside over 2000 other athletes. A fantastic experience for them all. good luck team and Go Grey Main! We look forward to hearing how you get on!

CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOAT

If your child would like to join the Grey Main Christmas Parade float this Saturday, please meet Mrs Bailey on Johnson Street (skate park) at 12.30pm. Our theme is 'Minion' and 'Crazy Minion' so you can wear any minion clothing for example a minion onesie, minion helmet etc. If you don't have any of the above, please turn up dressed all in all yellow or all purple.



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Last week attendance was 7%. Our aim is to have 95%.

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: _____

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!

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.

FRIENDS OF GREY MAIN CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

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

RAFFLE CARDS: These are urgently required to be returned to school. Please bring to the school office.