

# NEWSLETTER FOR TUESDAY 7 AUGUST 2018

Kia ora mai anō tātou katoa

Yesterday we spoke at Whanau Time and focused on the expectations of how our learners should speak to adults in our school. Staff even role played some actual incidents from last week where learners had spoken inappropriately (muttered under their breath, answered back, ignored them and constantly interrupted) and then reversed it so children could see what our expectations are.

We are well aware that some parents in our school disrespect the teachers by speaking inappropriately about them in their homes. We have parents ringing teachers and swearing at them, parents raising their voices to teachers all within their child's hearing and we believe that this type of behaviour is sometimes modelled by parents and is mirrored by their children.

At a recent staff meeting staff asked if we could introduce a parents code of conduct. As professionals we follow a code of conduct so wondered what a parents code may look like?

My thoughts were:

- Our teachers love teaching so support them to do the job they are trained to do
- Our teachers like your children and want them to be the best they can be, even if that means your child does not always get their own way or they have to own up to their mistake
- Our teachers come to school each day to teach and incidents come to them, they don't go looking for them to pick on your child
- Our teachers select and coach teams to win in school competitions so respect their judgement. If your child is not in the team you think they should be in, respect the teachers decision
- Our teachers hear both sides of the story so before passing judgement to your child, who may only tell one side, communicate to the teacher before passing judgement
- Our teachers respect your children so don't let them disrespect their teacher.
- Parents ask yourself when you are called into school. "Who's behaviour is my child mirroring?"

We understand that in any family there are disagreements and not everyone has to agree but we need to behave in a calm and reasonable way so we can all model respect/manaakitanga.

Together let's spread manaakitanga throughout our school by modelling it at home.

Hei kona mai,  
Mandy O'Sullivan  
Principal

## 2018 SCHOOL DATES:

**August:** 7 FOGMS meeting @ 7:30pm  
8 Westamaths in Hokitika  
14 Marae Visit T2, M3, R4, P3  
15 NZEI industrial action  
20 Mawhera Kahui Ako Learning Symposium (Teacher Only Day)  
21 Marae Visit T3, P2, R3, TeH (junior)  
23/24 School Photos  
27 ASB Netball Challenge  
28 Marae Visit M1, P1, R2 TeH (senior)  
28 Pre School Seminar  
**September:** 7 Kids Conference @ Shantytown  
10 ASB Netball Challenge  
14 Art Soiree  
17-28 PrEP  
18 Rotary Speeches

**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 we had **90%** attendance. Our aim is to have **95%**.

## TAKE THE CAKE

Thank you to Nicky Robinson for baking our cupcakes this term.

## FULL ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 10 AUGUST 2018

Pohutukawa Hub – Singing  
Class Presentation – Te Hiringa

**SCHOOL PHOTOS:** Please return orders to the office with payment by Friday 17 August (sorry eftpos is not available for photo payments). **This date has been extended due to change of date for the photos to 23 – 24 August.**

## NZEI Industrial Action

The planned action on Wednesday 15 August will be for a full day. A letter was sent home with your child from the Board of Trustees explaining the situation. The school will be closed for the full day on Wednesday 15 August.

## GREY MAIN SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES CASUAL VACANCY FOR AN ELECTED TRUSTEE

A casual vacancy has occurred on the board of trustees for an elected parent representative. The board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection. If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held. Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:

Chairperson  
Board of Trustees  
Grey Main School  
12 Joyce Crescent  
GREYMOUTH 7805  
By: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018

## KIDS CONFERENCE

This year Grey Main School Board of Trustees will fund five learners to attend the 10th Kids Conference to be held at Shantytown on 6&7 September 2018 at a cost of \$85 per student

If your child wishes to participate they need to write a letter to Miss Hines by Friday 6 August stating why they should attend:

The following criteria will be taken into account when selecting these lucky learners:

- Self Management skills
- Ability to show 'The Grey Main Way' in all situations
- Engagement in digital technology curriculum
- 'Can do' attitude

This year's workshop line up has a lot of correlation to the new curriculum, with an emphasis on creative thinking, problem solving along with coding and design and building with machines.

Details and registration forms can be found on the Kids Conference website.

KC website

<http://wckidsconference.wixsite.com/ictkc/workshops>

Registration form

<https://goo.gl/forms/8N6vrOFjklAVqgJ03>

## THE GREAT GREY MAIN ART SOIRÉE – FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

If you would like to donate a piece of art or crafts to our up and coming auction please let the office know. We would appreciate drawings, paintings, garden art, photography, sculptures, knitting, jewellery, carvings etc.

Also if you are able to help on the night, please leave your name and contact details with the office. Thank you.

## HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Last Wednesday Rachel McGeady did a fine job coaching and supervising a hockey team at the annual inter-schools tournament. The team played Karoro in the final ending with a draw. This was a victory in itself as Karoro have always dominated this code. Well done Grey Main School. You played fair and hard and we are very proud of this achievement.



**FOGMS MEETING: (Tonight) Tuesday 7 August @ 7:30pm in the staffroom. All welcome.**

## Arahura Marae Visits

The whole school will be visiting Arahura Marae over the four Tuesdays in August. The purpose of these visits is to participate in a place based learning cultural experience. We will be leaving school just after 9am and return about 1pm.

**14th August - Totara 2, Mamaku 3, Rata 4, Pohutukawa 3**  
**21st August - Totara 3, Pohutukawa 2, Rata 3, Te Hiringa (juniors)**

**28th August - Mamaku 1, Pohutukawa 1, Rata 2, Te Hiringa (seniors)**

We are asking for a koha from each student of \$5 for this trip. This can be paid at the office or class teacher prior to going. We are also looking for parent helpers on each of the days. If you are able to join us for the trip please have a chat with your child's teacher so you can complete the documentation.

## SUPER SNACK

As you are aware we have changed our school timetable and now have a super snack time around 10.00. At this time children are able to eat a piece of fruit or a sandwich. Please ensure your child has one or both of these each day as processed food is not allowed to be eaten at this time. Also as morning tea is now later it is important that children have a good breakfast prior to coming to school. Thanks you for your support.

**GREY FORD LIFE EDUCATION POLAR PLUNGE:** Karoro Beach on 10 August 2018. Sponsorship forms and permission slips are available in the school office. Take the Plunge!

## Can you help with the FATHERS DAY RAFFLE on the following dates at NEW WORLD Thanks so much for your support.

New World	Saturday 25th August	Tuesday 28th August
9-10 a.m.		Julie Hallberg
10-11 a.m.		Paul Meek
11-12noon		
12-1p.m.	Mishae Aitkinson	
1-2 p.m.		Marion McComb
2-3 p.m.		Yvette Roche
3-4 p.m.		
4-5 p.m.	Rochelle Clark	Jean Foster
5-6 p.m.	Anita Calder	