



GRETA VALLEY SCHOOL



WHĀNAU CONNECT

Friday 23rd February 2024
5pm

Come along and meet our new teachers and catch up with our school community as we kick off a new school year!

Bring along a picnic dinner, and togs!



The BBQ will be available for cooking.



16th February 2024

From the Principal:

Kia ora koutou,

It's a novel this week, but there is lots happening in our busy wee kura (school), and I want you to be in on the fun that is being had!

Spotlight on Learning in the Classrooms:

Room 3: I really enjoyed being in Room 3 this week and watching Ms Hood teach numeracy (maths). The children were so engaged, and it was fantastic to see how quickly the children were grasping these concepts. Ms Hood had a game they enjoyed playing, they were giggling but competitive, and I watched as they raced to use their tens frames and counters to develop their knowledge in numbers that add to 10 (number bonds). This learning is crucial in knowing our basic facts. Great job Ms Hood, thank you for helping our children learn this important knowledge!

Room 2: I have been in Room 2 and heard the most fantastic writing this week. There was excitement and fun as they shared their ideas, with the children offering ideas and feedback on how the writer could further improve their storylines. The creativity and ideas from our senior children were great, and I can't wait to read their finished stories. The year 5-8 children focussed on creating plot, characters, settings, problems, themes, point of view, and tone. Well done Mrs Yagmich on a fantastic writing unit!

Room 1: Mrs O has had the children engaged and motivated in learning their letter sounds. They are motivated to learn and to gain more letter sounds under their belt. Mrs O read a book that the children loved, and then I watched the children excitedly create their sentences about what they had read. Room 1 are getting a great start to their journey with literacy, and the letter 'p' this week has seen the children talking about pancakes and 'The Pout Pout Fish'. Thank you Mrs O for your work in building strong foundations for learning in Room 1, this sets the children up for success throughout their education!

Annual Goals:

Using the answers from the parent survey last year, and the vision I have for further developing our school, I have created two key goals for the year.

These goals will be at the centre of guiding the decision making, the teaching and learning programmes, and opportunities created for the children.

I have attached them in the newsletter. Please take the time to have a read, and get in touch with me if you would like any clarification or information. I'm more than happy to chat with you about them!

School Values:

We have three school values. These are out on the wooden sign at the front of the school as you pull into the carpark.

The three values are "**Caring, Discovering, Growing**". These values go hand in hand

with our school vision of “Skills for Life” as we weave these values into all that we do.

When we talk about our “**Caring**” value, we are talking with the children about caring for themselves, caring for others, caring for the environment and caring about their learning.

As we explore the “**Discovering**” value, we are encouraging children to approach their learning with a discovering mindset. What do we need to help us discover? We need to be curious, a problem solver, a risk taker.

When we look at our “**Growing**” value. All of our teaching staff recognise that each individual child in our school comes with a wide range of strengths, skills and experiences. We look at how we can help our children further develop the skills they have, and provide opportunities for them to grow skills such as leadership, integrity, collaboration, communication etc.

Last Monday, we had a ceremony where we awarded the children with their certificate and a ribbon that is the colour of their house. The children then had their ribbon pinned around their sunhat, and they have been proudly wearing these and checking out who is in which house!



As added excitement, the teaching staff are now handing out tokens to the children when we see them displaying one of the three values. When they receive their token, they go and put the token into the House Token Display (made for us by the amazing James Fraser!)



School Houses:

We have revitalised our **Lookout**, **Alexander** and **Vulcan** houses this year! We are focussed on building a sense of family within the houses, and our overall school culture.

Each of these tokens is worth 10 house points. The house that has the most house points at the end of the term wins, and will win the reward day!

Certificates at Assembly:

The children can also earn house points through certificates at our assemblies! Each teacher (Mrs O, Ms Hood and Mrs Yagmich) will award three certificates each. There will be a 'Caring' certificate, a "Discovering' certificate and a "Growing' certificate awarded to the children who showed amazing role-modeling of this value. These certificates are worth 5 tokens, 50 house points! The Principal's Award, (awarded to someone who has displayed all three values or outstanding efforts in one particular value), is worth 10 tokens, 100 house points!

Whole school swimming lessons at Amberley:

One of the biggest recurring themes that was noted in the parent survey last year was the desire for swimming lessons with swimming coaches. We have listened to your feedback and have actioned it! The Board applied for funding to pay for this, and we have been successful. Without the support of the Kiwi Gaming Foundation, and North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust, this would not have been possible for us to be able to achieve, so we are very grateful to them both! I am awaiting dates and times, so will inform you as soon as I find out!

Whānau Connect:

You will have seen an email come round on Wednesday advertising our Whānau Connect for next Friday. It will be a great night, lots of fun catching up with other families and a good chance to chat to the teachers. The poster is on the front page of the newsletter. Please come along, we are really looking forward to seeing you all!

Brackenfield Hunt

Further in this newsletter, you will find further information from Emma Calder about a fundraising opportunity for catering the Brackenfield Hunt. This is a great chance for us to raise some funds, so please get in touch with Emma with how you can help. Thank you Emma for taking up the challenge of running the event!

From the Board:

This year Greta Valley School has some ambitious goals focused on supporting our students learning. The board wants to ensure we are able to provide resources to support these goals and have identified areas of priority including structured literacy resources, physical education equipment, maintaining our pool, and providing areas to facilitate learning.

We are delighted to announce that this week we have been successful in getting a grant via the Kiwi Gaming foundation (Greta Valley Pub) for \$14,000 to install a new dosing system in the swimming pool and also to provide a block of swimming lessons for all of our students at Amberley pool via the North Canterbury Trust Mainpower Swim program – both areas identified as important to our parents in the survey last year.

We look forward to catching up with you all next Friday!

Bridget Radford

Greta Valley GRATITUDE:

The following people have gone the extra mile recently in supporting our school:

James Fraser: For making an amazing House Token Display for us. The kids absolutely love seeing the race to the top with the tokens, and it is a very professional

looking display! Thank you James for your time and generosity!

Migsy Dewes: Repairing the senior playground so that our kids can continue to play safely!

Angela and Murray Cooper: For donating the mushroom compost to keep Mrs Batt's roses healthy and the appearance of the garden tidy, (we will forgive them for the smell of the compost due to their generosity!)

Emma Calder and Bridget Radford: For bringing in fruit for the children to be able to eat and enjoy during fruit break at school

Seesaw:

Please ensure you have installed the app on your phone and you are connected to this. This is a fantastic way for you to see your child's mahi (work) and to create discussions about their learning. Both parents are encouraged to connect to Seesaw, and you are welcome to invite grandparents etc to be part of your child's Seesaw.

Heart reacting and leaving comments on the posts is a great boost for the kids too! Please don't hesitate to reach out to one of our teachers or myself if you need help connecting up to your child's Seesaw account.

Skool Loop:

A lot of parents are not receiving the skool loop notices. Firstly can you try uninstalling it and then adding the skool loop app again. Secondly go into skool loop, settings, debug notifications (that should say enabled).

Thirdly under Server Subscriptions check what groups you have ticked. You should have GENERAL. To select groups go back and click on subscribe to groups and tick GENERAL plus the Classroom and bus run

you'd like to see notices from. If you are still not receiving them then ring Skool Loop 0800238379.

Cyber Safety and Bus Forms

Please make sure you have spent time talking through the rules about Cyber Safety and the expected behaviour on the bus with your children. Once you have discussed this, please make sure you and your child signs this, and return it to school ASAP.

What's Coming Up:

Week 4	Wednesday 21st February	PALs (Physical Activity Leaders) Leadership Course for Yr 6-8
	Friday 23rd February	Assembly at 2.15pm Whānau Connect 5pm
Week 5	Monday 26th February	Swimming Sports at Amberley (more info coming)
	Tuesday 27th February	Hurunui Cricket Festival (one senior team has been entered)
Week 6	Monday 4th March	Tech at Hurunui College starts for Yr 7-8
	Tuesday 5th March	Senior Swimming Finalists at Hanmer Springs
	Friday 8th March	Assembly at 2.15pm
Week 7	Friday 15th March	SCHOOL CLOSED (Teacher Only Day with the local schools)

Week 8	Wednesday 20th March	Duathlon at Amuri Area School (more info coming)
	Friday 22nd March	Assembly at 2.15pm
Week 9	Friday 29th March	SCHOOL CLOSED (Good Friday)
Week 10	Monday 1st April	SCHOOL CLOSED (Easter Monday)
	Tuesday 2nd April	SCHOOL CLOSED (Easter Tuesday)
	Wednesday 3rd April	SCHOOL CLOSED (Teacher Only Day for staff training on Structured Literacy)
Week 11	Monday 8th April	T-Ball at Scargill Domain for Yr 3-4 (more info coming) Softball in Cheviot for Yr 5-6 (more info coming)
	Wednesday 10th April	Playgroup morning in Room 1
	Friday 12th April	Special Assembly Last day of term 1

Greta Valley School would like to thank Rob Taylor and Fern Energy – Fuel for schools for the TV we now have for Room 3. This is the second TV we have been given from Fuel for schools. Our school gets nominated by local business's/farms that receives bulk fuel deliveries from Fern, meaning that for every 100 litres of bulk fuel they purchase 50 cents is donated to Greta Valley School. Once it reaches \$1000 then the school can redeem sports gear, technology, lots of choices available. This adds up very quick. We appreciate your support.

School Librarians



Emily Henderson and Ben Cowan are our new School Librarians.

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CARETAKER WANTED

We are looking for a **casual, on call caretaker**. Hours would vary week to week, and be dependent on the needs of the school.

THIS ROLE WOULD INVOLVE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE WORK AND SOME GROUNDSKEEPING TASKS.

Please get in touch with Rebecca Pugh by Wednesday 21st February if you are interested.

Greta Valley Fundraiser 2024

Brackenfield Hunt Catering Fundraiser

Date: June 6th 7th and 8th

Location: 6th Waipara- 7th Amberley (private home)- 8th Cheviot.

Brief summary:

The Brackenfield Hunt 140 jubilee event: This requires pre-hunt and post-hunt meal, as well as lunch for the committee on Friday. Each meal should accommodate at least 100-150 people, while lunch will serve up to 40. The menu will be kept simple, featuring salads and meats for lunch. Pre-hunt meal may include breakfast-type baps/croissant for two days, while post-hunt meal may consist of burger-type offerings for the afternoon.

Proposed financial gain for school: To maximise profits, it's important to consider utilising donated items that we have access to. We could potentially generate up to

\$8000.00. Encouraging people to contribute ideas or items they can donate would greatly assist in our return.

Emma Harris is the go-to person for this task as she has been directly contacted by a friend from the hunt. While she's willing to oversee the project, she's eager for others to step up and assist in running it. Given the scale of this catering gig, any support would be greatly appreciated.

Jobs up for grabs

- Help on day 2-3 helpers (per day)
- Someone to run the lunch – cook and serve with assistance from 2-3 people
- Pick up and delivery person i.e. supermarket

A menu will be finalised closer to the event date. If you have surplus goods that you'd like to contribute, please reach out to Emma, and she can allocate them to the appropriate person.

Emma Harris contact details 0275892450

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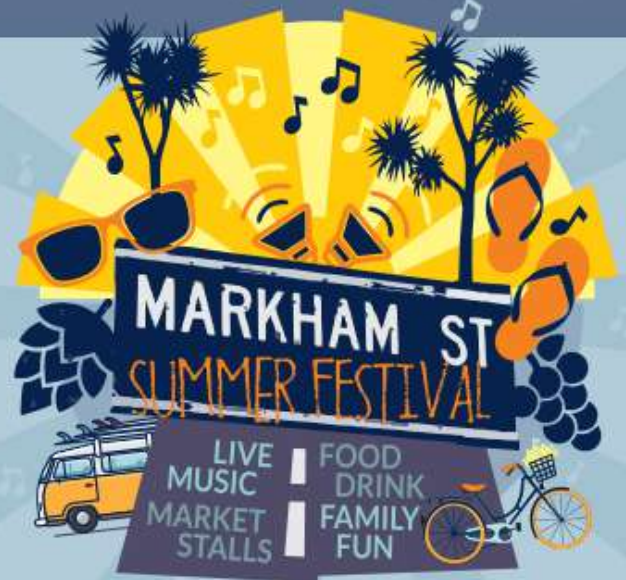
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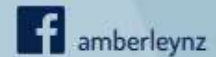
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