



# **Greerton Village School – Te Kura o Maarawaewae Whānau Communication Newsletter Wednesday 20th March 2024**

## **MESSAGE FROM MS KIMBERLEY**

**Kia ora e te whānau,**

**Term 1 is flying by and it is hard to believe it is week 8 already. Our classrooms are all very settled and children are actively involved in their learning and extra curricular activities.**

**Our term focus and value has been Pūkengatanga – We can Achieve, and I love nothing more than tamariki sharing their work and success with me.**

**In week 6 our school were involved in International Week – Ko wai Tātou. The week ended with an incredible assembly where children and their families shared their cultures through story and dance. It was a special time that showcased how diverse and rich the cultures are across our kura.**

**A big thank you to Bay Catering/Bay Venues for sponsoring our swimming sports that was held at Memorial Pools last week. The children had a fabulous day and we were very grateful to the incredible parents that came along and helped on the day to ensure this event could go ahead.**

**Our kura has joined the Wednesday Challenge initiative – Each Wednesday we are encouraging children to walk, cycle, scooter or car pool to school – our results are entered and we are in the running to win cash prizes and equipment for our school.**

**Enjoy the rest of the term, and thank you for your ongoing support to our kura and children's learning  
Kimberley**

**The Play Junk Shed is now open at break times for all children across our school. This is a shed full of 'junk' or as we call it loose part play that enables children to be curious, problem solvers and use their imagination to turn everyday items into new creations. Here are some amazing things children have been busy creating over the past week. We are always looking for more items to add! So if you have any crates, cable reels, old hoses, piping, wheels or anything you think may be of use we would love for you to bring them in to add to our junk shed.**

**Your rubbish could be our treasures!**





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## Team Updates

In Te Rau Aroha this term we recently engaged in a successful swimming sports event, for some of our tamariki this was their first ever swimming sports at school and they showed great bravery to participate. A big thank you to our supportive parents who took the time to join and help us make the day successful, without your support days like this could not go ahead. Children have settled into their new classrooms well, making friends and we have been fortunate to welcome new faces into our new entrant rooms over the past few weeks. Our recent cultural day displayed the rich diversity we have within our school and it was wonderful to see the families get involved with their children to share the gems of their culture with us. We are so lucky to have so many different cultures throughout our community. Over the last few weeks we have opened up our new Junk Play Pod during break times, this has been a huge success and children have embraced their imagination and creativity by turning loose parts or items into wonderful creations. We can't wait to see what Term 2 brings in Te Rau Aroha!

### Te Pihinga

Our students shone brightly in their traditional cultural attire during our recent Cultural Celebration Day. From colourful saris to elegant korowai, every outfit was worn with pride. Three of our Te Pihinga students joined their whānau in performing their Kiribati dances at our assembly- Artin, Masafili, and Mamaua. He tino pai hoki koutou!

We have been embracing healthy competition in the realm of sports. Our students have been displaying their skills and teamwork during our fortnightly Whare Sports competitions. Te Pihinga teams have been competing in Dodgeball and 6 Ball with plenty of laughter and cheers. The excitement continued with our Swimming Sports event, where students raced with enthusiasm and sportsmanship. A big thank you to all the parent helpers whose support made this event possible. Your efforts ensured that our students had a memorable and enjoyable experience.

We look forward to the fun and learning to be had in the remaining 4 weeks of Term 1!

### Te Māhuri

We had a great day at Memorial Pools for swimming sports, thank you Mr Ensor and Matua Te Aowera for organising our day and a special thank you to all the parents who came to support because we wouldn't have been able to do this without you. We have enjoyed the extra sports coaching for cricket from Northern Districts and soccer from Blue Rovers Football Club, over the past couple of weeks. Robotics has been so much fun for our group of 30 every Monday this term. New students will be participating in Robotics next term. We wish everyone a safe and happy Easter weekend.

### Tēnā koutou e te iwi!

In Whakatō te Kākano we have a busy start to our year. Our pūrakau - Kupe me Te Wheke - has been a story that we have been learning about in our akomanga, as well as learning our pūkenga (our skills) that each and every one of us bring to our whare. In Whakatō te Kākano, we have retold the story of Kupe me Te Wheke in a variety of ways, including acting, writing, visual art, clay modelling etc. We cannot wait to share our mahi with you.

Our tautoru (Year 3's) from Whakatō te Kākano have started their haerenga in the ngāhere with Greerton Early Learning. In the forest our tamariki are learning to slow down, enjoy the quiet and explore their curiosities alongside our babies from Greerton Early Learning. Next term, our year two's will go on their haerenga to the ngāhere, following them will be our tuakana who also get to join in on the fun, and enjoy the slower pace and peacefulness that Tāne Mahuta provides.

All of Whakatō te Kākano continue to learn the tikanga and kawa of the paepae. Everyday our tamariki share their pepeha, mihi, arakia and practice or learn new waiata. We look forward to seeing our tamariki continue to build confidence in this space, and put these pūkenga (skills) into practice with upcoming Mihi Whakatau and Marae visits later in the year.

Our big goal for this term is to have amazing attendance, please continue to come to kura on time everyday to keep learning and feeling successful at kura.



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### **PARKING AT SCHOOL**

**WE UNDERSTAND PARKING CAN BE DIFFICULT AT DROP OF AND PICK UPS, HOWEVER OUR STAFF CAR PARK IS FOR STAFF ONLY. PLEASE DONT PARK IN THIS CARK PARK OR WALK THROUGH IT. IT IS A BUSY PLACE AND IT IS NOT SAFE TO USE AS AN ENTRANCE OR EXIT. CENTRE POINT OPPORTUNITY SHOP ALSO REQUEST THAT WHĀNAU DONT PARK IN THEIR CARPARK, THEY HAVE LIMITED SPACES FOR CUSTOMERS AND STAFF AND FOR THE AGENCY THAT WORKS IN THEIR BUILDING.**

**COUNTDOWN SUPERMARKET HOWEVER ALLOW OUR WHĀNAU TO PARK IN THEIR CAR PARK WHICH IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. THERE IS A GATE INTO SCHOOL FROM THIS CARPARK FOR CHILDREN TO ACCESS.**



### **A NOTE FROM THE DENTAL CLINIC**

**Greerton Village Primary School has a dental clinic on site. This clinic treats children from the following schools –**

**Greerton Village Primary School  
Aquinas College  
St Mary's Catholic School  
Tauriko School**

**Our dental team who work at the dental clinic are Vic, Nicola, Emilia & Karen**

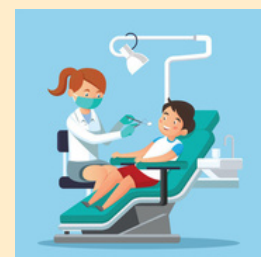
**Our dental team will notify whānau (families) prior to their tamaiti/tamariki (child/children's) dental appointment.**

**When you receive this notification, please contact our team to:**

- **Update contact details**
- **Update medical information.**
- **To update or review permissions for dental examinations and dental x-rays.**
- **Arrange a suitable day/time if you would like to attend the appointment to support your tamaiti/tamariki.**

**Current service demands and delays weigh heavily on our teams and your kindness and support is appreciated.**

**If you have any queries or urgent dental concerns, contact 07 571 5423 for further help and advice.**







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### **Important Up coming Dates**

**Friday 29th March - Good Friday - Public Holiday**  
**Monday 1st April - Easter Monday - Public Holiday**  
**Tuesday 2nd April - All Schools across NZ closed**



**Wednesday 3rd April - Teacher Only Professional Development Day - Curriculum Focussed - School Closed**

### **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO THE FOLLOWING:**

**Tuesday 9th April - Parent / Student Parent Conferences 3PM - 6PM**  
**Wednesday 10th April - Parent/ Student Conferences 3PM - 6PM**



### **TERM 1 (11 Weeks)**

**Thursday 1 February – Friday 12 April**

**Waitangi Day – Tuesday 6th February ( School Closed)**  
**Good Friday – 29th March (School Closed)**  
**Easter Monday 1st April (School Closed)**  
**Easter Tuesday 2nd April (School Closed)**  
**Wednesday 3rd April Teacher Only Day (School Closed)**  
**9th/10th April – Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences 3pm–6pm**

### **TERM 2 (10 Weeks)**

**Monday 29 April – Friday 5 July**

**Monday 3 June King's Birthday (School Closed)**  
**Tuesday 4th June Staff Only Day (School Closed)**  
**Friday 28 June Matariki Day (School Closed)**

### **TERM 3 (10 Weeks)**

**Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September**

### **TERM 4 (10 Weeks)**

**Monday 14 October – Tuesday 17 December**

**Monday 28 October Labour Day (School Closed)**  
**Tuesday 29th October – Staff Only Day (School Closed)**  
**Tuesday 17 December School Finishes at 12.00pm.**





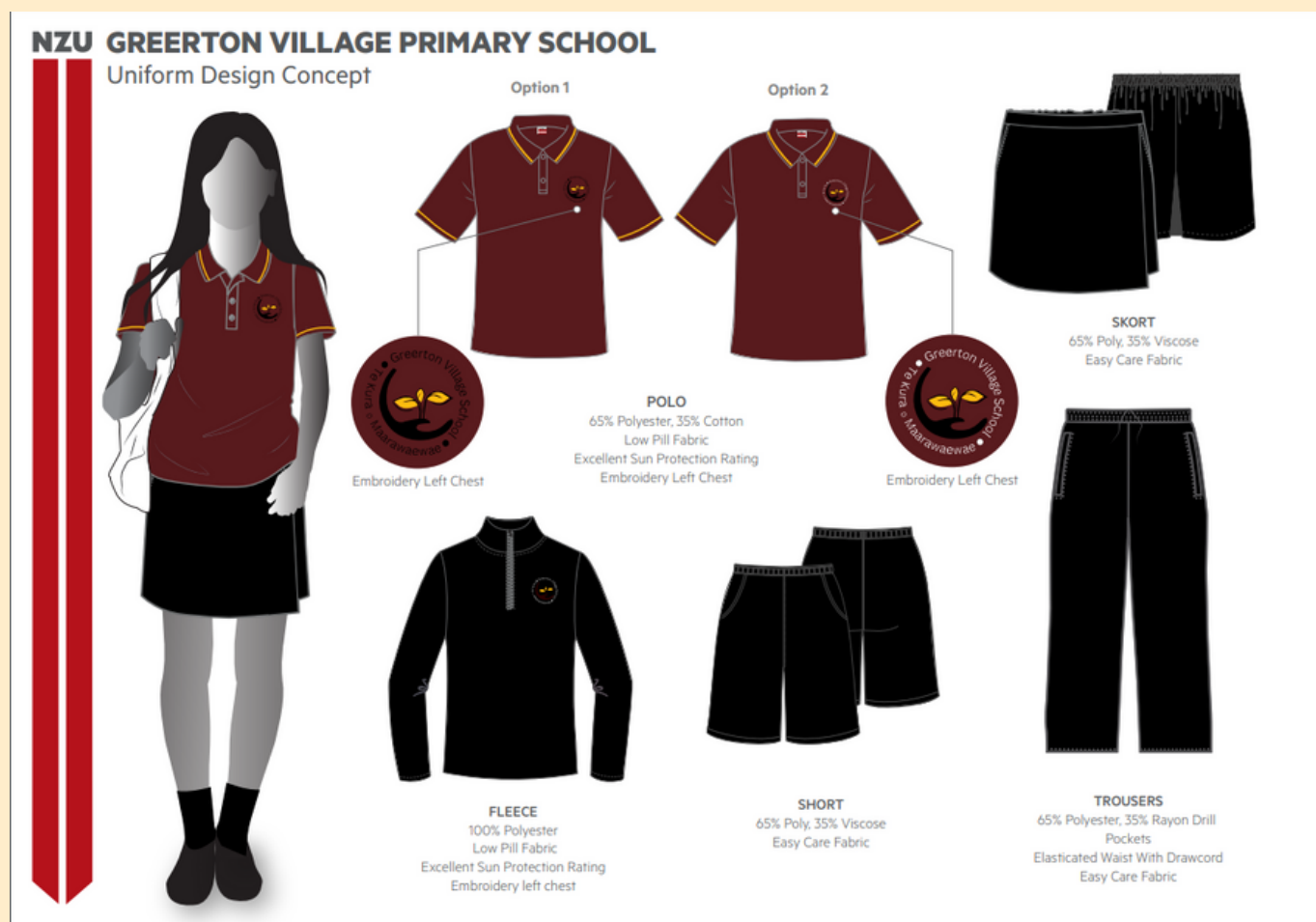
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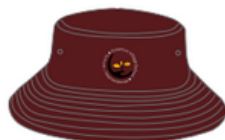
We are in the process of looking at New Uniforms for our kura with the new logo. We have been working with NZ uniforms, our BOT and our staff to look at an updated uniform to roll out in 2025. Here is a draft story board. As you can see we have opted for the same colours with just a slight change of design. Not only is this cost affective, it also means that our current uniforms can still be worn without looking too different. The draft changes have the new logo and additional gold stripe on the polos. The sun hats are burgundy but also feature the whare /house colour inside ( These can be worn either way. The whare/house shirt has the logo and with a stripe of the school uniform colour down the side and the Whare/house name on the back.

All current uniforms can still be worn when these are rolled out as the difference isn't huge. All of these will be available to purchase in store at NZ Uniforms.



## NZU GREERTON VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Leaders Polos + Bucket Hat



**BUCKET HAT**  
100% Polyester  
Reversible  
Sublimated



**LEADERS POLOS**  
65% Polyester, 35% Cotton  
Low Pill Fabric  
Excellent Sun Protection  
Rating



Embroidery Left Chest



## NZU GREERTON VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

### House Tees



**HOUSE TEES**  
100% Polyester for Quick Drying  
Raglan sleeve allows for more freedom of movement  
Burgundy side panels to tie in with the rest of the uniform

Please if you have any feedback on these email me directly at,  
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