

# **Greerton Village School – Te Kura o Maarawaewae**

## **Whānau Communication Newsletter**

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

#### **MESSAGE FROM MS KIMBERLEY**

**Kia ora whānau**

**The end of term is fast approaching, and we will be on Term break before we know it. It has been a busy and productive term with lots to celebrate.**

**School Cross Country – A Day of Determination & Fun!**

**Our students put in an incredible effort at this year's School Cross Country, showing perseverance, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship as they tackled the course. From our youngest to our oldest runners, we saw determination at its finest!**

**A huge thank you to our supportive families who came along to cheer for our students. Your encouragement made the day even more special. A huge congratulations to Eva Osmond who represented our kura and the West Cluster at the WBOP Cross Country.**

**Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences – Thank You, Whānau!**

**We truly appreciate all parents and caregivers who attended our recent Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences. These conversations are vital in ensuring we support every student's learning journey and well-being. Your engagement and partnership with our school help shape a nurturing, successful environment for all learners.**

**If you have any follow-up questions or would like further discussions regarding your child's learning, please don't hesitate to reach out.**

**Winter School Uniform Reminder**

**As the colder months set in, we kindly remind all students to wear the correct school uniform, including appropriate layers to stay warm. Please ensure jackets, jumpers, and other winter items align with school uniform guidelines. If you need support with uniforms, please contact the school office—we're here to help. Just a reminder about parking before and afterschool around the school grounds. We have had multiple concerns raised from homes and businesses around our neighborhood regarding parking over driveways, in their car parks etc... Please be mindful about this when dropping off or collecting your tamariki to and from school.**

**I recently had the privilege of touring a range of schools across the Gold Coast with the Western Bay Principals association. Experiences like these bring great opportunities to observe explicit practice and difference in a system further ahead than ours, such as explicit teaching, programs and planning. It also allows great reflection on what we additionally do well, and know is so important; - Resilience and confidence, Empathy and Collaboration, Cultural Identity, Pride, Creativity and Curiosity.**

**We know at Greerton Village School - Te Kura o Maarawaewae that learning is not just about knowledge, it is also about character. We are Brave, We have Mana, We show Aroha, We can Achieve.**

**Thankyou for your ongoing support over the term - It takes a Village,  
Kimberley**





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## **Team Updates**

**Kia ora whānau!**

**It's been wonderful catching up with so many of you during parent-teacher conferences. Our teachers truly enjoy chatting with you and celebrating your child's progress. As winter settles in, please remind your tamariki to dress warmly for school- covered shoes, black jumpers, and long leggings. Our Pasifika group is excited that practices are now underway, and the energy is amazing. Meanwhile, our Matariki learning is lighting up classrooms with stories, creativity, and reflection. We look forward to further Matariki celebrations in week 8 including a Matariki assembly hosted by our junior students. Come and watch as most of Te Rau Aroha present their hard work to the school at this assembly- Thursday 19th June (Weather dependent).**

**Mānawatia a Matariki!**

**This term, our students have shown incredible bravery and determination across a range of exciting activities. In swimming lessons, they faced the challenge of learning new skills, with growing confidence and resilience. During the cross country, students participated with courage, whether racing for the finish line or cheering on their peers. As we celebrate Matariki, we embrace new stories, and the chance to reflect, learn, and look ahead together. We are excited to learn new activities in our workshops day and attend the Matariki disco. Ka mau te wehi – what a fantastic term of learning and being brave (Kia Māia).**

**Kaiako of Te Pihinga wish everyone a safe and warm holiday over the mid-year break.**

**Te Māhuri are finishing off a busy term of learning and activities. A huge thank-you to the team at Greerton Pools for our fabulous swimming lessons that we have been lucky enough to receive. It is fantastic seeing how much progress everyone has made throughout the term. We have had an exciting week of Matariki celebrations including our first disco for the year. All proceeds from the Disco will go towards the cost of camp. If you have not already handed in your camp forms in, please ensure you do this ASAP.**

**The three key aspects of Matariki have been paramount for us in Whakatō te Kākano this term.**

**Remembering our whānau and friends who have passed away  
Celebrating together as a whānau and connecting with te taiao  
Looking toward and planning for the future**

**These concepts have been woven into all of our learning areas, also with the upcoming events of the Hautapu on Tuesday morning and our Whānau Hui on Wednesday evening, our tamariki are excited to put their learning and mahi in practice, and to share with all of you.**





## Important Upcoming Dates:

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Matariki School Disco**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June - Matariki - SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June - Last day of term**

**Term 3 Starts : Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July**



**A huge congratulations to Eva Osmond.**

**We have a Cross Country running star at our kura. Eva placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the West Cluster Cross Country, she then went on to represent our cluster, coming in 24<sup>th</sup> / 45 at the Western Bay Cross Country. We are so proud of you Eva.**





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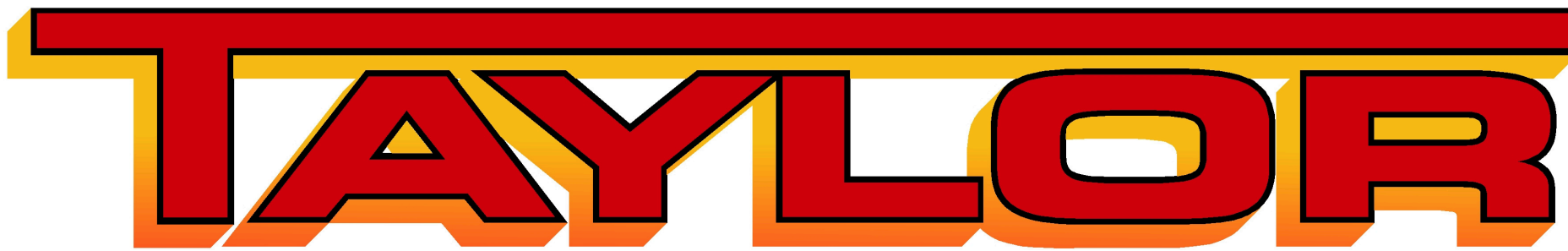


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