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## NEWS AND NOTICES

### COMING EVENTS

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| 21st Feb      | Brayshaw Park visit |
| 28th Feb      | Life Education      |
| 1st Mar       | Life Education      |
| 11th-15th Feb | Fundamental Skills  |
| 12th April    | Term 1 Ends         |

Tena koutou katoa

Well what a great first few days at school we have already had for 2019. The sun has been shining, there's been swimming in the pool, biking and skateboarding, playing, making huts and lots happening in the classrooms, it really is an exciting time of year!

This year we welcome some new staff to the Grovetown School team. Jo Roberts joins us teaching in the Waihi Room. Julie McDonald, who relieved in term 4 last year, is teaching in the Waverly Room (while Claire is away on maternity leave). And of course I'm trying to fill Selena's 'big shoes' as principal. I think I speak for all the new staff members, when I express what a great welcome we have received from all the Grovetown School staff, students and community. The sense of manaakitanga and hospitality that the Grovetown community have exhibited is truly a credit to you all. Thank you for making us feel so welcome.

That's it from me, for now! If you want to talk with me about something that's on your mind or we haven't met yet, feel free to come to the office and meet with me. Alternatively, if I'm unavailable we can make an appointment for another time.

Dave

#### School Accounts

Did you know you can get tax credit for paying your school donations? Please see Debbie if you would like to do this. Term 1 school accounts will be attached to newsletter in week 8. If you have any questions please see Debbie.

#### Contact Details

If you change your address, cell phone numbers please let Debbie know.

If your child is away from school please ring or text school with the reason why they are away each day please. School cellphone number is 0275116818.

#### Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon

Registrations for this in Nelson are now open. We have registered the school so when registering your child follow the link to our school. Any queries please see Debbie.

#### Swimming

Please bring togs, towel and goggles ready for swimming every day. The weather is very changeable at present so we will not go swimming if the water temperature is cold but please come prepared.

#### Roadworks

Work will start shortly on the drain in Fell Street and Vickerman by school. We will have stop go signs around the intersection of Fell and Vickerman Street. Please take care coming and going to school

#### Before School and After School

School is open from 8.30am for students in the morning if you need to drop your child/ren before this time please come and see Dave. Children will be asked to sit on the steps outside the office until 8.30am. School finishes at 3pm if you are going to be late please ring school so that staff know. Many thanks.

#### Concerns Leaflet

Concerns leaflet is attached to this newsletter.

#### Music Lessons

Music lessons and instrument hire for Guitar, Violin, Clarinet, Saxophone, Flute, and Brass \$25 per term or \$45 per term lessons and instrument hire. Open to Year 4-8 children. More info contact Christine Holdaway 021315650 or email [trombone@xta.co.nz](mailto:trombone@xta.co.nz)

#### Judo Classes for Beginner

Term 1 Beginners Course starting on Tuesday 12th Feb ages 7 to 12 years 4.30-5.30pm. For more info contact Judy on 5716373 or [www.facebook.com/BlenheimJudoClub](http://www.facebook.com/BlenheimJudoClub)

### CLASS AND SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

#### Student Writing

We saw Claire's baby.  
Hannah in Opawa Room

Goodbye sleep in's  
Hello noisy alarm  
Goodbye eating sweets  
Hello fruit  
Goodbye being lazy  
Hello learning  
Goodbye park hello school  
By Jay Osprey Room

Goodbye swimming in the beach  
Hello swimming in the pool  
Goodbye sleeping in  
Hello waking up early  
Goodbye watching iPad  
Hello work  
Goodbye playing  
Hello maths  
By Neika Osprey Room

Headstands  
In the weekend I went swimming at the town pool and I did a headstand in the water.  
By Millie Waihi Room

Camping in the Sounds  
In the weekend I went camping down the Sounds with Lilly, me, Mum and Dad. We had so much fun. We saw weka  
By Skylar Waihi Room



#### Positive Relationships

Means working and playing in safe and thoughtful ways with others.

#### The Kiwi Can Corner



Kiwi Can is underway again for 2019! Every week we'll be working with every class in the school, learning about important ideas like positive relationships, resilience, respect and integrity. Along the way we'll keep you up to date in the Kiwi Can Corner, so you know what your child has been learning about and can help reinforce their learning at home.

"Positive Relationships" is the focus for Term 1 in Kiwi Can. We talk to the children about how positive relationships are all about "working and playing in safe and thoughtful ways with others"

We'll be exploring ideas about fair play, conflict resolution, being a role model, and leadership.

Ask your child about what they did in Kiwi Can this week!



Stay in the loop, follow [@GraemeDingleFoundationMarlborough](https://www.facebook.com/GraemeDingleFoundationMarlborough) to find out more

#### Assembly

Assembly's will be on alternate weeks on Friday morning at 9.15am this year. The first Assembly is Friday 15th Feb.

#### School Community BBQ

Tuesday 26th Feb 5-6.30pm. Bring a picnic tea. Parent Support Group providing sausages sizzle.

#### School T-shirts

If you wish to purchase a school t-shirt the cost is \$25. Payment needs to be made when ordering. Please see Debbie.

#### Honey and Jam

From Monday we are selling Honey, Blackberry and Plum Jam. \$5 per jar.

