



Newsletter

Important Dates

29 November - School Swimming (last day)
1 December - Ki-o-rahi Festival
2 December - Kapa Haka Festival
9 December - End of Year Celebration (pp 12 December)
12 December - Year 6 Leavers Dinner
13 December - School Christmas Fun Day
14 December - Final day of school (12.30 finish)

Phone: 232 6445

Cell Phone 021 02565206 (if you prefer texting absences and if the landline is not working)

Term Dates 2022

Term 4 17 Oct - 14 Dec

Term Dates 2023

Term 1 31 Jan - 6 Apr

Term 2 24 Apr - 06 Jul

Term 3 17 Jul - 08 Oct

Term 4 09 Oct - 15 Dec

Useful Links

greenacres.school.nz

schooldocs.co.nz

www.lunchonline.co.nz

Rāapa te rua tekau mā toru o Whiranga-ā-rangi 2022

Hola

Today's greeting is Spanish. Hola means Hi or Hello. There are heaps of countries where Spanish is the main language. Countries such as Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Spain, Uruguay and Venezuela. We love having whānau at Greenacres who speak Spanish.



Swimming

As you can imagine, swimming has been a massive part of our days. We are about half way through and it is going....swimmingly (sorry!). Having 10 lessons over three weeks is an amazing chance to make some real progress in a short time. Of course, it is hard mahi but well worth the effort as we head toward the summer break and to the awa (river), roto (lake) and the moana (sea). We have already made a booking for 2023, starting on 8 November 2023. I know this is a long time away but I thought it might be useful as there are a number of children booked in for private swimming lessons and this might help your planning.

Transition Between Teams

It was great to see the Year 2s and Year 4s spending some time in their Learning Teams in preparation for 2023. They were all looking comfortable, relaxed and were enjoying learning about their new teams. As mentioned, there are two more visits planned.

The Teaching Teams for 2023 will be:

Kano - Sarah Alve, Brittany Symon and Kim Paver

Māhuri - Dave Conway, Rayleen Seebeck and Maree Maclver

Puāwai - Jenny Peacock and Vanessa Ellis

Our wonderful Teacher Aides, Lindy Fenton, Carol Ruha and Hilary Jones, will also be back in the teams.

Stationery for 2023

The stationery requirements for 2023 have been finalised and submitted to OfficeMax for loading. You will be able to order online at myschool.co.nz from the beginning of December. In an attempt to prevent the big January rush, OfficeMax is offering incentives for parents to order in December - 5 x \$1000 cash prizes. Lookout for a Hero post advising when the site goes live.



PUM

Thank you so much for your support last week in regards to the Teachers Paid Union Meeting. It was all very efficient with parents collecting their tamariki right on time meaning that staff could get away promptly to their meeting. Thanks again, it was very much appreciated

EOY Celebrations

We had some good news recently. As you know we are organising our End of Year assembly / Celebration. We are very proud that Black Ferns legend, Sophie Devine, is a past student of Greenacres School and of course auntie to Thea in Kano. We reached out to Sophie and while she is flat out in the middle of an international series, she does have a brief window to join us for the morning and help give out some cups and trophies. Once again, fingers and toes crossed the weather behaves itself! You are all very welcome to join us on 9 December at 11am (postponement 12 December also at 11am).



HERO

And finally, another plea to keep up to date with the Hero posts. It is a busy time of the year and super important that you are 'in the know' about events and activities coming up so that they run smoothly and people don't miss out. On that note, please do contact us if you are having problems with accessing Hero. If we can't help out, we can certainly contact Hero.

Ngā manaakitanga
Mike Thomas
Tumuaki

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Tawa Lions Christmas Parade 2pm 3 December - parents, please note that the organisers will provide costumes for the children on the floats, contact Judy Air directly if you want your child to be in the parade - phone number is 021 188 7217 and email is judyair17@gmail.com

Christmas in Tawa - check out the Christmas window displays, stop for a spot of lunch, do some shopping and then vote for your favourite display before heading home.

Kia ora, talofa, warm greetings to you all. **The Brainwave Trust Aotearoa** is offering fully funded workshops to **Pacific and Maori whanau** in Porirua, Hutt Valley and Wellington.

Workshop 1 is 'The importance of the early Years'

Workshop 2 is 'The mystery of the adolescent brain'

Tualoaina Latu To'omaga is a Brainwave Educator offering his services in our area free of charge to build on what families already know about a child's developmental stages and share research and evidence on how to grow great brains. Tualoaina Latu Toomaga is dynamic, interactive, funny, and relatable. He always leaves the audience wanting more information. These 1-to-2-hour long workshops are aimed at parents, grandparents and other caregivers of our precious tamariki and rangatahi.

<https://brainwave.org.nz/content/uploads/2021/09/Helping-Tamariki-Get-The-Best-Start-In-Life-digital.pdf>

If you are interested, get in touch to book your workshops. The diary is filling up for 2023.

Please contact me asap to secure your spots. It's important to do both workshops, not just one as they build on one another. If you have any further queries, please contact

Olivia Wilkinson, PositiveImpactPorirua@gmail.com, 0275672587

Affordable counselling available for parents - Parent Help counsellors have helped hundreds of families to restore peace and balance in their lives. Request a counselling session by registering online here: www.parenthelp.org.nz/counselling. Do you need parenting strategies you can implement right away? Speak to our warm and supportive parenting experts. Call now for free on 0800 568 856. Available from 9am – 9pm 7 days a week.

GREAT NEWS! Bigair Gym is holding its Annual Cheerleading Trials for next year's 2023 teams! NZ Cheerleading is a mix of dance, gymnastics & tumbling. Don't miss out on this opportunity to find out more by signing up today via emailing office@bigairgym.co.nz! Cheerleading is a rewarding individual & team sport that young people love and adore, and continue right through and into their teens, having a positive impact on their health and development. Your cheerleader will also create friendships that last a lifetime!



Wellington City Libraries' poetry journal for children and teens has returned for 2022!

All throughout the month of November, we will be accepting submissions of poetry in **English or Te Reo Māori** from young writers aged **5 – 18** in Wellington. In previous years, we have published more than 200 young poets in Tūhono — so this year we'll again be splitting it into two books, one for kids and one for teens. As long as submission rules are followed, all pieces we receive from individuals, and groups or classes, will be published!

Our theme for Tūhono 2022 is "**Whakangā | Breath.**" Whakangā refers to the taking in of breath, or to the process of breathing. It also calls to mind the idea of inhaling from the world; taking a breath to create calm; taking time to stop, slow down, relax, be.

This is the link to our poetry submission form:

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7081226/Poetry-Submission-2022>

You can find out more over on our Tūhono blogs:

- <https://www.wcl.govt.nz/blogs/kids/index.php/2022/10/05/tuhono-2022-we-want-your-poems/>
- <https://www.wcl.govt.nz/blogs/teens/index.php/2022/10/05/tuhono-2022-we-want-your-poems/>

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

BIGAIR GYMS Drop & Shop December School Holiday Programme is running Mon 19th – Wed 21st December 2022! Full day and half day sessions are available. This is a wonderful opportunity for kids to keep active and to learn something new during the holidays! **BIGAIR GYMS January Holiday Programme will run Mon 9th – 27th Jan 2023.** Bookings will be open on Monday 28th Nov! Book through our online website: www.bigairgym.co.nz



Wellington City Libraries - from 1 December 2022 through to 31 January 2023, we're inviting the tamariki, rangatahi and pākeke of Wellington on a Summer Reading Adventure — an adventure that will take them around the city, into their own backyards, down to their local library, into the pages of more than a few books, and back home again in time for tea.

Along the way, our intrepid young adventurers will be earning all kinds of awesome prizes for their efforts, from collectible badges to ice-cream vouchers, free books, movie tickets, family passes to Zealandia, Wellington Zoo, and the Space Place, and much more.

Children, teens and adults can visit our Summer Reading site at wcl.beanstack.org to find out more and pre-register for the Adventure, or they can download the free Beanstack Tracker app from Google Play or the iTunes Store to participate on the go.

Christmas Funday: 19 December 2022: 10am - 2pm -Tawa Anglicans annual Funday - Christmas crafts, lego, games, stories - for primary school aged children. \$15

Contact hayley.balmer@xtra.co.nz to book.

A Long List of Wellington City Council Events Coming Up!

A Very Welly Christmas, Sat 26 Nov – Sun 27 Nov, from midday, Lambton Quay

Our whānau-friendly entertainment and activities include bands, an ice rink, snowball igloo, face painting, street performances, and a foam pit. Meet your local sports heroes, and of course, Santa, who will arrive at 12 noon each day in a small walking parade from Balance Street to the Old Bank Arcade. Lambton Quay will be pedestrian-access only for the weekend. averywellychristmas.co.nz

Carols in the Park 5pm-7pm, Sat 26 Nov Midland Park

Bring your best singing voice to Carols in Midland Park. Grab a blanket and some kai, and get ready to falalalala. wellington.govt.nz/events

New Year's Eve 8pm-12pm, 31 Dec Whairepo Lagoon

Join us for a fun evening of toe-tapping music. Cover band Zephyr will entertain from 8pm, followed by a special Kids Countdown at 9.30pm. Orchestra Wellington will fill the air with tunes of a 'Royal' theme with its free concert from 10pm, followed by the New Year's countdown, and a blast of fireworks to bring in 2023. wellington.govt.nz/events

Gardens Magic Concert Series, Light Display, Kids Garden trail, 10-29 Jan, Botanic Gardens Ki Paekākā

The iconic Concert Series is back (Tues-Sun evenings), along with a Light Display, and a Kids Garden Trail. Listen to some of Wellington's finest live music under a blanket of stars. As the sun sets see the gardens transform with a magical light display by MJF Lighting, and during the day join our Space Explorer in her journey of discovery of the Botanic Garden's remarkable plants and animals. wellington.govt.nz/events

Whānau Film Night, 6pm, Sun 5 Feb, Waitangi Park

Bring a picnic and join us for a programme of short films followed by the feature film 'Whina'.

Te Rā o Waitangi, 12 noon – 6pm, Mon 6 Feb, Waitangi Park

Enjoy a line-up of award-winning Māori performers, food, and culture. Food trucks will be on-site, and be in quick for the hangi! wellington.govt.nz/events

Wellington Pasifika Festival

12 noon – 6pm, Sat 11 Feb, Waitangi Park

Experience the sights, sounds, and flavours of the Pacific at the Wellington Pasifika Festival on Saturday 11 February, Waitangi Park, 12 noon – 6pm. wellington.govt.nz/events