



Newsletter

Important Dates

16 February - IF Begins
21 February - Waikanae Pools
28 February - Mihi Whakatau (2.20pm)
8 March - Teacher Only Day
25-28 March - Puāwai Camp
29 March - 2 April Easter Break (back to school on Wed 3rd)
10-11 April - Learning Conversations
12 April - Last day of term

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Term Dates 2024

Term 1 31 Jan - 12 Apr
Term 2 29 Apr - 5 July
Term 3 22 Jul - 27 Sept
Term 4 14 Oct - 18 Dec

Useful Links

greenacres.school.nz
schooldocs.co.nz
www.lunchonline.co.nz

Rāapa, te tekau ma wha o Hua-tānguru 2024 Wednesday, 14 February, 2024

Kia ora e te whānau

Here at school we are all really enjoying exploring and learning about our new values. In this first part of the year, there will be an initial introductions to all four values: Manaakitanga (kindness, respect, empathy and generosity), Rangatiratanga (resilience, self determination, agency and leadership), Hau ora (holistic wellbeing and health) and Mātauranga (learning and knowledge). They will also form a big part of setting up expectations and routines. A good example is their use in class treaties etc. Each term we also will delve deeper into one particular value. We will do this chiefly through our Inquiry work with the Aotearoa New Zealand History Curriculum. Feel free to continue the conversation with your child and discuss what Manaakitanga means at your place.

Welcome and bienvenido

This week we welcomed Santi to Kano. We wish him and his family all the best on their learning journey with us.

Run and Become

It was great having Lily-Mae from Nuku Ora with us on Thursday. She was supporting a group of 25 keen runners as they prepare to take part in the Round the Bays Run in Ponoke / Wellington with their whānau. Looks like Greenacres will be well represented in this awesome event.



Volunteers Needed!

The fundraising committee is doing an amazing job turning the recently felled trees at school into an awesome fundraising opportunity by splitting the logs and selling it as firewood. They have made a great start, but would really appreciate some help to finish it off. I had a go last weekend and it is actually great fun! If you can be at school for an hour or more, 10am-3pm Saturday 17 and/or 24 February, they would love to hear from you. You will be helping to move and split pine rings with a hydraulic splitter.

PPE required: Suitable footwear (preferably steel cap), garden or work gloves, eye and ear protection (we can provide some safety glasses and ear plugs).

Please message on Facebook or email fundraisingcommittee@greenacres.school.nz to let this hardworking group know your availability.

Friday Sausage Sizzles

The Fundraising Committee will be running a sausage sizzle every Friday lunchtime of term 1. Sausages can be ordered with this link <https://orders.lunchonline.co.nz/home/AccountLogin> and cost \$2 each. You can also click the 'Food' tile on the Hero App to order at any time during the week. Orders need to be received by 9am on Friday morning.

Waikanae Pool Trip

Only a week to go until our annual trip on Wednesday 21 February. This is such a fun day and a wonderful way for the whole school to reconnect and mark the beginning of another school year. It also leads onto heaps of awesome writing and recounts.

Please make sure your child/ren have morning tea, lunch and plenty of water packed for the day. Of course they will need a sunhat and named togs and towels. We ask that you sunblock your child/ren before coming to school but we will also take sunblock and will be getting the children to regularly reapply. Feel free to put your own sunblock into the children's bags.

We would be delighted to have as many whānau as possible meet us at the pool to join us for some fun in the pools, and a picnic lunch on the grass.

We will be leaving school on coaches at 9:30am and returning from Waikanae at 1.30pm. The cost for the day is \$20.00 or \$22.50 per student, depending on whether they are opting into the hydroslide. This can be paid with cash, via Hero, by direct credit to the school bank account 123254 000419500 or via eftpos/credit card at the office.

Please click on the [link](#) to complete the permission form for each child you have attending the trip. At this stage we still need forms for approximately 30 students! Please be aware that even though you may have paid, the form is essential and without it your child will be unable to go on the trip to Waikanae!

For those who have completed the form the office has now generated an invoice for your whānau dependent on whether your child/ren are using the hydroslide or not. Please note that the office has to now individually receipt all the payments so it may take a few days, so do not worry if it still shows as outstanding for a few more days!

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or Rob at rcalder@greenacres.school.nz

The BIG Clean Up

Staff / Kaimahi have been having a big sort out of our resources over the last few months. It was long overdue but with 'steely resolve' we are getting there. There are some resources that we no longer use but we felt might find a good home within our community. We will be putting these out under the pergola over the next couple of days. PLEASE take a look and take whatever you want!

FYI - Next week, our newsletter will be on Thursday.

Ngā manaakitanga - Take care

Mike Thomas

Fundraising Committee

Click this link <https://forms.gle/5866nVkgLvonCjbS7> for more information about our Greenacres School apparel items and to place an order. Alternatively, click the "Uniform Shop" option in the Hero App. You can place an order at any time. Orders will be sent to our supplier at the end of every term and items will be delivered to school during the first week of the following term. All purchases raise funds for our school.

GREENACRES SCHOOL APPAREL

QUALITY ITEMS | ALL PROFITS GO TO GREENACRES SCHOOL



HOODIES \$50/\$56



HOUSE TEES \$22



BEANIES \$20



SUNHATS \$22

Click the link in the description for more details and to order

COMMUNITY NOTICES

If you haven't booked your child's spot for Term 1 yet, we still have spaces available. Limited spots are still open, so jump online and book now at www.bigairgym.co.nz. Book now so that your child doesn't miss out on the first class of the term where our coaches review fundamentals and provide an induction into the gym. Book online or contact our Bigair Gym office. We would love to hear from you. Bigair Gym Tawa ph. 232 3508
Email office@bigairgym.co.nz



Tawa Rotary is organising its second Concert in the Park to be held at Grasslees Reserve on Sunday 18 February from 3 - 6 pm. This is organised to encourage families to come along and bring a picnic tea and listen to the musical items arranged.

The Tawa Squash Club is renowned in the Wellington region for its exceptional reputation as a welcoming, friendly, and family-oriented squash club that also thrives on healthy competition. Whether you're a novice player, rediscovering the game, or simply looking to enjoy a casual match with a friend, our club provides the perfect environment to nurture your skills and satisfy your post-game thirst for victory. We are taking enrolments for Monday afternoon junior coaching and we also run a fun night on Friday nights which anyone can come to (up to the age of 19). We would love to see some new faces at our squash club this year and would appreciate if you could please help us achieve this. We welcome new members, for more info check out our website or email info@tawasquash.co.nz

The Medical Research Institute of New Zealand (MRINZ) is based in Wellington Hospital. The MRINZ is currently running a study for children aged 5-11 years with asthma – the START CARE study. More information: <https://trials.mrinz.ac.nz/surveys/?s=7TKDWXJ4NC>
Our study website: <https://www.mrinz.ac.nz/currently-recruiting/startcare>
Email: startcare@mrinz.ac.nz
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Wonderplay has places available for kids drama in Churton Park on Tuesdays at Churton Park Community Centre; 4pm Star Players (7-14 year olds). Contact Debs debs@wonderplay.co.nz 021-172-2836, www.wonderplay.co.nz

Leaping Lizards School of Dance - Wellington's leading Recreational Dance School. Classes in jazz, hop hop, ballet, lyrical tap and pre-school classes. Ages 2+ girls and boys. Churton Park, Johnsonville, Wellington City. Phone Lorna 021 1770685, leapinglizardsdance@outlook.com or www.leaping-lizards.co.nz

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