



Newsletter

Important Dates

26 Sept Public Holiday for Queen
30 Sept Term 3 ends

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Term Dates 2022

Term 4 17 Oct - 14 Dec

Term Dates 2023

Term 1 31 Jan - 7 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

Rāapa 28 Mahuru 2022

Nī Hāo

Today's greeting is Chinese and simply means Hello. It is Chinese Language week. Did you know that China is the world's most populous country with a population over 1.4 billion people?

Mental Health Awareness Week

This week is also Mental Health Awareness week. I am inspired by people in our community that speak publicly about their mental health. It breaks the taboo that mental health is something that needs to be hidden away when the opposite is true. Tawa people like Sophie Devine and Amelia Kerr come to mind. Not only are they incredible sportspeople but are making a massive difference to the hauora of many people by being open about their own challenges. Tu meke!



On a personal note, my own whānau has had battles with depression and Mental Health. This has been extremely tough but we have learnt (and continue to learn) that there are so many caring and compassionate people all around us and reaching out is not as hard as it can seem. If you or any of your whānau are struggling with their mental health, I encourage you too to reach out, whether that be to a friend, whānau member or a medical professional.

Kia kaha!

[Mental Health Awareness Week - Helpful Resources](#)

[Helpline](#)

BOT Update

Last night we held our first meeting of the newly elected board, with the first order of business to elect the new presiding member (Board Chair). I'm pleased to confirm Liz Jull was successfully elected to this role and I look forward to working with her and all our new board members in the future. As you'll know from our earlier board announcement, all parent representatives are new to the board, so we have also gratefully accepted the offer of both Garrick Wood and Michael Gray to

support the new board members transition into their role and have decided to co-opt them onto the board until the end of Term 1 2023.

Camp

The big event of last week was camp. Puāwai had a fantastic time at Forest Lakes, just north of Otaki. The activities were tau kē with the tamariki all challenging themselves to take part and give their best efforts. Puāwai are currently reflecting on their week away, thinking about the highlights and what could make the camp an even better experience next time. There were certainly some tired (and proud) looking tamariki at school on Friday afternoon. The extra day of rest for Queen's Memorial Day was brilliantly timed!



Ngā mihi to our wonderful, committed and fun parent helpers. Your support was amazing and an integral part of the success of the camp. We thank you for taking time out of your busy weeks and the hours of mahi at camp.

Additionally, we acknowledge the outstanding work of the Puāwai Kaiako. Thank you to Whaea Vanessa Ellis, Mr Jeremy Coenen and in particular Mrs Jenny Peacock (who led the team). Without doubt, your thorough and detailed planning was a key factor in the success of the week. Not only did you spend hours of time planning but you also were away from your own families for the week too! You earned your sleep-in last weekend.



Camp certainly was a massive effort but we were all rewarded with a lifelong memory. For many tamariki, it will be a highlight of their time at Greenacres School.

In Time Reporting

Keep an eye out this week for an In-time Learning Post on Hero. A feature of the reporting online is that it provides an excellent opportunity for home and school to communicate and work in partnership to support akongā. The kaiako of course will be annotating the post outlining progress and next steps. Please take the opportunity to comment on your son's / daughter's post. It really reinforces that we are all working together to support our young people and their learning.

Here are some possible ideas for how you could start your response:

- I really enjoyed reading about....
- I am proud of how you.....
- I can see you have been trying to....
- I can see you have improved by...
- Something we can work on at home is....

Interzone Swimming

Well done to our champion Year 4 swimmers, who qualified for Wellington Zone last week. Ben, Ella, Grace, Charlotte and Georgia put in a tremendous effort and we are very proud of them. Thanks to Rachel Alderson for transporting them to the competition. We also had some year 5 and 6 students who qualified but they were unable to attend as they were at camp.



Lunchonline

We are excited to announce a new partnership with Lunchonline beginning in Term 4. On Wednesdays and Fridays parents/caregivers will be able to place orders with Lunchonline and have your child's lunch delivered to them at school. See the flyer below for how to set up an account and order.

Greenacres School Lunches

Nada Bakery Lunches delivered

Lunches every Wednesday & Friday

Sushi options also available

It's simple; all you need to do is register at

www.lunchonline.co.nz

and follow 4 easy steps to get started

1. Register an account
2. Add member/s including your name and delivery location
3. Make a payment to have funds in your account before you order
4. Select your lunch and place an order

Phone 0800 LOL LOL

Phone 0800 565 565

info@lunchonline.co.nz



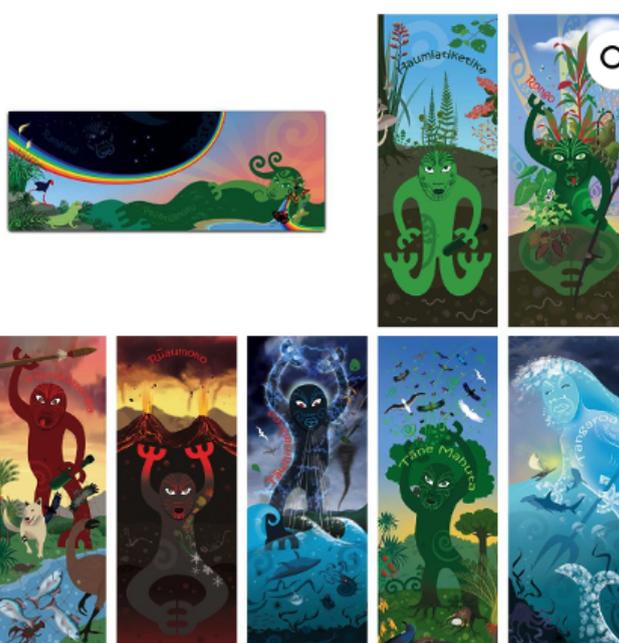
Calendars

The calendar orders have been dispatched and Kids Art Works will be working hard on producing the items over the school holidays. We expect to have everything back in the first few weeks of Term 4. Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who placed orders.

End of Term

We will be focusing on enjoying the last few days of term and looking after each other after a busy and productive term. We wish you all the best for the term break and look forward to welcoming you all back on 17 October for the final term of 2022.

Ngā manaakitanga
Mike Thomas
Tumuaki



A reminder from the fundraising committee about donations for our Spring into Tawa stall.

It would be great if you could donate a small new, or near new, toy/book for the lucky dip. Or a non-perishable item for the grocery hamper! This is the last week for donations. Thank you so much to those who have already donated!

The proceeds will go towards the decorative panels featuring Māori Atua Gods along with distinctive New Zealand scenery, chosen by the staff, that will brighten up the school environment!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

If your child loves doing Cartwheels, Handstands & Flips, then they will thrive at Bigair Gym! Bigair Gym classes are excellent for fun, focus and fitness! Children learn new skills and develop personal confidence and self-achievement! Strong focus is given to safety and technique, ranging from fundamentals to advanced skills. The structured classes follow a Bigair Badge Programme, which creates focused learning, and allows children to achieve and feel personal progression!



Bigair classes include GYMNASTICS, TRAMPOLINING, TUMBLING, FREE RUNNING (that's parkour with flips) & CHEERLEADING! Inquire about Bigair BIRTHDAY PARTIES too!

GET IN QUICK FOR TERM 4 GYM CLASSES & BIGAIRS POPULAR HOLIDAY PROGRAMME! Bookings open Mon 19 September. Booking in is easy online at www.bigairgym.co.nz or contact your local Bigair Gym office today.

Summer Athletics - 3-14 year olds, club night, coaching, training, interclub, Grenada North Park. Competitive or fun - give it a go. For more information go to www.olympicjuniors.nz

Spotlight Performing Arts - Dance, Drama and singing for students aged 4-15 years. Book your child's two-week trial NOW!

www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz



Celebrate New Zealand Grandparent's Day on Sunday 2 October 2022

Join us in celebrating the grandparents of New Zealand this New Zealand Grandparent's Day. It's a day to celebrate all the joy and value that grandparents bring to the lives of kiwi kids. Whether they be grandparents by blood, or grandparents by love, we celebrate them. Sunday 2 October is a chance for families to gather together and talk, laugh and reminisce as we collectively thank the grandparents of New Zealand.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

Tawa Recreation Centre is running a new Bi-lingual (Te Reo Māori driven) holiday programme in October. This programme will be for kids aged 5-12 years.

This programme won't be full immersion and you don't have to be Māori, or have any prior knowledge or understanding of Māori. You just have to be keen to be in an environment that promotes te ao Māori. Kids will still participate in your typical Holiday Programme activities. However, there will be māori concepts for them to grasp along the way. Some things will be run differently to other Holiday Programmes. We will have daily karakia and waiata that everyone can learn, as well as māori inspired activities such as Kapa Haka, ki-o-rahi etc.

Here is a link with more info, and how to register below.

<https://enrolmy.com/wellington-city-council/book-now/49-Te-Htaka-Hararei-Reo-Rua-o-Tawa-Recreation-Centre-October-2022---Bilingual-Holiday-Programme-->

Wellington School of Cricket Spring Holiday Programme, 4-7 October, 9am-3pm at Sky Stadium, Wellington. The programme is for children aged 7-12 years. Please book your spot at www.cricketwellington.co.nz For any questions please contact WSC@cricketwellington.co.nz

Grand Training runs educational and fun computer classes over the holidays at our Wellington City location on Lambton Quay for ages 5 to 15.

- Roblox
- Minecraft from Introduction to Mods and Servers
- Learn to Code; Scratch, Python, Java.
- Code and Create 3D Games
- Web Design, HTML and CSS
- Build a PC
- Film and Video Editing
- Discovery Course in Computing - suitable for younger children

Information & bookings: grandtraining.co.nz or call 499-2211

Staglands - kids can take our **50th Anniversary Treasure Hunt** these school holidays to win a Golden Ticket! **Every ticket wins and there are heaps of prizes to be claimed!**

To win your Golden Ticket simply download the Treasure Hunt Challenge Sheet from [our website](#). Then visit us any time between 1 and 16 October to take The Challenge and claim your prize! Make sure you enter our bonus draw too and be in with a chance to win a Staglander Annual Family Pass. Terms & Conditions apply, [see website for details](#).

Champions 2022 Holiday Programme: 3 - 7/10

Tawa Anglicans holiday programme for primary school aged children. Every morning from 9.30a.m. - 12.30p.m. there will be games, crafts and lots of fun. \$9 per day or \$35 for the week.

Book online: www.tac.org.nz

3D Printing & Software Holiday Programme

Whitby Collegiate will be hosting a 3 day introduction to 3D printing and CAD software holiday programme in October. Our IT experts will teach students how to design a 3D model using the modelling computer programme SketchUp. Students will keep their printed 3D designs. No previous experience is necessary. Students must bring their own chromebooks/laptops. Limited spaces available.

Dates: Monday 4 - Wednesday 6 October 2022, 9.00 - 3.00pm, cost \$270, Ages 10+

<https://form.jotform.com/whitbyenrol/3d-print-cad-software-holiday-prog>