



Newsletter

Important Dates

12 May TBC	Greenacres School Cross Country
23 May	Prospective and new parents meeting
24 May	Tawa Zone Cross Country
30 May -2 June	Pink Shirt Week
3 June	Teacher Only Day
6 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
24 June	Matariki

Term Dates

Term 1	02 Feb - 14 April
Term 2	02 May - 08 July
Term 3	25 July - 30 Sept
Term 4	17 Oct - 14 Dec

Useful Links

greenacres.school.nz
schooldocs.co.nz

Wednesday 4 May 2022

Kia ora koutou, Malo e lelei, Tālofa lava, Kia orana, Namaste, Ni hao, Shalom, As-salāmu 'alaykum and Greetings

Nau mai haere mai

On Monday we welcomed Mackenzie Bryson, Joshua Burrage, Bethany Church and Kahukura Clark Henderson, all joining Kano. We wish them and their families all the best on their learning journey with us.

Welcome back to Term 2

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school in the new term. Being at Orange, it has been particularly great having whānau come back into the school grounds. We have all missed this! Thank you for wearing your masks especially when coming inside.

Covid

Life at Orange seems to be going very well. We are grateful we only have three children away with Covid at this stage. We also have three children isolating as household contacts. As I mentioned in an earlier Hero post, we have had approximately 25% of children who have now contracted Covid. With this figure and high vaccination rates in our area, we are hopeful that things will continue to improve but it appears that the virus may well be part of our lives for a bit longer. Therefore, we will maintain our measures such as promoting good hygiene, encouraging mask wearing for Year 4s up, ensuring we have good ventilation even as the weather cools and of course staying home if you are unwell.

Update on Annual Goals

Despite term one being very challenging, we have made some pleasing progress in relation to our three Annual Goals around Cultural Competency, Literacy and our Environmental work.

We continue our work with Poutama Pounamu (from the University of Waikato). This term a major focus will be exploring an assessment tool called Rongohia te hau. This will help us gather information from a variety of sources to help shape our plans for growth. Additionally, staff have been developing their own te reo Māori.

We will continue to develop our approach to writing and embed new practices and learning. We have been working on an approach called 'Mantle of the Expert'. It provides authentic and engaging contexts for the tamariki to respond to and proved highly motivating for the children in

term one. Once motivated to write, the children can really focus on developing the quality of their writing and working on their next steps.

We are also very excited about our Environmental work in association with KETE (Kids Enhancing the Tawa Ecosystem). All the teams will be looking at our taking positive action in different areas which is incredibly important, relevant and exciting.

Netball and Hockey

A SHOUT OUT to our wonderful sports coaches and managers. They have been working hard to get the teams ready for the first games of the winter season. I know the teams will rock the RKMCS and use their 4Cs to keep developing as players and team members. We can't wait to hear the wonderful recounts on Monday mornings. I know the Greenacres supporters will also be amazing role models for the children and reinforce that fun and enjoying the company of friends is what it is all about.

Cross Country - photos

It has been tu meke seeing the children getting active as they prepare for cross country. Check out the effort on display.



Fencing

We were thrilled with the new fences put in over the term break. We hope you love them too. The black paint means they blend in and they certainly add a level of safety for tamariki. We have talked with the older children about being aware when a younger or shorter child needs a hand with the gate as the latches are quite high (for safety). Additionally, a cabin hook is being added to the gate so it can be pinned back before and after school.

IF (Inspirational Friday)

We are still on the lookout for adult helpers to support our IF programme. Are you or a grandparent / family member able to help out? If you have a particular skill or interest that you would like to share with a group of enthusiastic Greenacres tamariki, we would love to hear from you. It could be in the arts, science, sports, literacy or any area. Some examples of recent activities include leather work, photography, sports, crochet and debating but we are totally

open to ideas! It would involve coming into school from 9.00-10.30am for six Fridays from 13 May until 1 July. Drop me a line principal@greenacres.school.nz or ring on 2326445 if you are keen or want to chat about it

Sausage Sizzle

There will not be a sausage sizzle this week.

Ma te wa
Mike Thomas
Tumuaki

COMMUNITY NOTICES

If your child loves doing Cartwheels, Handstands & Flips, then they will thrive at Bigair Gym! TERM 2 CLASSES ARE STARTING NOW, SO DON'T MISS OUT, BOOK IN TODAY! 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 progress! Classes include **GYMNASTICS, TRAMPOLINING, TUMBLING, FREE RUNNING (thats parkour with flips) & CHEERLEADING!** Inquire about Bigair **BIRTHDAY PARTIES** too!
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www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz

GIVE RUGBY A TRY! Season starts 6 May. Make friends, have fun, build confidence, be healthy! Find out more information about Marist St Pats junior rugby - msrugby.co.nz/juniors or email mspjuniorrugby@gmail.com

Drama: Wonderplay is now taking registrations for term two of Churton Park drama classes.(3.45-4.45pm Tuesdays). Also ask about our famous Wellington Young Actors class for teens. Classes held at Churton Park Community Centre. First class is free to try. Please contact Debs debs@wonderplay.co.nz 021-172-2836, www.wonderplay.co.nz

Wellington Brickshow - Amazing LEGO creations from some of NZ's best builders, 4 and 5 June at Whirinaki Whare Taonga, Upper Hutt. Tickets available at www.well-lug.nz/tickets