



# Newsletter

## Important Dates

28 March Teacher Only Day

## 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](http://greenacres.school.nz)

[schooldocs.co.nz](http://schooldocs.co.nz)

## Wednesday 16 February 2022

**Kia ora koutou, Malo e lelei, Tālofa lava, Kia orana, Nameste, Ni hao, Shalom, As-salāmu ‘alaykum and Greetings**

Aue - that was some storm over the weekend. We were thankful that here at Greenacres we didn't sustain any major damage apart from the branches down on the large tree outside of school (which will be cleared away tomorrow). Our thoughts are with our school families who have had more significant damage and inconvenience.

### New students

We welcome Claude Campion, Sam Basten and Ruby Willcocks to Kano. We wish them and their families all the best on their learning journey with us.

### Meet the Teacher

Thank you to everyone who made it to our Meet the Teacher zoom meeting last week. I posted the slides on Hero last week. We will keep sharing more information about our plans both school wide and in the teams here on Hero.

### Covid Plans

With Omicron spreading across Aotearoa, I wanted to share with you some details about how we will handle cases of Covid-19 if / when they occur in our school community.

Firstly and most importantly, please contact me ([principal@greenacres.school.nz](mailto:principal@greenacres.school.nz)) or 232 6445 as soon as possible if you have a confirmed case in your household. After talking with you, I will immediately contact the MoE, who will liaise with Public Health to work with us on next steps. The MoE will assign one of their staff members as our 'single point of contact' (SPOC) to work with us throughout the entire process.

We will also find out about confirmed cases through Public Health. If there is a confirmed case in our community, Public Health officials will undertake a case investigation, and work closely with the confirmed case to identify any close contacts, including any connection to our school. Health officials will contact the Regional Director of Education to provide direction on contact tracing and other relevant information. The MoE will provide support with communications to our school

community, based on this Public Health advice.

Identifying the contacts of the confirmed case will be a key task. Our school has good processes in place for making the contact tracing process as easy as possible. **This is why we ask everyone to QR code** when coming onto the school site and to use the VISTAB if you are coming for a meeting.

As you know from previous communication, we have been working on plans for how we will continue to operate learning if we have multiple staff and students away sick and/or self isolating. We were conscious that we needed to keep plans broad as we will need a high degree of flexibility and simply cannot predict which scenario/scenarios will eventuate. Obviously, a key element to the operation of the school will be dependent on how many staff are available to keep programmes running on site.

**If we are hard hit with lots of staff away then it may be necessary to close the school for on-site learning.** Any decision on this front will be made by our Board in consultation with the Ministry of Education and Public Health.

**What can families do to prepare right now?**

- Keep up to date with school’s notices and communications
- Inform the school immediately if your child tests positive for Covid-19 or needs to isolate
- Be ready at short notice should your child/children need to isolate
- Keep your employer/employees informed of how your work could be impacted if Greenacres School moves to home-based learning
- Prepare basic learning tools for home e.g. stationery, paper, books
- Please notify the school office if you are considered a ‘critical’ worker and cannot make any other arrangements for child supervision if we move to Stages 2 or 3.

**❖ Please contact the office this week if you require a device for home learning (should we be required to move to a home based learning model)**

STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3	STAGE 4
School is <b>open</b> to all students with all students learning on-site.	School is <b>open</b> with a hybrid model of students learning from home and on site. Distance learning programmes are in place.	School is <b>open</b> but the <b>school site is closed</b> . Distance learning programmes are in place.	School is <b>closed</b> and no distance learning programmes are available due to staff illness.

**Car Park Safety**

Can I please remind you that the staff car park is for staff only. Additionally, thank you for your efforts to stay socially distanced while you wait for your children after school. Could I please ask that you wait on the grassed areas or on the footpath and not in the driveway/car park area.

Ngā mihi  
Mike Thomas

## **Greenacres School Keyboard lessons** 🎵

Group Keyboard lessons will be held on Tuesday mornings, during school time. The cost is \$10 per lesson, charged at the beginning of each term. In addition to this is the cost of books, usually once a year. Students will need to have a Keyboard or Piano at home for practice. Lessons are available for students in Year 2 and above.

For registration and enquiries, please contact Jean Hollier.

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