



Newsletter

Important Dates

06 February - Waitangi Day
13 February - BOT Meeting
21 February - Whānau Hui
15 March - Waikanae Pools
20 March - BOT Meeting
31 March - Life Education
06 April - last day of term

Phone: 232 6445
Cell Phone 021 02565206 (if you prefer texting absences and if the landline is not working)

Term Dates 2023

Term 1 31 Jan - 06 Apr
Term 2 24 Apr - 30 Jun
Term 3 17 Jul - 22 Sept
Term 4 09 Oct - 15 Dec

Useful Links

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

Rāapa, Tahī Huitanguru 2023

Kia ora koutou, Shalom, As-salāmu'alakum, Ayubowan, Kam na Mauri, Guten Tag, Kia ōrana, Kumusta Ka, Mālo, e Lelei, Nī Hāo, Fakaalofa Lahi Atu, Namaste, Sawatdee-krap, Croeso, Goeie dag, Tālofa Lava, Hola, Bon jour and Giddyay

Nau Mai Haere Mai

We begin 2023 with five new students. Welcome to Bronsyn Falemaka-Luka, Jiya Debipersad, Shriya Mesuria and Sophie-Joy Nafatali who all joined the Kano team. Welcome also to Micah Davidson in Puāwai. We wish them and their families all the best on their learning journey with us.

It has been wonderful welcoming everyone back into school this week. The smiles and enthusiasm of our tamariki was priceless as they came through the gates keen to catch up and share stories with friends and their Kaiako.





Meet the Teacher

The response to and feedback from 'Meet the Teacher' day on Monday was excellent. It was great focusing on whanaungatanga and building connections / relationships at this early stage of the year. Partnership between home and school is fundamental to success and these meetings were really a great start. Sharing information and answering questions helped ease some nerves from our tamariki.

The meetings were also a chance to establish communication channels for 2023. As always, if you have any concerns, questions or need some further clarification, the first response is to approach your Kaiako and they will be only too happy to help sort any issue.

IF (Inspirational Friday)

We are excited to begin with IF again next Friday. 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 any area. Some examples of recent activities include cooking, leather work, language learning, line dancing, photography and debating but we are totally open to ideas! It would involve coming into school on Fridays from 9.00-10.30am from 10 February through to 24 March. You might also have another family member who would be keen. Previously, we have had grandparents and older siblings taking groups. Feel free to call on 2326445, email me principal@greenacres.school.nz or just come and say hi in the playground or pop into the office.

A few Reminders at the Start of the Year....

Absences Messages - If your child is going to be absent from school, please advise the office before 9am if possible. The easiest way is to send a message through Hero, but you can also ring the office on 2326445 (select 1 for absences), or send a text to 021 02565206.

Stationery - If you have not yet purchased stationery for your child, it will be quicker now to order it from Tawa Books & Post, or buy it directly from the school office.

LunchonLine - Lunch orders can again be placed for Wednesday and Friday through LunchonLine, www.lunchonline.co.nz which is on your Hero landing page. If your child has moved to a different team this year please remember to amend it, so your child's order is delivered to the correct class.

SchoolDocs - a reminder that all our school policies and procedures can be viewed on SchoolDocs, There are 2 ways to access SchoolDocs:

- the easiest way is to just click on the 'policies and procedures' button on the Hero app
- visit the school's website www.greenacres.school.nz and under the 'About Us' dropdown click on Policies and Procedures.

ERO (Education Review Office)

Te Ara Huarau is the evaluation approach that the Education Review Office (ERO) is using in our school. This is a developmental approach to evaluation where ERO and Greenacres School work together over time rather than one off reviews that happened previously. Te Ara Huarau is used in most English-medium state and state-integrated schools.

ERO maintains a regular review programme to evaluate and report on the education and care of young people in the schools. Our school worked alongside ERO to write our Profile Report. This type of report will only happen once as part of our initial engagement with Te Ara Huarau. The profile report reflects our strategic goals and a shared evaluation focus in areas that are important to us as we work together to improve outcomes for all our learners. ERO, like us, has a strong focus on equity and excellence. Future reporting will show our progress and achievement towards meeting the goals we have set. Public reports like the Profile Report are published on [ERO's website](#).

A Board Assurance Report that shows how we are meeting regulatory and legislative Requirements has also been published.

We are obviously very pleased to start the year in such a positive manner, although our thoughts are also with the good people of Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland whose year has started off in a rough fashion due to the weather.

Ngā manaakitanga
Mike Thomas

If your child loves doing Cartwheels, Handstands, Jumping, Swinging, Climbing or doing Flips, then they will thrive at Bigair Gym! TERM 1 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!

Its easy to book online at www.bigairgym.co.nz or contact our Bigair Gym office. We would love to hear from you. Bigair Gym Tawa ph. 232 3508 e. office@bigairgym.co.nz

Exciting News - the Tawa skate park has been redeveloped and there is an official opening on Sunday 12 February. 11am-1.00pm free learn to ride skate clinic with Skated. All equipment provided. 1.00pm Official Opening and free sausage sizzle. All welcome!

Tawa AFC, registrations open now until 5 March for **Tawa Junior Football Club**, season commences 29 April. <https://www.tawafootball.org.nz/register>

Tawa Music Centre Enrolment morning is Saturday 18 February, 9am-10.30am at Tawa Intermediate School hall. Lessons are held on Saturday mornings during school term time between 8 am - 12.15 pm. Lessons start this year on 25 February. The Tawa Music Centre is part-funded by the Ministry of Education and offers small group lessons on a variety of instruments at a very reasonable price. All details are in the 2023 Prospectus, which will be sent home with your child next week.

Wellington Dance Budding ballerina or stage star in your house? Let us help your 5-6 year old get dancing! At our Thorndon Quay studio, we offer ballet & jazz classes after school on Mondays & Tuesdays plus Saturday morning classes. We also offer Saturday morning classes in Khandallah! Visit wellingtondance.co.nz to see why hundreds of Wellington families love our Junior dance programmes.

Volleyball Coaching in Porirua - training for all skill levels, Wednesdays after school. For more information and to register go to www.govolleywellington.org