



Newsletter

Important Dates

21-25 March - Litter Week
12-13 April Learning
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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 30 March 2022

Kia ora koutou

Tri Activate

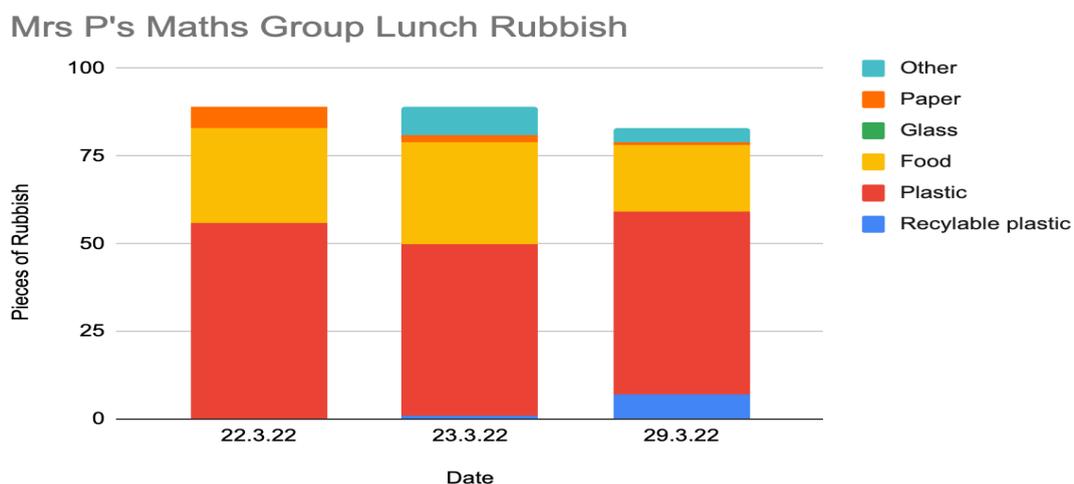
It was fantastic to join the Puāwai Tri-activate Trip into Wellington last Thursday. I was super impressed with the whole day. Of course it was great fun taking part in different activities but what stood out to me was the way the tamariki were showing the M in the RKMCs - Mindset. In particular the effort and resilience shown during rollerblading. For many, it was a new activity but despite some challenging and uncomfortable moments, the children just kept giving it their best shot. Tu meke!

Teachers Only Day

Thank you so much for your support with Teachers Only Day on Monday. The staff very much appreciated the day. With Covid, it really has been a challenging term (and indeed two years) for us all. Covid has been in our thoughts (and actions) constantly which, as you know, is tiring. It was brilliant to have a bit of space. Of course we discussed Covid and our next steps but we also had time to plan and prepare in other important areas. One of the highlights included Rayleen Seebeck and Kim Paver leading us with our Environmental Focus. As I mentioned earlier in the year, Greenacres School turned 50 this year! The tamariki will look at how our school and environment looked 50 years ago, how it looks now AND how we want it to look in 50 years time. It will be exciting to see the action taken to make this happen. It also links beautifully with our Whakapapa theme.

Litter Week

Statistics Investigation for Litter Week



- *Our maths group makes about 50 pieces of plastic rubbish a day. Over 3 days we generated 157 pieces of plastic rubbish. That is about 250 pieces of plastic a week and 1000 a month.*
- *We started with no recyclable plastic and now we have 7. We are getting better at using recyclable plastic.*
- *We could reduce the amount of plastic by using compostable or recyclable plastic. We could also reduce the number of single packages like chippies and instead buy big bags and share the chippies out into containers we can wash and reuse.*

Covid Update

As I indicated on Monday, our numbers have not changed dramatically. We now have 11 active cases and 12 children at home isolating as household contacts. We have confirmed cases in all teams but the balance has shifted. Previously the majority of cases were in Puāwai. Now we see that the majority are in Kano.

We have staff who are impacted by Covid. However, pleasingly, we have been able to find solutions and access excellent relievers. This has meant we are able to continue to be open for onsite learning for all (who are well or not isolating). We will keep you informed if things change but we are doing well.

In the news, you may have seen that the government has announced the removal of vaccination mandates for education workers to take effect from 11.59pm Monday 4 April. Additionally there will be a removal of the My Vaccine Pass from the COVID-19 Protection Framework (traffic light system) and there is no requirement to display QR code posters. This system may need to return if case numbers rise.

The government also outlined the following in relation to the RED setting of the traffic light system.

- There will be no change to masks in schools. Medical-grade masks remain a requirement for staff working indoors with children and young people in Years 4-13.
- For all New Zealanders, including school settings, masks will not be required outdoors.
- There will be no capacity limits for outdoor events and activities.
- Indoor capacity limits for extra-curricular activities increase to 200 people (with guidance provided on space).

Cabinet meets on 4 April to discuss the Traffic Light settings and further changes.

In Auckland, it appears that they have reached their 'peak'. We are unsure if this is the case here at Greenacres School so to keep everyone safe, we will continue to be watchful and cautious especially to the end of the term. We are also optimistic that we can have a reset in term 2 where things can return to normal.

Learning Conversations

We have scheduled our Learning Conversations for 12 and 13 April. We will be offering the options of a face to face or an online Learning Conversation. In regards to the face to face meetings, we do ask that masks are worn by adults (and children from year 4 upwards). We will ensure that doors / windows are open to promote good ventilation. If you choose an online conversation, we will be providing a Zoom link. More information will be coming out shortly.

Sausage Sizzle

A reminder that there will be another sausage sizzle, \$2 each, this Friday 1 April - no fooling!

Resources

We are still looking for a rebounder and / or beanbag if you have one that is no longer needed. If so, can you contact the office as these would be very useful in Kano.

Enrolment at Greenacres

As you are aware Greenacres School has an enrolment zone in place. In Terms 3 and 4 this year we have a few places available for out of zone new entrant students. We will be placing a notice in the local paper shortly, but we have found word of mouth is the most effective method of reaching the community! Therefore if you are aware of anyone with pre-schoolers who may be interested in enrolling them at Greenacres, please suggest they contact the office on 2326445, or email office@greenacres.school.nz for a pre-enrolment registration.

Ngā mihi
Mike Thomas
Tumuaki

COMMUNITY NOTICES

KELLY SPORTS APRIL 2022 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – NGATITOA DOMAIN (Yrs 5-13)

Our hugely popular Kelly Sports Holiday Programme is back for the April Holidays for children 5-13 years. Come and join the Kelly Sports coaches for the best in sports coaching and competitions!



We have created an Action Packed Programme including: *Easter Extravaganza, Goal Day, Tag Your It!, All Ball Day, Anzac Day, Twisty Triathlon Day plus trips to The Marine Centre and Ice Skating and lots more!*

Click here to view the Activity Planner

To enrol go to https://kellysports.co.nz/kelly_events/view/13942

AT BIGAIR GYM, the classes are structured and follow a badge Programme. This quality coaching & structure creates motivated and focussed learning, which allows children to focus on goals, gain feedback, reflect, and apply this to achieve through the levels! This type of training develops confidence, resilience and a positive attitude towards personal challenges and new learning. Parents keep telling us that Bigair Gym Classes are having a positive influence on their children, and they are benefiting from learning these lifelong skills outside of the gym. So, don't miss out on this for your children! **Book online for Term 2 classes from 4 April into GYMNASTICS, TUMBLING, FREE RUNNING (Parkour with flips), TRAMPOLINING & CHEERLEADING!**



Bookings are OPEN NOW online for Bigair Gyms active, fun & popular upcoming **April HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**. Half day & full day sessions: 8.30am-1pm or 1-5.30pm = \$30, & 8.30am – 5.30pm = \$45. We offer **BIRTHDAY PARTIES** at Bigair too, so please inquire today.

These school holidays KidzStuff Theatre for Children is presenting Pirates vs Ninjas (vs The Evil Vampire Wizards), Written by Russell King from the book by Spike Milligan and Directed by Amalia Calder

What: Pirates vs Ninjas (vs The Evil Vampire Wizards)

When: 18 - 29 April 2022

Where: Tararua Tramping Club, 4 Moncrieff Street, Mt Victoria, Wellington

Times: Weekdays 10am & 11:30am, Saturdays 10am, no show Sundays

Tickets \$12.50pp, Children under 2 Free

Bookings: www.kidzstufftheatre.co.nz

Spotlight Performing Arts classes led by a London West End performer. After school classes in Aotea, Johnsonville, Karori, Newtown, Lower Hutt and Upper Hutt. Two-week trials available. If your child likes to sing, dance, act and perform, and you would like your child to build more confidence and make more friends, get in touch for more information.

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 - msprugby.co.nz/juniors or email mspjuniorrugby@gmail.com