



Newsletter

Important Dates

09 Feb Meet the Teacher
15 Feb BoT Meeting
23 Feb Waikanae Pool
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
schooldocs.co.nz

Wednesday 9 February 2022

Kia ora e te whānau

Shout out to the Greenacres Kids (and their whānau)

I wanted to start off this newsletter with a shout out to all the tamariki for the brilliant start to the year. They have shown huge resilience to cope with the challenges thrown at them, especially our older children in wearing masks when inside. We have had heaps of hot days but they have stayed upbeat and enthusiastic, taken regular breaks and as a result, made a rocking good start. I also need to acknowledge our wonderful parent community who clearly have done some amazing work preparing the children. THANK YOU for your support. It makes all the difference.

Covid Contingency Plans

As you would have seen in the news, Omicron has arrived at schools in different parts of Aotearoa. Our thoughts are with the schools directly impacted and their communities. We have been working on our plans for when Omicron arrives in our community. The summary below is based on information provided by the MOE and collaboration with other schools.

Greenacres School will need to be flexible in its response to Covid. These responses will depend on the various scenarios that are playing out within the school community. The overarching consideration will be given to the safety of students and staff, and whether the school will be able to function on limited staff, in extreme cases.

- **Stage 1** is following the Ministry of Education guidelines.
- A shift to **Stage 2** will be due to high absences (students and staff). This will be made by the Leadership Team, in consultation with the board and the MOE.
- The decision to switch over to home based learning (**Stage 3**) will be made should it no longer be possible to run school-based learning programmes (due to very high absences of staff / students). This decision will be made in consultation between BOT, the Leadership Team and the MOE.
- **Stage 4** The board, in consultation with the Leadership Team and the MOE will shut the school based on very high cases of staff / student sickness.

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

New students

For the start of 2022 we welcomed Logan Higgins, William Hlawnceu and Zadie Witty to Kano. We wish them and their families all the best on their learning journey with us.

Meet the Teacher

We do hope you are able to join us for Meet the Teacher tonight at **6.30pm**. It is a great chance to become more familiar with our school wide plans; as well as hearing about how things will operate in your child's team.

Mike Thomas is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Meet the Teacher

Time: 9 Feb 2022 06:00 PM Auckland, Wellington

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92389428675?pwd=NGxwTGdlMS93TkhJK0dJRWdaTFIjQT09>

Meeting ID: 923 8942 8675

Passcode: V4W8QG

Road Patrollers

Thank you to our new Road Patrollers who are doing a great job learning their role and getting the children across the road safely. Keep up the great work team. One of our youngest students was so proud when he told me today that he crossed the road by himself (with the help of the patrollers).



Student Council

I am receiving lots of wonderful letters of application from Year 6 students keen on being part of the Student Council. The last day to submit the letter is Friday. I am certainly enjoying reading the letters but it will be a VERY hard decision with so many excellent candidates. For those who miss out, there are other leadership opportunities.

Gardens

There was much interest this morning in the gardens with the beautiful monarch butterflies in the planter box.



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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