



Newsletter

Important Dates

15-19 May - Pink Shirt Week
29 May - Mihi Whakataua (Powhiri)
30-31 May - Takapu Valley planting
05 June - King's Birthday
09 June - School Disco
12 June - BOT Meeting
19-30 June - Dance Curriculum
27-27 June - Learning Conversations TBC

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Term Dates 2023

Term 1 31 Jan - 06 Apr
Term 2 26 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, tekau ma whitu o Haratua 2023

Kia ora koutou

Nau mai, Haere mai

Welcome to Harper Otang who joined the Kano team last week and to Scarlet McCurdy who joined the Māhuri team on Monday. We wish them and their whānau all the best on their learning journey with us.

Pataka Trips

We have been loving our trips to Pataka. They are totally relevant to our learning in so many ways. It was amazing to have a host from Ngāti Toa, as well as the Pataka educators. We listened to the important local stories; as well as exploring the fascinating exhibits. The tamariki were enthralled, learnt heaps and made connections to what they already knew. Check out Jack's representation of the Kou Kou. We learnt how these birds often signalled good and bad news; as well as acted as kaitiaki or a guardian.



Pink Shirt Week / Te Wiki Hāte Māwhero

Well done to the Student Council. Our Pink Shirt Week is going well.

Don't forget that tomorrow (Rāpare) is GUMBOOT day. The tamariki are welcome to wear their gumboots and bring a gold coin donation for "I AM HOPE" and raise money for young people to access support for their mental health. If you would rather donate online, feel free to credit the school bank account 123254-0004195-00, and include 'pink week' as the reference.

Rāmere / Friday is PINK SHIRT DAY. Tamariki are encouraged to wear pink. We will be having fun while reinforcing the message that Greenacres School is a Bully Free Zone and that we "Speak Up, Stand Together Stop Bullying - Korero Mai, Korero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora.



Pink Shirt Week/Te Wiki Hāte Māwhero

Monday 15 - Friday 19 May is Pink Shirt Week! There will be heaps of fun activities all week as we learn that Greenacres is a BULLY FREE school.

Pink Shirt Week Schedule:

Monday/Rāhina: The student councillors will be handing out stickers at the front gate.

Tuesday/Rātu: We will be creating pink bunting.

Wednesday/Rāapa: Your teachers will have some fun activities for you to do in class.

Thursday/Rāpare: We will be doing Gumboot Day. There will be fun activities at lunchtime. Wear your GUMBOOTS, and bring a gold coin donation for I AM HOPE.

Friday/Rāmere: We will be having a pink parade and dancing. Make sure to wear pink!



Illness and COVID

As you would have seen in our post earlier in the week, our numbers with illnesses are rising again. Some have tummy bugs and colds but we also have a number of families who are reporting positive tests for COVID. Cases are across the school however Puāwai and more recently Kano is getting the worst of it.

Here at school, we will continue to use hand sanitiser, re-enforce sneezing / coughing etiquette and keep rooms well ventilated. Most importantly, can you please keep your tamariki at home if they are showing symptoms.

If anyone needs some RAT tests please get in touch with the office on 2326445 or email office@greenacres.school.nz

For the most up to date information, please click on the MOH website [Unite Against COVID](#)

Children need to isolate for 7 days. Of course, the most important thing is to get better but you are able to contact your Kaiako and they will direct you to some "learning from home" when your child is ready.

Netball - 13 May

Greenferns 1 Player of the Day - Frankie Murray

Greenferns 2 Player of the Day - Frankie Gillespie

Caretaker Wanted

We are super proud of our school environment and due to a change in circumstances, are looking for a caretaker to help us keep the place looking great. It would involve around six hours of work a week and include regular maintenance tasks; as well as working through odd jobs. You would be pretty handy at fixing things, take pride in your mahi, enjoy school environments and be committed

to our understanding that we are all kaitiaki of our environment. I know another school who is also looking for a caretaker, so if you are keen, there could be more hours at this school. If this sounds like you or someone you know, please feel free to get in touch on 232 6445 or email me principal@greenacres.school.nz

Ngā manaakitanga
Mike Thomas

Fundraising Committee

Exciting news! The committee is organising a disco for Friday 9 June. See poster below for details. Here's a link to the google form: [Disco form](#)



The poster features a black background with white snowflakes and a large silver disco ball hanging from the top. The title 'Winter Wonderland Disco' is written in a white, cursive font. Below the title, the event details are listed in white text. A QR code is provided for ticket booking. At the bottom, there are white silhouettes of children dancing. The Greenacres Fundraising Committee logo is in the bottom right corner.

Winter Wonderland Disco

Date:
Friday 9 June

Time:
Kano Disco 5:00-6:00
Pizza for all years 6:00-6:30
Mahuri & Puawai Disco 6:30-7:30

Venue:
Greenacres School Hall

Cost:
\$5 per ticket (order online)
\$1 pizza, drinks, lollies & glowsticks

Scan the QR code to get tickets



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Kia ora tatou, WREMO would like to extend the following invitation

Household emergency preparedness for whanau:

The Community Resilience team at the Wellington Region Emergency Management Office (WREMO) supports communities with emergency preparedness planning. They are offering a one-hour session to parents and whanau; looking at personal preparedness, hazard awareness, and key messaging. Having a plan helps make actual emergency situations less stressful for you and your whanau.

The session will be held Tuesday 23 May at 6:30pm in the Tawa Intermediate School library.

BIGAIR If your child loves doing Cartwheels, Handstands, Jumping, Swinging, Climbing or doing Flips, then they will thrive at Bigair Gym! Bigair Gym classes are excellent for fun, focus and fitness! Inquire about Bigair BIRTHDAY PARTIES too!

It's 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



We're looking for new Little Buddies now. We have several trusted Big Buddies available in the community now and we are keen to match them to boys who could benefit from a positive male role model.

We are able to support boys who:

- Are 7-14 years old
- Have little or no contact with their natural father, or other significant males
- Have no significant mental/emotional/physical health issues

If any female caregivers who are interested in this support for their boy please contact Big Buddy on their website bigbuddy.org.nz

