



# Newsletter

## Important Dates

28 March Teacher Only Day  
1-11 March - Movin March  
12-13 April Learning  
Conversations

## 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 2 March 2022

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

### New BOT member

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that Michael Gray has been co-opted to fill a vacancy on our BOT. Michael is the father of Daniel in Kano. It is fantastic to have parents committed to supporting our school. Thank you Michael and welcome 'a..board!'

### Movin' March

It was lovely to see the tamariki excitedly getting their passport stamps for walking, biking or scootering to school. Keep it up team! Additionally, there were clearly fewer cars parking outside of the school this morning. Another real positive!



### In Time Reporting

As a heads up, next week you will receive an In-time Learning Post in relation to either reading or writing (according to team). A feature of our approach and reporting online is that it provides an excellent opportunity for home and school to communicate and work in partnership to support our learners. The kaiako of course will be annotating the post outlining progress and next steps. Where appropriate, the tamariki will also be making self-reflections and comments. Please take the chance to comment on your son / daughter's post. It really reinforces that we are all working together to support our young people and their learning.

Here are some possible ideas for how you could start your response:

I really enjoyed reading about....

I am proud of how you.....  
I can see you have been trying to....  
I can see you have you have improved by...  
Something we can work on at home is....

### **Covid Update**

As you know, we have received our first confirmed case of Covid here at Greenacres. It really was just a matter of time before this happened. In the information provided yesterday, upon advice from the Ministry, we did not include details about which team the student was in. The rationale for this was as follows: Firstly, as we are a small school maintaining the privacy of the whānau was paramount. Secondly, we have been advised that it will now only be a matter of time until we have more people testing positive for Covid right across the school. Thirdly, we need everyone (not just specific teams) being highly watchful for any symptoms of Covid and acting immediately.

School is the best place for your children. Unless they are symptomatic or are isolating as a household contact, or there is a specific reason, they should be at school. Please talk to us if you have any concerns.

We continue to monitor the situation and are prepared to move into Stage 2 of our covid plan, activating a hybrid learning model (learning at school or at home). We will communicate with you when this is to occur.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for being so supportive. In particular for keeping your children at home when they have a cold or showing symptoms AND communicating so clearly with us. It has been great to see you using Hero to do this too. An explanation as to why your child is away is always helpful.

The next few weeks / months could well be challenging however I know that together we will get through this and clear communication will be a massive part in this.

Nga mihi  
Mike Thomas  
Tumuaki