



Newsletter

Important Dates

29 November - School Swimming (last day)
1 December - Ki-o-rahi Festival
2 December - Kapa Haka Festival
9 December - End of Year Celebration (pp 12 December)
12 December - Year 6 Leavers Dinner
13 December - School Christmas Fun Day
14 December - Final day of school (12.30 finish)
30 January - Meet the Teacher and school picnic TBC

Phone: 232 6445

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

Term Dates 2022

Term 4 17 Oct - 14 Dec

Term Dates 2023

Term 1 31 Jan - 6 Apr

Term 2 24 Apr - 06 Jul

Term 3 17 Jul - 08 Oct

Term 4 09 Oct - 15 Dec

Useful Links

greenacres.school.nz

schooldocs.co.nz

www.lunchonline.co.nz

Rāapa te toru tekau o Whiranga-ā-rangi 2022

Bon jour

Today's greeting is French and means 'Good Day'. I have really enjoyed starting these newsletters with different greetings. While we are running out of weeks in 2022, feel free to reach out if you have a greeting from your own language or someone from our school for 2023. Diversity is one of the things that makes our school so great and learning different greetings is a simple way of celebrating the different cultures and languages.



Citizen of the Year

Last Thursday was a very special night for Amelia Broadley and her whānau. Amelia was nominated as our Greenacres Citizen of the Year as part of the Tawa Primary Schools Citizenship Awards. Amelia was presented her award by the Deputy Mayor, with other local body politicians and dignitaries present. Below is the citation that her very proud kaiako read to the audience.

Amelia embodies our school values of Respect, Kindness, Mindset and Choices while contributing to our school and community, often taking on leadership roles. Amelia has shown a commitment to not only our school but the wider community through actively participating in the Student Council and the Kahui Ako Kete group. She has been a road patroller, peer mediator, and librarian. She has been involved in Kapahaka, and is also a buddy to our junior students, clearly demonstrating kindness and respect. Amelia has a positive mindset and makes good choices which enable her to succeed both academically but also in sports and cultural activities. Amelia has

represented our school in a number of Tawa zone sporting events, showing courage, honesty and determination even when in difficult situations. Amelia is positive, energetic, and motivated.



She has an infectious grin, a quick sense of humour, and a deep sense of genuine caring for others and wanting to do her personal best. It has been a privilege to work with Amelia and we know she will continue to grow, shine and make a difference.

Ka mahi te tawa uho ki te riri.

Well done, you whose courage is like the heart of the tawa tree.



Road Patrol Thank You

Today our Road Patrollers enjoyed some well earned recognition and treats for amazing service to the school community. It is not an easy job however, every day they head out on patrol determined to make sure that the tamariki get into school safely. They need to deal with challenging weather conditions; as well as some less than ideal driver behaviour at times. Nga mihi to this wonderful group of leaders!

Interzone Athletics

Well done to the students who qualified for Interzone Athletics and travelled to Wellington on Tuesday, when fortunately the weather co-operated. The tamariki gave it their all and we're extremely proud of them. Thank you to parents who provided transport and helped out.



Meet the Teacher 2023

As indicated previously, we are planning on starting 2023 off with a "Meet the Teacher" hui. In past years this has involved kaiako talking to groups of parents. However, next year we wanted a more individualised approach where whānau can come in (with their child) and talk directly with their new teacher. It is a great opportunity for you to share with us important information about your child's strengths and interests. It is also a chance to build connections and whānaungatanga and help set up for a successful year of working together in partnership with heaps of progress. We will share with you some key information about how things work at school and the best ways to communicate.

We will be in touch nearer the time on how to make an appointment.

Stationery for 2023

The stationery requirements for 2023 have been finalised and submitted to OfficeMax for loading. From tomorrow you can order online at myschool.co.nz Don't forget that in an attempt to prevent the big January rush, OfficeMax is offering incentives for parents to order in December - 5 x \$1000 cash prizes.



Unfortunately, in the weekend I broke my ankle playing tennis. I wish I could say it was in a brilliant athletic dive but it wasn't very spectacular at all. Luckily it wasn't too serious and it should mend well but it is certainly an inconvenience to say the least! It also means I won't be able to be out and about as much as I would like. So if you don't see me on road patrol or hanging around after school chatting as much as usual, you know why! The tamariki have all been very kind and sympathetic.

Ngā manaakitanga
Mike Thomas
Tumuaki

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Tawa Lions Christmas Parade 2pm 3 December - parents, please note that the organisers will provide costumes for the children on the floats, contact Judy Air directly if you want your child to be in the parade - phone number is 021 188 7217 and email is judyair17@gmail.com

Christmas in Tawa - check out the Christmas window displays, stop for a spot of lunch, do some shopping and then vote for your favourite display before heading home.

Kia ora, talofa, warm greetings to you all. **The Brainwave Trust Aotearoa** is offering fully funded workshops to **Pacific and Maori whanau** in Porirua, Hutt Valley and Wellington.

Workshop 1 is 'The importance of the early Years'

Workshop 2 is 'The mystery of the adolescent brain'

Tualoaina Latu To'omaga is a Brainwave Educator offering his services in our area free of charge to build on what families already know about a child's developmental stages and share research and evidence on how to grow great brains. Tualoaina Latu Toomaga is dynamic, interactive, funny, and relatable. He always leaves the audience wanting more information. These 1-to-2-hour long workshops are aimed at parents, grandparents and other caregivers of our precious tamariki and rangatahi.

<https://brainwave.org.nz/content/uploads/2021/09/Helping-Tamariki-Get-The-Best-Start-In-Life-digital.pdf>

If you are interested, get in touch to book your workshops. The diary is filling up for 2023.

Please contact me asap to secure your spots. It's important to do both workshops, not just one as they build on one another. If you have any further queries, please contact

Olivia Wilkinson, PositiveImpactPorirua@gmail.com, 0275672587

Affordable counselling available for parents - Parent Help counsellors have helped hundreds of families to restore peace and balance in their lives. Request a counselling session by registering online here: www.parenthelp.org.nz/counselling. Do you need parenting strategies you can implement right away? Speak to our warm and supportive parenting experts. Call now for free on 0800 568 856. Available from 9am – 9pm 7 days a week.

GREAT NEWS! Bigair Gym is holding its Annual Cheerleading Trials for next year's 2023 teams! NZ Cheerleading is a mix of dance, gymnastics & tumbling. Don't miss out on this opportunity to find out more by signing up today via emailing office@bigairgym.co.nz! Cheerleading is a rewarding individual & team sport that young people love and adore, and continue right through and into their teens, having a positive impact on their health and development. Your cheerleader will also create friendships that last a lifetime!



Wellington City Libraries' poetry journal for children and teens has returned for 2022!

All throughout the month of November, we will be accepting submissions of poetry in **English or Te Reo Māori** from young writers aged **5 – 18** in Wellington. In previous years, we have published more than 200 young poets in Tūhono — so this year we'll again be splitting it into two books, one for kids and one for teens. As long as submission rules are followed, all pieces we receive from individuals, and groups or classes, will be published!

Our theme for Tūhono 2022 is "**Whakangā | Breath.**" Whakangā refers to the taking in of breath, or to the process of breathing. It also calls to mind the idea of inhaling from the world; taking a breath to create calm; taking time to stop, slow down, relax, be.

This is the link to our poetry submission form:

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7081226/Poetry-Submission-2022>

You can find out more over on our Tūhono blogs:

- <https://www.wcl.govt.nz/blogs/kids/index.php/2022/10/05/tuhono-2022-we-want-your-poems/>
- <https://www.wcl.govt.nz/blogs/teens/index.php/2022/10/05/tuhono-2022-we-want-your-poems/>

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

BIGAIR GYMS Drop & Shop December School Holiday Programme is running Mon 19th – Wed 21st December 2022! Full day and half day sessions are available. This is a wonderful opportunity for kids to keep active and to learn something new during the holidays! **BIGAIR GYMS January Holiday Programme will run Mon 9th – 27th Jan 2023.** Bookings will be open on Monday 28th Nov! Book through our online website: www.bigairgym.co.nz



Wellington City Libraries - from 1 December 2022 through to 31 January 2023, we're inviting the tamariki, rangatahi and pākeke of Wellington on a Summer Reading Adventure — an adventure that will take them around the city, into their own backyards, down to their local library, into the pages of more than a few books, and back home again in time for tea.

Along the way, our intrepid young adventurers will be earning all kinds of awesome prizes for their efforts, from collectible badges to ice-cream vouchers, free books, movie tickets, family passes to Zealandia, Wellington Zoo, and the Space Place, and much more.

Children, teens and adults can visit our Summer Reading site at wcl.beanstack.org to find out more and pre-register for the Adventure, or they can download the free Beanstack Tracker app from Google Play or the iTunes Store to participate on the go.

Christmas Funday: 19 December 2022: 10am - 2pm -Tawa Anglicans annual Funday - Christmas crafts, lego, games, stories - for primary school aged children. \$15

Contact hayley.balmer@xtra.co.nz to book.

A Long List of Wellington City Council Events Coming Up!

A Very Welly Christmas, Sat 26 Nov – Sun 27 Nov, from midday, Lambton Quay

Our whānau-friendly entertainment and activities include bands, an ice rink, snowball igloo, face painting, street performances, and a foam pit. Meet your local sports heroes, and of course, Santa, who will arrive at 12 noon each day in a small walking parade from Balance Street to the Old Bank Arcade. Lambton Quay will be pedestrian-access only for the weekend. averywellychristmas.co.nz

Carols in the Park 5pm-7pm, Sat 26 Nov Midland Park

Bring your best singing voice to Carols in Midland Park. Grab a blanket and some kai, and get ready to falalalala. wellington.govt.nz/events

New Year's Eve 8pm-12pm, 31 Dec Whairepo Lagoon

Join us for a fun evening of toe-tapping music. Cover band Zephyr will entertain from 8pm, followed by a special Kids Countdown at 9.30pm. Orchestra Wellington will fill the air with tunes of a 'Royal' theme with its free concert from 10pm, followed by the New Year's countdown, and a blast of fireworks to bring in 2023. wellington.govt.nz/events

Gardens Magic Concert Series, Light Display, Kids Garden trail, 10-29 Jan, Botanic Gardens Ki Paekākā

The iconic Concert Series is back (Tues-Sun evenings), along with a Light Display, and a Kids Garden Trail. Listen to some of Wellington's finest live music under a blanket of stars. As the sun sets see the gardens transform with a magical light display by MJF Lighting, and during the day join our Space Explorer in her journey of discovery of the Botanic Garden's remarkable plants and animals. wellington.govt.nz/events

Whānau Film Night, 6pm, Sun 5 Feb, Waitangi Park

Bring a picnic and join us for a programme of short films followed by the feature film 'Whina'.

Te Rā o Waitangi, 12 noon – 6pm, Mon 6 Feb, Waitangi Park

Enjoy a line-up of award-winning Māori performers, food, and culture. Food trucks will be on-site, and be in quick for the hangi! wellington.govt.nz/events

Wellington Pasifika Festival

12 noon – 6pm, Sat 11 Feb, Waitangi Park

Experience the sights, sounds, and flavours of the Pacific at the Wellington Pasifika Festival on Saturday 11 February, Waitangi Park, 12 noon – 6pm. wellington.govt.nz/events