



# Newsletter

## Important Dates

17 June	Sausage sizzle
23 June	Matariki at Greenacres School
24 June	Matariki Holiday
08 July	End of Term 2
25 July	Term 3 starts

## 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)

## Rāapa te tekaumārīma a Pipiri 2022

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

Aue - Tāwhirimātea (the God of weather) was certainly making himself known over the last few days! That was some storm. The ua / rain has abated but we did sustain some electrical damage which we are working through. Our internet connection has been patchy but the phones and internet are 'mostly' working and we thank you for your patience.

I also need to give a massive shout out to our neighbors. We feel incredibly grateful having people around that really care and keep an eye on the place. Our aging alarm system can be a bit temperamental and our apologies for any inconvenience that this can cause. On the positive side, the MOE are supporting us to upgrade our systems.

## Māhuri Assembly

Our first Team assembly for the year was held on Friday and was tu meke. We had fabulous whānau support and the tamariki were super proud to share their learning and what's been going on in Māhuri.



### **Paid Union Meetings**

For your information, the NZEI has called for Paid Union Meetings (PUMs) for teacher members. These are taking place online across the country this week. At the meetings, the teachers will discuss the proposed Time 4 Tamariki: Wāwāhi Tahā campaign. At this stage the main thrusts of the campaign are to increase staffing and teacher student ratios, non contact time, learning support, support for Maori and Pacifica teachers, and a pay increase to address rising cost of living.

Our staff will attend their hour-long sessions on Friday 17 June. To accommodate the meetings, we will have an alternative programme. We have done this to avoid asking parents to organise an early pick up of their children. As you know, our teachers do an amazing job and your support as they negotiate their next Collective Agreement is much appreciated.

### **Covid**

Today we have 3 children away with Covid and none isolating as household contacts.

### **Matariki Celebrations and Powhiri**

School celebrations will take place on 23 June. We will begin the day with a powhiri for our new tamariki and their whānau. An invite for our new whānau is coming out shortly. This will start shortly after 9am and be followed by kai in the hall and a chance to have a kōrero about our Cultural Competency work. The tamariki will be completing Matariki activities in the classrooms for the morning. Everyone is very welcome to join us for the whole morning, or come when you can. Additionally, if you had a Matariki activity you would like to share, we would love to hear from you. We are really excited and can't wait to connect with whānau and celebrate together.

### **Cultural Competency - Rongohia Te Hau Whānau Survey**

If you haven't already, I encourage you to complete our Rongohia te Hau Whānau Survey please. As a school, it is vital that we understand your perceptions of your children's experiences at school. This information will inform our plans for improving teaching and learning for your child and everyone at Greenacres School. The survey should only take about 10 minutes to complete. If you have any queries or concerns about the survey please get in touch with me.

[Greenacres School Whānau Survey 2022](#)

### **Winter Sports**

#### **Players of Day 11 June**

Netball Anvi Narayan

Hockey Yr 3/4 Lightning Due to the weather no hockey was played last Saturday

Hockey Yr 5/6 Storm

### **Sausage Sizzle**

The sausage sizzle will return this Friday, \$2 per sausage.

Fai atu fa'atalofa

**Mike Thomas**

**Principal**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

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## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Fun creative drama workshop with Rachel Coward, ages 7+, Wednesday 20 July, 10am-2pm.  
For more information contact [rachel@funcreative.co](mailto:rachel@funcreative.co) or 027 3221101