



# Newsletter

## Important Dates

14 November - School Swimming (first day)  
17 November - PUM, 12.30pm student pick-up  
29 November - School Swimming (last day)  
1 December - Ki-o-rahi Festival  
2 December - Kapa Haka Festival  
13 December - School Christmas Fun Day  
14 December - Final day of school (12.30 finish)

**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](http://greenacres.school.nz)

[schooldocs.co.nz](http://schooldocs.co.nz)

[www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)

## Rāapa Rua Whiranga-ā-rangi 2022

### Sawatdee-krap

Today's greeting is from Thailand. When being introduced or greeting someone, men say Sawatdee-krap and women say Sawatdee-kah. It really is wonderful having such diversity in our school!

### Spring Into Tawa

Let's start out with a 'shout out' to our wonderful Events Committee for their contribution to Spring into Tawa. It was amazing to see our school represented and the stall contributed to a fabulous day despite the weather. Additionally, the stall raised over \$1000. This represents one of our most successful years ever. The Lucky Dip donations went down a treat and we were fortunate to get some awesome raffle prizes.



We would also like to express our appreciation for the community support, especially with the donations and to the parents who helped on the stall on the day. A special mention to Karen O'Rourke from Capital Sliders, Michael Gray from Nada Bakery and Ben Herries for their amazing donations which helped us to raise so much money. Thank you!

With the funds raised, we will be purchasing ataahua (beautiful) Atua panels that will be an incredible addition to our school.

### Athletics Day

Well done to the Greenacres tamariki who represented us so well at Tawa Zone Athletics at Newtown Park on Tuesday. As always, we rocked the RKMCS, giving it our best efforts and being great sports. Thanks to staff and whānau who supported the tamariki to make this happen! We will report back on results.



### Shake Out

We participated in Shake Out last Thursday. Shake Out is our national earthquake drill and tsunami hīkoi. Being on the hill in Tawa, we don't need to prepare for a tsunami, however it was great to practise our earthquake and evacuation procedures. Our tamariki dealt with it efficiently and sensibly by using the DROP, COVER and HOLD technique and then moved out to the courtyard where everyone was accounted for. I encourage whānau to discuss their home plans for an earthquake or civil emergency.

### Paid Union Meeting PUM

The NZEI, our Teachers' Union, is hosting a paid union meeting for teachers on 17 November. Earlier this year, we were able to keep school operating during a PUM however this time round due to timetabling issues, school will finish at the earlier time of 12.30pm on this day. Kelly Club will be open for bookings. If needed, please contact them directly.

The purpose of these meetings is for teachers to discuss the priorities for the renegotiation of their collective agreement. The issues being discussed relate to teachers pay and work conditions and the impact they are having on a decline in teacher recruitment and retention across the Motu. These meetings are an important component of the negotiation process and it is the legal right of all members to attend a meeting and have their say. We really do appreciate your support in this matter and do apologise for any inconvenience.

If you cannot pick your child/ren up earlier we will have staff remaining on site who can provide limited supervision. Please contact the school office if you can not arrange childcare and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

### Swimming

As a heads up, a notice will be coming out shortly in regards to our school swimming programme starting 14 November.

#### **Communication in Term 4**

As I have mentioned, term four will be a fun AND busy one. Keeping our communication up will be important to making sure everything keeps running smoothly and we iron out any issues as quickly as possible. We have been encouraging our tamariki to speak up if there is something not going well, especially around social issues. It would be awesome if you reinforced this message at home. If your young one is finding this hard, please feel free to make contact with your child's kaiako in the first instance, so we can work together to resolve any issues.

Ngā manaakitanga

Mike Thomas

**Tumuaki**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

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**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](http://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.

If your child loves doing Cartwheels, Handstands & Flips, then they will thrive at Bigair Gym! The structured classes follow a Bigair Badge Programme, which creates focused learning, and allows children to achieve and feel personal progression!

Bigair classes include GYMNASTICS, TRAMPOLINING, TUMBLING, FREE RUNNING (that's parkour with flips) & CHEERLEADING! Inquire about Bigair BIRTHDAY PARTIES too!

GET IN QUICK FOR TERM 4 GYM CLASSES. Booking in is easy online at [www.bigairgym.co.nz](http://www.bigairgym.co.nz) or contact your local Bigair Gym office today.



**Summer Athletics** - 3-14 year olds, club night, coaching, training, interclub, Grenada North Park. Competitive or fun - give it a go. For more information go to [www.olympicjuniors.nz](http://www.olympicjuniors.nz)

**Yeah! Girls is a fun and inclusive cricket programme** for girls aged 9-14 years old, which commences today, Wednesday 2 November at Linden Park at 4-5pm, and will run for 6 weeks. Sessions include activities and modified cricket games to encourage physical fitness, skill-development, and friendly competition. All equipment is provided, no experience is necessary and sessions are free. Yeah! Girls has been running for four years and over 350 girls played last season alone! Visit the [Yeah! Girls](http://Yeah!Girls.com) website for more information.