



Newsletter

Important Dates

25-28 March - Puāwai Camp

29 March - 2 April Easter Break (back to school on Wed 3rd)

10-11 April - Learning Conversations

12 April - Last day of term

Phone: 232 6445

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

Term Dates 2024

Term 1 31 Jan - 12 Apr

Term 2 29 Apr - 5 July

Term 3 22 Jul - 27 Sept

Term 4 14 Oct - 18 Dec

Useful Links

greenacres.school.nz

schooldocs.co.nz

www.lunchonline.co.nz

Rāapa, te tekau ma toru o Poutū-te-rangi 2024 Wednesday 13 March 2024

As-salaam 'alykum – May peace be upon you.

This Arabic greeting is especially pertinent as we head into Ramadan which is the holiest month for Muslims. It involves fasting from dawn to sunset. To our Muslim whānau, we wish you all the best for the month.

Maths

Thanks again for your support last Friday on Teacher Only Day. It was very helpful as we explored the profile of an awesome mathematician and how our programmes can support this. Following on from last week, here is the second instalment from Professor Jo Boaler on how you can help at home.

Always be encouraging and never tell kids they are wrong when they are working on maths problems. Instead, find the logic in their thinking – there is always some logic to what they say. For example, if your child multiplies 3 by 4 and gets 7, say – Oh I see what you are thinking, you are using what you know about addition to add 3 and 4, when we multiply we have 4 groups of 3...

Here are some online [apps and games from youcubed](#). NZmaths is another great website that has a [family/whānau section](#).

Te Reo Māori

Check out this tu meke te reo Māori interactive keyboard. Kaimahi / Staff were introduced to it at Teacher Only Day to help us with our pronunciation of key kupu and names at our Kura.



Vision and Hearing

The Hearing and Vision Technician will be visiting us tomorrow. She will be rescreening some children and checking some new students who have not previously had a B4 school check.

Fundraising Committee Easter Buns

Order some delicious hot cross buns from Nada Bakery to enjoy over Easter. You have the choice of traditional fruit or chocolate buns. Each pack of 6 buns costs \$15 and \$5 from every pack sold will go towards the upgrade of our school hall. Make the most of this fundraising opportunity and tempt your family, friends and neighbours to order too. Orders close on 18 March and your hot cross buns will be delivered on Friday 22 March. For more information and to order, click on this link - <https://forms.gle/3hekssjtwiSSbyDe7>. Thanks to Nada Bakery for this opportunity to raise funds for our school hall and to have a yummy Easter!



Friday Sausage Sizzles

The Fundraising Committee sausage sizzle is on each Friday. Chicken sausages have been added to the options for those who need them for dietary reasons. Arohamai / apologies but please be aware that these sausages have a beef casing. It isn't easy to find a pure chicken sausage at a reasonable price so ones were our best option.

Sausages can be ordered with this link <https://orders.lunchonline.co.nz/home/AccountLogin> and cost \$2 each. You can also click the 'Food' tile on the Hero App to order at any time during the week. Orders need to be received by 9am on Friday morning. Please do not send money with your child.



Property

It has been a busy time with property over the last six months. We have been working through the Weather Tightness programme of the Ministry of Education and are hopeful to begin work on the library block and old Puāwai classroom within six weeks or so. Stage one will be replacing the cladding and windows as a result of water getting in. We are also working hard to have the roof and decks replaced. Starting around Easter, to keep everyone safe we are fencing the lower sections of the school. This includes the bottom field and driveway. There will be gates at key areas to ensure we still maintain good accessways. If you are a neighbour and had any questions, please come and ask. Reid from Reid's Trees will also be back during the break to remove more trees.

All of these works take an amazing amount of planning and time but it is awesome to be making such good progress.

Ngā manaakitanga - Take care
Mike Thomas

Fundraising Committee

Click this link <https://forms.gle/5866nVkgLvonCjbS7> for more information about our Greenacres School apparel items and to place an order. Alternatively, click the "Uniform Shop" option in the Hero App. You can place an order at any time. Orders will be sent to our supplier at the end of every term and items will be delivered to school during the first week of the following term. All purchases raise funds for our school.

GREENACRES SCHOOL APPAREL

QUALITY ITEMS | ALL PROFITS GO TO GREENACRES SCHOOL



HOODIES \$50/\$56



HOUSE TEES \$22



BEANIES \$20



SUNHATS \$22

Click the link in the description for more details and to order

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Kelly Club Greenacres - Your Kids' Home Away from Home!

Our programmes are packed with exciting activities designed to nurture, educate and inspire your kids. We offer before and after school care in safe and supportive surroundings with programmes that are tailored to your kids' ages and skill levels. Our dedicated and passionate staff are fully trained in all aspects of looking after your children. Check out our wide range of activities, easy online booking system, flexible payment options and childcare subsidy information.

For more information, visit: www.kellyclub.co.nz/greenacres



BigAir Gym - jump online and book now at www.bigairgym.co.nz. Book online or contact our Bigair Gym office. We would love to hear from you. Bigair Gym Tawa ph. 232 3508
Email office@bigairgym.co.nz

Tawa Junior Rugby Club 2024 Season Registration

Interested in playing Rugby in 2024? Both Tackle and Rippa Grades available for all ages. For more information or to register visit www.tawajuniorrugby.co.nz or jump onto the 'Tawa Junior Rugby Football Club' Facebook page and send us a message, we would love to hear from you.



Tawa Linden Wrestling Club for girls and boys from 6-16 years.

Develops strength, stamina and fitness, compliments rugby, rugby league, MMA. Olympic and Commonwealth Games coaches. Junior Training Mondays 5.30-7.00pm. Come to the gym, corner Fee & Finlay St, Tawa, and give it a go! Contact tawawrestling@gmail.com for more info

Mini Marching Movement - Marching Wellington Association is reintroducing marching to communities and are trialling a give-it-a-go where children can try out marching and learn a routine to perform at the end of the term for family and friends. This will be on Thursday from 4.30 -6.30pm, location to be advised. If your primary school aged child may be interested, please contact Ema on 027 362 5683 or wellington@marching.co.nz for more information.

Samuel Marsden Collegiate School – Girls entering Year 7 in 2025

Marsden warmly invites families of girls entering Year 7 in 2025 to their first Open Morning for 2024 on **Friday 22 March**, 8.45am-12pm. Please register at www.marsden.school.nz/register
Scholarships for entry in 2025 are now open. For more information and to apply, visit www.marsden.school.nz/enrolments/scholarships

Schools BMX Nationals - In October 2024 Capital BMX Club will be hosting BMX NZ's inaugural Schools BMX Nationals. This event is focused on growing the participation of new riders. Now is the time to start preparing your riders, and Capital BMX's coaches are ready to help!

For more details follow this link [School Events Detail & Flyer](#). If your child is interested in sport on bikes, please take a minute to complete an **Expression of Interest** [here](#).

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

AKOTECH CodeCamps April School Holidays - EARLY DISCOUNTS

Our holiday camp allows children from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Create and train your own AI Avatars, make games, code robots & go to work for a simulated Tech Gaming Studio to build games for a big pretend client.

Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Create your own games, worlds and apps to make our world a better place.

We also have [Literati Lab](#) just for girls

Venues: Queen Margaret College, Thorndon, Dates: 15th - 18th & 22nd - 26th April

Book Now at www.akotech.nz

EarlyBird Save Up to 21% Until 22nd March Siblings Save 6%