



# Newsletter

## Important Dates

10 June	NO 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 8 Pipiri 2022

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

### Health and Covid

While we have seen a decrease in the number of children who have tested positive for Covid here at Greenacres, it is definitely still in our community and in our thoughts and actions as we remain vigilant. Today we have 2 children away with Covid and 5 isolating as household contacts.

The weather is definitely turning colder and wetter as we get into the winter season. Please see attached some information we have received from Regional Public Health about winter illness that seems to be hitting many of us.

### New Fencing

Our fencing project has now been completed with the installation of new lighter gates on the perimeter fencing. Additionally, we have had some internal fencing added around the Kano courtyard. This provides an excellent, safe outdoor learning area for our youngest children. During break times, the two gates will be pinned back. We are excited about the possibilities that this provides for us.

### Pink Shirt Display

Check out the awesome Pink Shirt display that is now in the corridor of the office. It is made from contributions from all the tamariki. They are showing their support for the movement where we all Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying / Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū Maura Ora not just during Pink Shirt Week but everyday.



### Mountains to Sea

Yesterday, Puāwai had their first field trip as part of their Mountain to Sea programme. After some classroom sessions, they visited Willowbank Reserve where they conducted a number of experiments checking on the health of the stream. It was brilliant to be out and about and take part in such authentic learning in our own rich local environment. The tamariki were totally engaged and loved gathering the data. They were clearly embracing their role as kaitiaki of our environment.



### Matariki Celebrations

School celebrations will take place on 23 June. We will begin the day with a powhiri for our new whānau. 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.

### Keeping Ourselves Safe

We had a message from Tawa Intermediate in which they informed us that yesterday afternoon at approximately 4.25pm, one of their students was approached by a white sedan and told to get in the car. The student handled the situation very well and is safe. The incident was reported

to the Police. As a result, in the coming days there will be an increased Police and Tawa Community Patrol presence in the neighbourhood.

Our staff will be revisiting key 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' messaging with students in class. Please feel free to talk with children about never getting in a car without your permission. If there are any other concerns, please report these immediately to the Police.

### **Sausage Sizzle**

Due to illness and other commitments there will be **no sausage sizzle on Friday!**

Fai atu fa'atalofa

**Mike Thomas**

**Principal**

# WINTER ILLNESS

**Colds, flu and other respiratory illness are common in schools during winter. Here are some simple tips to prevent the spread of illness:**



- Anyone who is unwell should stay at home. Keep unwell tamariki at home until 24 hours after their symptoms have gone.
- Wash and dry hands thoroughly and often.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow or upper sleeve, not your hand.
- Wash your hands after blowing your nose and after coughing/sneezing.
- Regularly clean high touch surfaces - door handles, taps, table tops, phones, computer keyboards, etc.
- Get a flu vaccination at your family doctor or pharmacist.

For more information:

**<https://www.rph.org.nz/public-health-topics/illness-and-disease/influenza/education-sector>**

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**If your child loves doing Cartwheels, Handstands & Flips, then they will thrive at Bigair Gym! TERM 2 CLASSES ARE STARTING NOW, SO DON'T MISS OUT, BOOK IN TODAY!** Bigair Gym classes are excellent for fun, focus and fitness! Children learn new skills and develop personal confidence and self-achievement! Strong focus is given to safety and technique, ranging from fundamentals to advanced skills. The structured classes follow a Bigair Badge Programme, which creates focused learning, and allows children to achieve and progress! Classes include **GYMNASTICS, TRAMPOLINING, TUMBLING, FREE RUNNING (thats parkour with flips) & CHEERLEADING!** Inquire about Bigair **BIRTHDAY PARTIES** too! **Its easy to book online at [www.bigairgym.co.nz](http://www.bigairgym.co.nz) or contact our Bigair Gym office. We would love to hear from you.** Bigair Gym Tawa ph.232 3508 e.[office@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:office@bigairgym.co.nz)



## 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