



# Newsletter

## Important Dates

23 May	Prospective and new parents meeting
24 May	Tawa Zone Cross Country
25 May	School Photos
30 May -2 June	Pink Shirt Week
3 June	Teacher Only Day
6 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
24 June	Matariki

## 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 18 Haratua 2022

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

### Nau mai haere mai

Last Thursday we welcomed Sophia Mills and on Monday we welcomed Matthew Jacobs and Frieda Hall, all into Kano. We wish them and their families all the best on their learning journey with us. A reminder to the parents of new entrants, or those who have a child due to start shortly, that there will be a **Parent Information Evening** in Kano next Monday evening from 5.00-6.00pm. We look forward to welcoming you, sharing information and answering any questions you may have.

### IF

It was tu meke starting up IF last week. As usual, there was a range of diverse activities for the Year 3-6 children to opt in to. It included coding, sports, zines (small magazines), origami, line dancing, drawing and cooking. Shout out to the staff for their work and especially our wonderful parents, Gavithri - Danul's mum; and Julie -Thomas's mum, who came and ran an activity.





### **Russell W Clarke Trust**

We have been doing some detective work recently. In our accounts we had a sum of money relating to the Russell W Clarke Trust and we were unsure what this was about. It turns out that Russell was a student at Greenacres School over 40 years ago. Sadly, he passed away and his family set up the Trust in his name. The funds had been used to purchase sports equipment and indeed the story goes that Greenacres was the envy of Tawa due to the amount and quality of their sports gear. Getting access to the account was no easy task but Marj Bennett (our wonderful accounts manager) with the help of Ann Farrand (ex staff member) and Graeme Schofield (ex Principal) managed to sort this. We will continue to use the funds to purchase sports equipment. Unfortunately, we have not been able to make contact with the family. Let us know if you know the family.

### **Cross Country**

As I mentioned in a post last week, we had a wonderful Cross Country last week. The effort and enjoyment was clear to see. While participation was a major focus, we did record and acknowledge the top placings and used these to guide us as to who qualified for the Tawa Zone Competition. Congratulations to the following who are eligible:

Year 4 - Louis Cherrington, Ben Currey, Thomas Louisson, Finn Pickett, Gideon du Preez, Ella Burrage, Georgia Alderson, Frankie Gillespie, Avaanika Shetty

Year 5 - Maddox Murray, Brynn Evans, Jacob Lunny, McKenna Thomas, Cora Keen, Devon Mason, Grace Whyte

Year 6 - Archie Precious, Sam Burrage, Eli Patrick, James Rickard, Lucas Turner, Mason Masaga, Amelia Boulton, Sophia Pinkham, Adele Alderson, Lucy Kleyne, Kayshi Senaviratne, Taylor MacLaren

### **Teacher Only Day**

As a reminder, we have a Teacher Only Day planned for 3 June. These days are incredibly valuable for the staff and are part of the NZEI Accord Agreement to address workload for teachers. Your support is much appreciated. Kelly Club will be open for those who need it, contact Choy on 027 2414295 or book online at [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz)

## Winter Sports

### Players of Day

Netball		Ruby Brown
Hockey Yr 3/4	Lightning	Grace Jull
Hockey Yr 5/6	Storm	Taylor MacLaren

### School Photos

The photos will be taken on Wednesday 25 May. Sports team photos will be taken at 9am, followed by class photos starting with Kano. Here is the link for pre-ordering photos online - <https://orders.lcscott.co.nz/ordering/with?key=PCR22AJJ>

### Covid

Today we have only one child away with Covid and 12 isolating as household contacts. We are aware that Covid continues to be a bigger presence in other local schools so thank you for keeping children home when they are unwell, RAT testing when needed and communicating with us so well. Your support over the pandemic continues to be tremendous!

### Sausage Sizzle

Sausage Sizzle on Friday this week.

Ngā mihi nui  
**Mike Thomas**  
Tumuaki



## 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)



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**Drama: Wonderplay** is now taking registrations for term two of Churton Park drama classes.(3.45-4.45pm Tuesdays). Also ask about our famous Wellington Young Actors class for teens. Classes held at Churton Park Community Centre. First class is free to try. Please contact Debs [debs@wonderplay.co.nz](mailto:debs@wonderplay.co.nz) 021-172-2836, [www.wonderplay.co.nz](http://www.wonderplay.co.nz)

**Wellington Brickshow** - Amazing LEGO creations from some of NZ's best builders, 4 and 5 June at Whirinaki Whare Taonga, Upper Hutt. Tickets available at [www.well-lug.nz/tickets](http://www.well-lug.nz/tickets)