



Newsletter

Important Dates

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
9 December - End of Year Celebration (pp 12 December)
12 December - Year 6 Leavers Dinner
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

schooldocs.co.nz

www.lunchonline.co.nz

Rāapa te tekau mā ono Whiranga-ā-rangi 2022

Tālofa lava

Today's greeting is of course Samoan. Tālofa Lava means Hello. Hasn't it been fantastic seeing all the Samoan flags being so proudly displayed in support of their country and the Rugby League team that is doing so well. Let's hope for another great result in the final.



Staffing for 2023

More good news for 2023. We are thrilled that Nicole Ros will be back from her maternity leave in a part time capacity working for two days each week. Nicole has visited on a number of occasions with young Jaxon but it will be great to have her here more regularly.

We have loved having Jeremy Coenen join us for terms three and four this year. He has done a tremendous job and fitted in beautifully both in Puāwai and across the school. We will be wishing him all the best for his next adventures at the end of the year.

Transition Between Teams

To support a smooth transition into the new year, we will be arranging transition visits for our current Year 2s and Year 4s into their new teams. It will be a great chance for our tamariki to get a 'feel' for their new environment. The Year 2s will have three visits to Māhuri and the Year 4s will have three visits to Puāwai. As usual, there will also be thorough handovers in terms of professional conversations between kaiako. Staff also have access to Hero where all records are kept.

As a heads up, we are also planning on boosting opportunities for connections with whānau right from the beginning of 2023. We will be setting up times for parents to meet individually with kaiako on 30 January during the day. This will be a great chance for parents to talk with kaiako about their child, and build connections and relationships at the same time. We will provide more information about this ASAP.

Crazy Colours

Rāmere / Friday was a fantastic day. The tamariki (and staff) came dressed in some amazing colourful outfits and had heaps of fun. Our parade was tu meke and finished with the whole school dancing together. Additionally we raised \$326 for the Wellington Conductive Trust. We have been in

touch with the Conductive Trust and they were blown away with the donation. They will use the money to help fund a van to transport the tamariki to important therapy and support sessions.

Shout out to the Student Council for organising such a successful event. In particular Mayson and Lucas for hosting and Lachie, with help from Michael, for looking after the music.



Ki o rahi

We are excited about taking part in the Tawa Kahui Ako Ki o rahi tournament which is coming up. Last week we had visitors from Tawa Intermediate and Tawa College to help us prepare. We love interacting with the akonga from both these schools and Thursday was no exception. We can't wait for the festival on Thursday 1 December.



Swimming

Our swimming programme has started very well. The tamariki have been put into groups and are working on a range of different skills. We have already seen some growth especially in terms of confidence. Shout out to the whānau who have been supporting. This has been much appreciated, especially with Kano students, where getting changed is a big part of the learning. I am sure you have noticed that the tamariki are tired by the end of the day.

Citizenship of the Year Award

Ngā mihi nui to Amelia Broadley. Amelia has been announced as our "Citizen of the Year." This is associated with the Tawa Citizenship Programme. Amelia has made a massive contribution to the school. She has taken on a range of leadership opportunities and is always reliable and does

everything with enthusiasm and a big smile on her face. We will share photos from the ceremony being held at the council buildings later in November.

Postings

Heads up that there will be a maths post on Hero later this week. It is a great time to sit down with your young one and celebrate progress being made. In addition, next steps will be outlined. Feel free to add a comment.

Stationery for 2023

In the next couple of weeks you will be able to order your child/ren's stationery for next year. In an attempt to prevent the big January rush, OfficeMax is offering incentives to order in December - 5 x \$1000 cash prizes. The lists are close to being finalised so look out for a Hero post in the next couple of weeks or so advising when you are able to order and a flyer from OfficeMax will come home detailing the prizes.

Dog Safety

Yesterday, we noticed that there were a couple of dogs outside of school without their owners. It prompted us to start some conversations with the tamariki about 'keeping safe' around dogs. Our main message was that it was always a good idea to ask the owner if it was okay to pat their dog and not to approach dogs that were roaming without their owner. The council advised that people were welcome to contact them if they saw dogs roaming free.

PUM

Don't forget that we have our PUM tomorrow - **Thursday 17 November. School will finish at the earlier time of 12.30pm.** Kelly Club is open for bookings. If needed, please contact them directly.

If you cannot pick your child/ren up at 12.30pm, we will have a few 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.

Ngā manaakitanga
Mike Thomas
Tumuaki

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Tawa Lions Christmas Parade 2pm 3 December - parents, please note that the organisers will provide costumes for the children on the floats, contact Judy Air directly if you want your child to be in the parade - phone number is 021 188 7217 and email is judyair17@gmail.com

Christmas in Tawa - check out the Christmas window displays, stop for a spot of lunch, do some shopping and then vote for your favourite display before heading home.

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. 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.

GREAT NEWS! Bigair Gym is holding its Annual Cheerleading Trials for next year's 2023 teams! NZ Cheerleading is a mix of dance, gymnastics & tumbling. Don't miss out on this opportunity to find out more by signing up today via emailing office@bigairgym.co.nz! Cheerleading is a rewarding individual & team sport that young people love and adore, and continue right through and into their teens, having a positive impact on their health and development. Your cheerleader will also create friendships that last a lifetime!



Wellington City Libraries' poetry journal for children and teens has returned for 2022!

All throughout the month of November, we will be accepting submissions of poetry in **English or Te Reo Māori** from young writers aged **5 – 18** in Wellington. In previous years, we have published more than 200 young poets in Tūhono — so this year we'll again be splitting it into two books, one for kids and one for teens. As long as submission rules are followed, all pieces we receive from individuals, and groups or classes, will be published!

Our theme for Tūhono 2022 is "**Whakangā | Breath.**" Whakangā refers to the taking in of breath, or to the process of breathing. It also calls to mind the idea of inhaling from the world; taking a breath to create calm; taking time to stop, slow down, relax, be.

This is the link to our poetry submission form:

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7081226/Poetry-Submission-2022>

You can find out more over on our Tūhono blogs:

- <https://www.wcl.govt.nz/blogs/kids/index.php/2022/10/05/tuhono-2022-we-want-your-poems/>
- <https://www.wcl.govt.nz/blogs/teens/index.php/2022/10/05/tuhono-2022-we-want-your-poems/>

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

BIGAIR GYMS Drop & Shop December School Holiday Programme is running Mon 19th – Wed 21st December 2022! Full day and half day sessions are available. This is a wonderful opportunity for kids to keep active and to learn something new during the holidays! **BIGAIR GYMS January Holiday Programme will run Mon 9th – 27th Jan 2023.** Bookings will be open on Monday 28th Nov! Book through our online website: www.bigairgym.co.nz



Wellington City Libraries - from 1 December 2022 through to 31 January 2023, we're inviting the tamariki, rangatahi and pākeke of Wellington on a Summer Reading Adventure — an adventure that will take them around the city, into their own back yards, down to their local library, into the pages of more than a few books, and back home again in time for tea.

Along the way, children and teens will be reading books, drawing pictures and maps, taking videos, completing challenges, getting out into nature, and maybe fighting off the odd monster or two — all in the name of seeing who shall have the honour of being crowned Supreme Champion of Words, Books and Deeds. Along the way, our intrepid young adventurers will be earning all kinds of awesome prizes for their efforts, from collectible badges to ice-cream vouchers, free books, movie tickets, family passes to Zealandia, Wellington Zoo, and the Space Place, and much more.

Children, teens and adults can visit our Summer Reading site at wcl.beanstack.org to find out more and pre-register for the Adventure, or they can download the free Beanstack Tracker app from Google Play or the iTunes Store to participate on the go.

Christmas Funday: 19 December 2022: 10am - 2pm -Tawa Anglicans annual Funday - Christmas crafts, lego, games, stories - for primary school aged children. \$15

Contact hayley.balmer@xtra.co.nz to book.