



Newsletter

Important Dates

14 April - last day of term
9 May - Prospective and new parents meeting
16-20 May - Pink Shirt Week
3 June - Teacher Only Day

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
schooldocs.co.nz

Wednesday 13 April 2022

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

Learning Conversations

Thank you for our Learning Conversations yesterday and this afternoon / evening. It was particularly lovely having parents back on site. Having both online and kanohi ki te kanohi (face to face) meetings worked very well. For your interest, while each class was different, overall most of you (62%) opted for kanohi ki te kanohi meetings while 32% opted for online. Whether online or face to face, the main thing was it was an excellent chance to connect and work together to support our tamariki to keep growing.

Kapa Haka across the school

It was wonderful seeing the tamariki in Māhuri and Kano participating in Kapa Haka over the last few weeks. There was heaps of enthusiasm and effort. It was exciting also to see the level of skill in a number of our younger children; as well as the wonderful leadership shown by tuakana (older or more experienced children).

IF (Inspirational Friday)

Fingers crossed that we will be able to start up IF again in term 2 but in the end this will depend on our Covid settings. Thinking positively, if it goes ahead, are you able to help out? Perhaps you have a grandparent or family member who

may be able to help. If you have a particular skill or interest that you would like to share with a group of enthusiastic Greenacres tamariki we would love to hear from you. It could be in the arts, science, sports, literacy or any area. Some examples of recent activities include leather work, photography and debating but we are totally open to ideas! It would involve coming into school from 9.00-10.30am for approximately six Fridays from 13 May. Drop me a line if you have are keen or wanted to chat about it. (principal@greenacres.school.nz)



Cross Country Running

We will be getting into our Cross Country running in term 2. The plan is to have a school event on 12 May. We will confirm this ASAP. However, for the keen runners, they might like to get out there and go for some runs over the break in preparation. A Tawa Zone event has also been penciled in.

Covid Update

We continue to track in the right direction in regards to Covid. Pleasingly, today we only have one child at home confirmed as testing positive for Covid. We have 6 children at home as "household contacts."

We are looking forward to hearing the outcome from the review of the traffic light settings. We have been working on our plans to cover all situations but as you will see from this newsletter, we are hopeful things will start getting back to normal shortly i.e. IF and cross country.

Fencing

We have been working with the MOE in relation to improving our fencing for the safety of our tamariki. It has been a long process but we are thrilled that work will begin over the term break. The first stage will be to make the upper section of the school secure but also allowing for safe pedestrian and vehicle access.

Enrolment at Greenacres

Greenacres School has an enrolment zone in place. In Terms 3 and 4 this year we have a few places available for out of zone new entrant students. We have placed a notice in the local but we have found word of mouth is the most effective method of reaching the community! Therefore if you are aware of anyone with pre-schoolers who may be interested in enrolling them at Greenacres, please suggest they contact the office on 2326445, or email office@greenacres.school.nz for a pre-enrolment registration.

End of Term

Term 1 comes to an end tomorrow afternoon. I wish you all the best for the break. It has been a long term with plenty of challenges and changes to adapt to. Once again, the Greenacres School community have rallied together and supported each other. Consistent with our school whakatauki:

Ehara taku toa, he taki tahi, he toa taki tini

Success is not only measured by the success of the individual but by the success of us all

Thank you again for being such a supportive parent community. Your calmness, flexibility and positivity is such a big part of our school. It certainly is reflected by your tamariki who have also been resilient and continued to 'rock the RKMCs and 4Cs' throughout the term. A great example of this is the way our children (especially our youngest ones) have grown in their independence coming to and from the gate and organising themselves for their day. I also would like to acknowledge our tremendous staff, Events Committee and Board of Trustees for their energy, skill and attitude over the term.

Ngā mihi nui e te whānau
Mike Thomas
Tumuaki

COMMUNITY NOTICES

KELLY SPORTS APRIL 2022 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – NGATITOA DOMAIN (Yrs 5-13)

Our hugely popular Kelly Sports Holiday Programme is back for the April Holidays for children 5-13 years. Come and join the Kelly Sports coaches for the best in sports coaching and competitions!



We have created an Action Packed Programme including: *Easter Extravaganza, Goal Day, Tag Your It!, All Ball Day, Anzac Day, Twisty Triathlon Day plus trips to The Marine Centre and Ice Skating and lots more!*

Click here to view the Activity Planner

To enrol go to https://kellysports.co.nz/kelly_events/view/13942

AT BIGAIR GYM, the classes are structured and follow a badge Programme. This quality coaching & structure creates motivated and focussed learning, which allows children to focus on goals, gain feedback, reflect, and apply this to achieve through the levels! This type of training develops confidence, resilience and a positive attitude towards personal challenges and new learning. Parents keep telling us that Bigair Gym Classes are having a positive influence on their children, and they are benefiting from learning these lifelong skills outside of the gym. So, don't miss out on this for your children! **Book online for Term 2 classes from 4 April into GYMNASTICS, TUMBLING, FREE RUNNING (Parkour with flips), TRAMPOLINING & CHEERLEADING!**



Bookings are OPEN NOW online for Bigair Gyms active, fun & popular upcoming **April HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**. Half day & full day sessions: 8.30am-1pm or 1-5.30pm = \$30, & 8.30am – 5.30pm = \$45. We offer **BIRTHDAY PARTIES** at Bigair too, so please inquire today.

Spotlight Performing Arts classes led by a London West End performer. After school classes in Aotea, Johnsonville, Karori, Newtown, Lower Hutt and Upper Hutt. Two-week trials available. If your child likes to sing, dance, act and perform, and you would like your child to build more confidence and make more friends, get in touch for more information.

www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz

GIVE RUGBY A TRY! Season starts 6 May. Make friends, have fun, build confidence, be healthy! Find out more information about Marist St Pats junior rugby - msrugby.co.nz/juniors or email mspjuniorrugby@gmail.com

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 021-172-2836, www.wonderplay.co.nz

FREE Junior Nature Days & The City Nature Challenge

Te Whanganui-a-Tara / Wellington is the most species rich city in New Zealand, and we are proud to be hosting 5 free community events 'Junior Nature Days' these school holidays as part of the 2022 City Nature Challenge. The WCC Play crew have teamed up with local nature experts who will guide families through bush, streams, coastlines, and wilderness, on the hunt for interesting wildlife! More details here [link] wgtn.cc/CNC2022 .