



# 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](http://greenacres.school.nz)

[schooldocs.co.nz](http://schooldocs.co.nz)

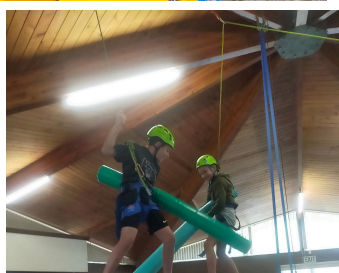
[www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)

## Rāapa, te rua tekau ma whitu o Poutū-te-rangi 2024 Wednesday 27 March 2024

### Kia ora e te whānau

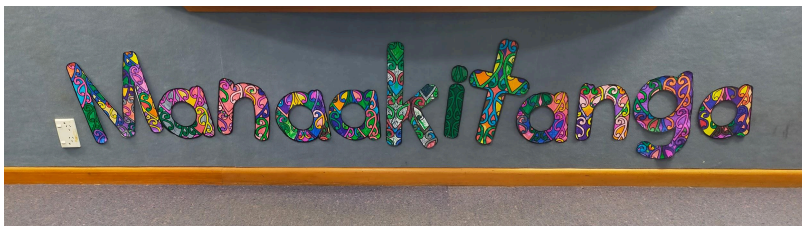
#### Forest Lakes Camp

I was fortunate to spend the day with Puāwai at camp yesterday. It was 'activities' day and the tamariki were having an absolute blast rotating around the confidence course, flying fox, ropes course (Gladiators), kayaking, archery, water slide and horse riding - not to mention enjoying the recreational activities. This included the pool, mini golf, waterslide, 10 pin bowling, playground, football, night activities and just hanging out with friends in the cabins. Whew - no wonder they will be tired when they arrive home. What stood out to me was manaakitanga. The children were kind and empathetic as they encouraged each other to try their best and were totally respectful of effort. Ngā mihi / acknowledgements to our parent helpers who were doing a marvellous job. The camp would not be possible without you all! Of course we need to acknowledge the staff too. Jenny Peacock and Jeremy Coenan have spent many hours planning to ensure the success of the camp. We are all incredibly appreciative of your skill, professionalism and effort. A few showers this morning however I hear that some blue skies had returned. We look forward to seeing Puāwai tomorrow afternoon.



### Manaakitanga Sign

Shout out to our IF Art group who had created this lovely and colourful new Manaakitanga sign which you will see when you come into the office.



### Kano Assembly

On Friday, Kano hosted their first assembly for the year. As usual it was tu meke with wonderful support from whānau. It was lovely hearing our 5 and 6 year olds talking to the audience about Manaakitanga. Artie explained that “when we show Manaakitanga, it builds our own mana and the mana of others”. Josh T added that it means “caring for others, caring for myself and caring for the environment”.

It was fabulous to give out our first MANA Values certificates with a special focus on Manaakitanga.



### Visit from Zoe and Tasha

Kano has been reading a picture book for writing this week entitled Dobby. This is the story of a breed of dog, called Vizsla, who gets lost and then rescued in the mountains of New Zealand. Today, Tash Evans, who was a student here Greenacres, brought Zoe, their family's pet which is also a Vizsla. The Kano students met Zoe, patted her and used her visit as motivation for their writing.



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### KETE (Kids Enhancing the Tawa Ecosystem)

Congratulations to Luke, Natalie, Annabelle and Grace who are our Greenacres KETE Student Leadership Team for 2024. Last Thursday they headed down to Willowbank Reserve to take part in a Water Quality testing project. This project is part of the wider Te Awarua-o-Porirua Riparian (Streamside) Management Programme. Along with community groups, the Tawa schools are working together to gather data for the Citizen Science Freshwater Stream Monitoring programme. It is also part of the KETE Student Leaders training programme. Thanks to Vaughan Jull who took our team along and provided these lovely photos.



### Girls Futsal

Yesterday the 2024 Girls Futsal Tournament was held at Te Rauparaha Arena, Porirua. Thank you to Ria Edmonds and Leanne Sutton who transported our team and looked after them during the day. Layla, Lucy, Lily, Ruby, Arlia, and Millie had an awesome time playing six games in total. They showed manaakitanga and proudly represented Greenacres School.



### Learning Conversations

Thank you to all those who have already booked a Learning Conversation, these will take place on Wednesday 10 April and Thursday 11 April from 3.15pm till 7.15pm. They are significant in terms of reporting to and working in partnership with you all. Our tamariki/ children are at the centre which is why it is important to have your child with you at the meeting. At Learning Conversations, we will be sharing with you the goals that your child has achieved and are currently working on. These are always visible to you on Hero. To book a Learning Conversation visit the Hero app and click on the 'School Bookings' icon.

### Firewood

Our Fundraising Committee had good success selling the firewood last weekend. There is still plenty more. If you would like to order a load, please contact Karen 021 52383 or Matt 0275 719 329 and to make a time to collect it.

### Fundraising Committee Easter Buns

Thank you to all those who ordered Easter buns - the school received \$5 from every pack sold. Thanks to Nada Bakery for this opportunity to raise nearly approx \$500 for our school hall and to have a yummy Easter!



### 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 on the Tawa Community Facebook page 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](mailto:office@greenacres.school.nz) for a pre-enrolment registration form.

Enjoy the Easter break with your tamariki and we look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 3 April.



Ngā manaakitanga - Take care  
**Mike Thomas**

## Fundraising Committee

### New Greenacres School Apparel Items

Click this link <https://forms.gle/5866nVkgLvonCjbS7> for information about all 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 to go towards the upgrade of our school hall.



**GREENACRES SCHOOL APPAREL**  
QUALITY ITEMS | ALL PROFITS GO TO GREENACRES SCHOOL

The graphic displays six categories of school apparel on a green background:

- HOODIES:** A black hoodie with green trim.
- JACKETS:** A black zip-up jacket with green trim.
- RAINCOATS:** A grey raincoat with a black hood.
- BEANIES:** A black beanie with the Greenacres School logo.
- SUNHATS:** A black bucket hat with the Greenacres School logo.
- HOUSE TEES:** Four t-shirts in pink, yellow, blue, and red.

Click link in 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](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz/greenacres)



**BigAir Gym** - priority bookings are open till 31 March so jump online and book now for Term 2 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 Email [office@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:office@bigairgym.co.nz)

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.marsden.school.nz/enrolments/scholarships)

### **Get Creative for your Free Entry to see the the WHITE FERNS at Cello Basin Reserve on 29 March 2024**

If you have been to a recent female sporting event in New Zealand, you may have seen POI used at the game as a symbol of empowerment for wāhine, and a way of celebrating and showing support for our New Zealand athletes. Building upon the excitement of world cups, NZC would like to continue the momentum by encouraging the people of Aotearoa New Zealand and our manuhiri (international visitors) to karawhiua (give it heaps) and give POI a go! New Zealand Cricket is calling the Tamariki around Wellington to get creative with their POI-making skills and bring them along to the Cello Basin Reserve for the upcoming WHITE Fern vs ENGLAND series.

On **Friday 29 March**, we would like to offer free entry into the Cello Basin Reserve to children who present a homemade POI at the gate. One Free Child entry will apply for each POI that is shown at the box office, please note adult tickets will still need to be purchased.

### **Ngā Manu Nature Reserve - Easter Weekend 29 March - 1 April**

Hunt for the hidden Easter eggs to win. With over \$4000 of prizes to give away and Daizy Design face painting available. We will have a sausage sizzle and barista coffee on site. Bring a picnic blanket and make a day of it! A colouring competition and the Lil' Explorer Trail offer more chances to win. Eel feeding at 12pm and 2pm. Plus...take a selfie with our giant kiwi!

## **School Holiday Programmes and Activities**

**Bigair Gyms Popular Holiday Programme** involves gym circuits, challenges, competitions, free play, structured games and talent quests. Book online now, spaces are limited.  
[www.bigairgym.co.nz](http://www.bigairgym.co.nz)



### **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](http://www.akotech.nz)

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

### **Grand Training Computer Classes**

Grand Training runs educational and fun computer classes over the holidays at our Wellington City location for ages 5 to 16.

- Minecraft from Introduction to Mods and Servers
- Learn to Code; Scratch, Python or Java.
- Code and Create 3D Games.
- Web Design, HTML and CSS
- Build a PC
- Film and Video Editing
- Discovery Course in Computing - suitable for younger children
- Online Safety and Privacy

For information & bookings 499-2211 or [grandtraining.co.nz](http://grandtraining.co.nz)

**Inverloch Art School Young Artists Creative School Holiday Workshops**, Monday to Friday 15-19 April, caters for children from 6-13 years of age. For more info [www.inverloch.org.nz](http://www.inverloch.org.nz)

**Drama Remedy Holiday Programme** - 15,16 and 17 April, 9am to 4pm Churton Park Community Centre. Exciting and enjoyable workshops which are designed to enhance children's appreciation of the performing arts and to develop confidence and communication skills, includes a trip to St James Theatre for a live theatre experience - Madagascar the Musical! For more information visit [www.dramaremedy.co.nz](http://www.dramaremedy.co.nz) or contact 0220273316 or email [dramaremedy@gmail.com](mailto:dramaremedy@gmail.com)

### **Badminton Holiday Programme**

Badminton fun for ages 6+ Monday 15, Tuesday 16 and Friday 19 April 2024.

9am-midday. \$20 per day or \$55 for all 3 days.

Registrations <https://rb.gy/69nz67>

### **Racketlon Holiday Programme**

Once again Tawa Tennis, Tawa Squash and Wellington North Badminton are running the Racketlon holiday programme these school holidays.

Players rotate around each sport spending 1.5 hours at each club. Qualified coaches will take each session.

Please note holiday programme is for age 6 years and older.

Monday 22, Wednesday 24, and Friday 26 April 2024, 9am - 3pm

Cost per day: \$55 a day or \$150 for all 3 days.

Registrations: <https://rb.gy/loeabd>

For more information contact Babette at [babette@wnba.org.nz](mailto:babette@wnba.org.nz)

**Spotlight Performing Arts** - Dance, Drama and Singing for students aged 4-15 years, led by a London West End performer. Aotea, Johnsonville, Karori, Lower Hutt, Newtown Upper Hutt. Book your child's two-week trial for next term now! [www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz](http://www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz)

**Arty Farty Kids School Holiday Art Sessions in Whitby** - 24/25 April, 9.30-11.30, 22/23 April 10-12noon and 2-4pm. Email [office.artyfartykids@gmail.com](mailto:office.artyfartykids@gmail.com) or ring 022 1748558 to sign up.

**Staglands Wildlife Reserve Wanna Go on a Treasure Hunt?** It's time to channel your inner explorer and join our Treasure Hunt these April School Holidays. Every correct entry is guaranteed to win a prize, and our Treasure Chest is overflowing with them!

To enter download our [Treasure Hunt Sheet](#) or ask for one at our Ticket Office when you visit us from **13 - 28 April**. [Visit our website for full promotion details.](#)