



# Newsletter

## Important Dates

10-11 April - Learning Conversations  
12 April - Last day of term  
29 April - Term two begins  
7 May - School Photos

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## 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](https://greenacres.school.nz)  
[schooldocs.co.nz](https://schooldocs.co.nz)  
[www.lunchonline.co.nz](https://www.lunchonline.co.nz)

## Rāapa, Toru Paengawhāwhā 2024 Wednesday 3 April 2024

### Kia ora e te whānau

I hope you all had a restful and fun Easter break.

### Nau Mai Haere Mai

This week we welcomed Cobey, Grayson, Kora and Tyler to Kano. We wish them and their whānau all the best on their learning journey with us.

### Cohort Entry

We are looking forward to starting 'cohort entry' from next term. As previously advised, this involves having two entry points each term for new entrant children. Cohort entry is becoming much more common in schools with the overall purpose to help the children settle better into school. We believe that starting school alongside other children can help build relationships and will support a smoother entry to school life. It can also mean less disruption for new entrant teachers who can prepare for groups of children arriving on a specific date rather than individuals on a continual basis throughout the year.

### Forest Lakes Camp

Nau mai hoki mai / welcome back to our Puāwai campers who had an amazing time. Perfectly timed to have the Easter break for some big sleeps to recover. There have been heaps of discussions about highlights and what could be done differently to make it even more successful. At maths this morning, it was cool seeing the children using statistics to help plan for the 2026 trip!



### **Property**

There is good progress with our Weather Tightness Programme in 'old' Puāwai. The contractors will put the fencing up this week and plan to have the project completed by the end of term two. Fingers crossed they don't find too much rot under the cladding.

Additionally, our fencing contractor has made a start on fencing the bottom section of the school. Hopefully this will be finished early next term.

### **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 continues to do well selling the firewood. The pile is getting smaller but do reach out if you would like to order a load before it is all gone. Please contact Karen on 021 52383 or Matt 0275 719 329 to order a load and also to make a time to collect it.



### **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.

### **Local Curriculum**

We have been talking a lot about our new Values - especially Manaakitanga in term one. These are just a part of our new Local Curriculum which was developed through our consultation with you all last year. We are excited about sharing this with you all next term via an eBook and this newsletter.

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.



The graphic features a green background with the text "GREENACRES SCHOOL APPAREL" in large, bold, black letters at the top. Below it, in smaller white letters, is "QUALITY ITEMS | ALL PROFITS GO TO GREENACRES SCHOOL". The items are arranged in two rows. The top row shows a black hoodie with yellow trim, a black jacket, and a grey raincoat. The bottom row shows a black beanie with a Greenacres School logo, a black bucket hat with a Greenacres School logo, and three t-shirts in pink, yellow, and red. Below the items, the text "Click link in description for more details and to order" is written in white.

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BEANIES      SUNHATS      HOUSE TEES

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## 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 - Term 2 bookings for all classes are now open!

You now have the opportunity to secure your spot in any class for Term 2. Spaces are limited and fill up quickly, so don't miss out, book online today. Book online with ease at [www.bigairgym.co.nz](http://www.bigairgym.co.nz) & click on Book A Class. or contact our Bigair Gym office. We would love to hear from you, phone 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 of Fee & Finlay St, Tawa, and give it a go! Contact [tawawrestling@gmail.com](mailto:tawawrestling@gmail.com) for more info

## School Holiday Programmes and Activities

### BigAir Gym April Holiday Programme - 5yrs+

Bigair Gyms popular Holiday Programme involves gym circuits, challenges, competitions, free play, structured games, and talent quests. Week 1: Mon 15th-Fri 19th April Week 2: Mon 22nd-Fri 26th April (Gym Closed on 25th April for ANZAC Day). Book online spaces are limited!



### 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)

**Inverlochy 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.inverlochy.org.nz](http://www.inverlochy.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.](#)