



Newsletter

Important Dates

31 March - Life Education
4 and 5 April - Learning Conversations
06 April - Last day of term
24 April - Teacher Only Day
25 April - Anzac Day
26 April - Term 2 starts
28 April - Cross Country
02 May - School Photos
5 June - King's Birthday
19-30 June - Dance Curriculum

Term Dates 2023

Term 1 31 Jan - 06 Apr
Term 2 26 Apr - 30 Jun
Term 3 17 Jul - 22 Sept
Term 4 09 Oct - 15 Dec

Useful Links

greenacres.school.nz
schooldocs.co.nz
www.lunchonline.co.nz

Phone: 232 6445
Cell Phone 021 02565206 (if you prefer texting absences and if the landline is not working)

Rāapa, Rima Paengawhāwhā 2023 *Mālō e lelei!*

Teacher Only Day

This is a gentle reminder that Monday 24 April is a TOD. This is the first day of Term 2, and is followed by ANZAC day on 25 April. That means the first day of school for tamariki in Term 2 will be Wednesday 26 April. Our TOD will be focussed on working through the draft refreshed curriculum, Te Mātaiaho, and how this new vision will guide our teaching and learning programme moving forward.

If you would like to learn about the refreshing of the NZ curriculum, you can find out more [here](#).

Kelly Club will be open to take bookings for the day of the 24th. You can book directly with them through their website by following the link [here](#).

Life Education

We are so lucky to have Harold and Marsha back working with us at Greenacres Kura. There has been a very positive buzz amongst our students, as they share their learning and enjoy Harold's stories and jokes! Our Life Ed sessions run right up to Thursday/Rāpare and we'd highly encourage you to kōrero with your children about what they have been learning in their sessions.



Cross Country

Our annual Greenacres School Cross Country is taking place on Friday 28 April, starting at 11am with our junior races. You're most certainly invited and encouraged to attend the event to support our tamariki. We cannot confidently give individual race start times, so would encourage you to arrive on the early side to ensure you see your child's race. The bottom field provides the best viewing as you are able to see the start line and the finishing chute.

A brief outline of the events is follows:

- NE/Year 1 Mixed
- Year 2 Mixed
- Competitive Year 3 Girls
- Competitive Year 3 Boys
- Competitive Year 4 Girls
- Competitive Year 4 Boys
- Competitive Year 5 Girls
- Competitive Year 5 Boys
- Competitive Year 6 Girls
- Competitive Year 6 Boys
- Year 3-6 Mixed Fun Run



As you can see from the photos, we have been having training sessions in the lead up to the event as part of our physical education programme, but would highly encourage any students with aspirations of earning a spot in Tawa Zone competitions and beyond to keep up their training over the holidays.

KETE (Kids Enhancing Tawa's Environment)

We have four Puāwai tuakana who have put their hand up to be involved with a kaitiaki group to protect and enhance our local Tawa environment. Jacob Fifield, Maddox Murray, Olive Perris and Finley Nightingale are part of a team of students from across all the schools within Tawa. Our KETE team will be attending projects throughout the year, bringing back knowledge to our Kura so we can enhance our environment here at Greenacres.



Learning Conversations

Thank you for attending our learning conversations in such strong numbers. We are committed to continuing to strengthen our relationships with whānau, and know that face to face conversations are a powerful tool to align how home and school can support our tamariki to achieve their potential.

Inspiration Friday Term 2

If you, or any other whānau or community members, would be interested in running an IF programme for Term 2, please get in touch with Rob Calder (rcalder@greenacres.school.nz). It would be a commitment of 8 Friday mornings from 9-10.30am, but is a fantastic way to contribute skills and knowledge to our kura. We were very lucky in Term 1 to have parents offer to help in both Kano and the senior school IF programmes, running art and environmental projects. In the past we have had whānau successfully run everything from lego/meccano, dance, cooking and sports programmes. We can work with you to finalise ideal student ages, group numbers and equipment.

Hero Notifications

We have had feedback from a few parents regarding a lack of notifications on their devices about updates being posted on Hero. These could be notifications for learning goal and progress updates, or newsletter and community feed notices. If this is the case for you, you need to adjust your notification settings in Hero on your device. [Here](#) is a link that outlines instructions for how to do this. If you have any further issues or queries please get in touch with your classroom teacher, or the school office.

Ngā manaakitanga
Rob Calder

Fundraising Committee Term 2

In Term 2 the committee will be organising two fundraising events. The first is another run of school hoodies, just in time for the cold weather! Keep an eye out for ordering details in next term's newsletters.

The second is a school disco for the kids! We will be looking for volunteers to help make this happen, so if you can assist with set up, organising supplies and food, or supervision on the night, please email us fundraisingcommittee@greenacres.school.nz.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Tawa News is a monthly electronic publication bringing news and views relating to Tawa to Tawa households. It includes news of events, happenings, people of Tawa, and emergency preparedness. If you would like to receive Tawa News in your inbox at the end of each month please go to <http://eepurl.com/hSPy0j> to get on the list. Submit news to newsletter@tawa.org.nz

If your child loves doing Cartwheels, Handstands, Jumping, Swinging, Climbing or doing Flips, then they will thrive at Bigair Gym! Bigair Gym classes are excellent for fun, focus and fitness! Inquire about Bigair BIRTHDAY PARTIES too!

It's easy to book online at 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

Bookings are now open for the April School Holiday Programme at www.bigairgym.co.nz



Drama Wonderplay has places available for kids drama on Tuesdays at Churton Park Community Centre; 4-5pm: Star Players (7-13yrs), 5-6.30pm: Wellington Young Actors class for teens. First lesson is free to try. Please contact Debs debs@wonderplay.co.nz 021-172-2836, www.wonderplay.co.nz

Plimmerton School PTA invites you to a Kids Clothes Swap fundraiser on Saturday 6 May from 3pm - 4pm. Save money, shop sustainably and be in to win great prizes!

Please see the Facebook Event for details:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/774551920888778>

We would appreciate your support, buy a ticket, bring a group of friends, share on Facebook.

Please contact us with any questions, plimschoolkidsclotheswap@gmail.com

Spotlight Performing Arts School, dance, drama and singing for students aged 4-15. 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 - www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz

FUN Sticks is an 8-week hockey programme designed for children aged 5-6 years (school Years 1 & 2) 2023 FUN Sticks will focus on individuals' movement and motor skill development, helping build a young person's physical literacy and preparing them for sport. Hockey skills will be taught through fun, games-based activities. National Hockey Stadium (NHS), Wellington = 10:00 am – 11:00 am – Saturday starting 6 May The cost for the 8-week programme is \$50. Register using the following link for the Player registration system PlayHQ

<https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/5a8236>

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

Kelly Club School Holiday Programme bookings are OPEN! Lots of fun activities - Easter, animals, superheroes, science, dress ups, gold and much more! Book online at www.kellyclub.co.nz

Kelly Sports is back with the April Holiday Programme! It's another action-packed programme at Porirua's best sports based Holiday Programme! We have some exciting days planned including: **Target Day, The Incredible Race Day, Ball Blast Day, Oodles of Noodles Day, Giant Day, Kelly Sports the Best of the Best Day plus trips to: Avalon Park, The Police Museum & Mini Golf and lots more..**



Changes to Childcare Assistance - check if you qualify!

More families will now qualify for Childcare Assistance and the rate will increase for those already qualified, which means you may be eligible for assistance to send your child to Kelly Club. Please follow the link to find out more. www.kellysports.co.nz

The New Zealand Police Museum has a number of mostly free activities, ranging from Dog Section Workshop, Fingerprinting and a Senior Detective Mystery and Junior Detective Trail. Visit the website for more info [New Zealand Police Museum](http://NewZealandPoliceMuseum) or to book ring 2383141 or museum@police.govt.nz

Tawa Community Centre - Puzzles and Games, Wednesday 12 April, 10am – 12pm
Join us for a morning of puzzles and board games with morning tea provided. For ages 5+

Let's go LEGO®! Wednesday 19 April, 10am – 12pm

Let's build – let's explore – let's create! Join us for a fun, themed, interactive LEGO® session that will stretch your creative skills. For ages 5+

Animal Antics Storytime Tuesday 18 April, 10:30 – 11:30am. Join us for an animal-themed storytime where your multi-talented librarians will incorporate many different instruments into their storytelling. Stick around when the stories are done to get up close to and learn about the instruments you heard. For ages 4+

Arty Farty Kids - Mini Easter Holiday Art Sessions

Abstract Cat - Thursday 13 & Friday 14 April @ 10.00am - 12.00pm

Easter Eggs & Bunnies - Thursday 13th & Friday 14th April @ 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Mexican Guitar - Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th April @ 10.00am - 12.00pm

Flower Girl - Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th April @ 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Please contact office.artyfartykids@gmail.com

KidzStuff Theatre for Children is presenting *Jessica Bo Peep*, Written by Amalia Calder

What: Jessica Bo Peep

When: 8th - 15th April 2023

Where: Tararua Tramping Club, 4 Moncrieff Street, Mt Victoria, Wellington

Times: Weekdays 10am & 11:30am, Saturdays 10am, no show Sundays

Tickets \$13.50pp, Family pass (4 tickets) \$50.00, Children under 2 Free

Bookings: www.kidzstufftheatre.co.nz

The Circus Hub - Inspiring passion for circus arts, 11 Hutchison Road, Newtown, Wellington, 6021 E: info@circus.org.nz W: www.circus.org.nz

Holiday Programme 9am-3pm for 5-15 year olds, Monday to Friday. To book for classes, please visit <https://www.circus.org.nz/how-to-book>

To be added to our mailing list; please go to our website, scroll down and click subscribe.

Stagland Wildlife Reserve & Cafe is open throughout Easter and the school holidays. There will be a Clue Hunt Challenge. **Every correct entry wins a prize, there are heaps of prizes up for grabs!** To enter simply download the [Clue Hunt Challenge Sheet](#), then visit us any time between 11 and 23 April.

[Visit our website for full promotion details.](#)

Drama Remedy School Holiday Programme runs at Amesbury School, Churton Park. Drama Games, Art of Mime and Improvisation for the junior group (age 5-9), and for the senior group (10-14) Creative Writing, Impromptu Speaking and Debating. For more info ring 022 0273316, email dramaremedy@gmail.com or visit www.dramaremedy.co.nz

Inverloch Art School - school holiday and adult art classes. For more information visit the website www.inverloch.org.nz

Tots to Teens Easter and school holidays are coming up, the latest issue is jam-packed with content to help Kiwi parents <https://issue2304.totstoteens.co.nz/>

Ngā Manu Easter Weekend. <https://ngamanu.org.nz/easter-weekend/> For More Information Contact: Jane Carruthers, Phone: 04 293 4131, Email: marketing@ngamanu.org.nz

School Holiday Programme at Wellington Hockey - Wellington Hockey is excited to be offering a school holiday programme again for kids aged 5 to 12 on both Wednesdays and Thursdays of the school holidays. The school holiday programme will be held at National Hockey Stadium, Mt Albert, Berhampore rain or shine and led by our Development Officer, Regan Fricker. Bring lunch and snacks, a drink bottle, a jacket and change of clothes. Sticks and sports equipment will be available. If it is too wet or cold to be on the turf we will move indoors for activities and movies.

Who: Children aged 5 - 12 years

Where: National Hockey Stadium, Mt Albert, Berhampore

Time: 8:30am to 3pm

Cost: \$45 per day or \$40 a day for multiple days

When: Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 April 2023

When: Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 April 2023

Register at PlayHQ <https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/d19ac1>

If you have any questions, please email regan@wellingtonhockey.org.nz

LEARN TO PLAY CHESS -3-Day Holiday Programme

Learn everything from moving the pieces to planning strategies and analysing games. Students will study chess puzzles, end game positions and opening strategies from our chess mentor. Complete beginners to intermediate players will learn how to play and analyse their games for constant improvement.

DATE: Tuesday 11 - Thursday 13 April

TIME: 9:00am - 3:00pm

VENUE: Whitby Collegiate (2 Starboard Lane, Whitby)

COST: \$220

AGES: 8+

REGISTER: Please register at www.whitbycollegiate.school.nz/holiday-programmes

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