Newsletter

Important Dates

23 June	Matariki at Greenacres School
24 June	Matariki Holiday
08 July	End of Term 2
25 July	Term 3 starts

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

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

Rāapa 22 Pipiri 2022

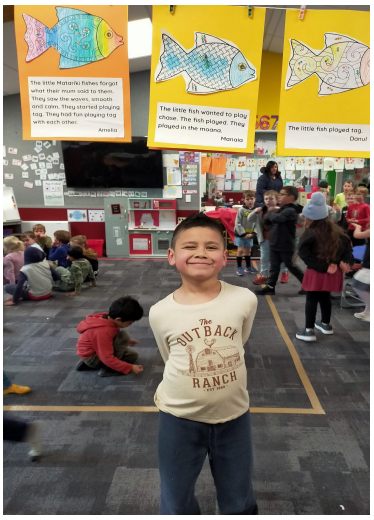
Kia ora koutou, Malo e lelei, Tālofa lava, Kia orana, Namaste, Ni hao, Shalom, As-salāmu ʿalaykum and Greetings

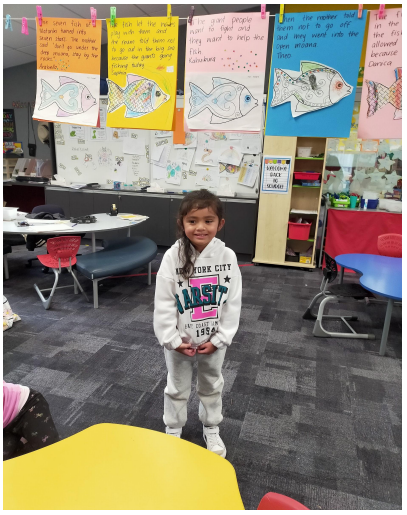
Powhiri and Matariki Celebrations

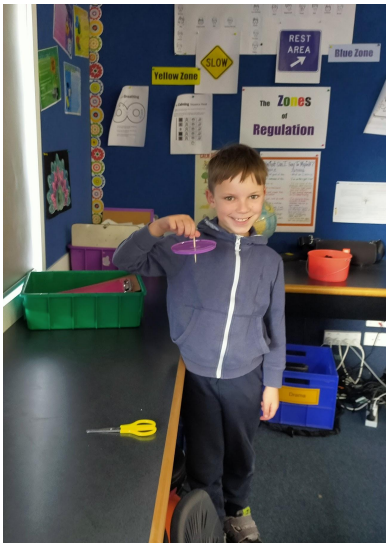
We are very excited about tomorrow, starting the day with our Powhiri, where we can formally welcome all our new tamariki and their whānau. The powhiri will start shortly after 9am. Please make sure your tamariki come with warm clothes. This will be followed by kai in the hall and a chance to have a kōrero about our Cultural Competency work. The tamariki will be completing Matariki activities in the classrooms for the morning. **Everyone is very welcome** to stay for part of or the whole morning.

We have been learning all about Matariki here at school. Matariki is the Māori name for the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades. It arises in mid winter and heralds the start of a new year. Matariki is a time:

- To remember whānau, friends and community who came before us
- Be grateful and happy for what we have now
- Think about our hopes and wishes for the next year



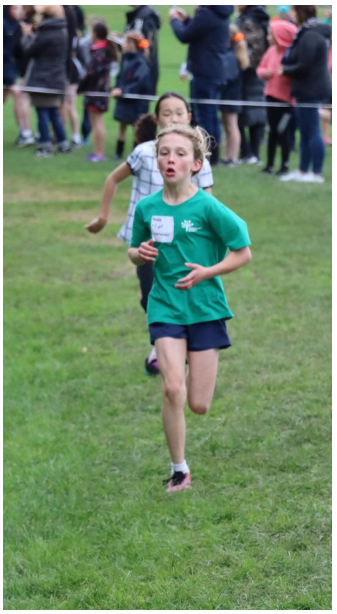




Cultural Competency - Rongohia Te Hau Whānau Survey

I checked in last week and we have had a great response to our survey so far - thank you! The survey remains open until 27 June and if you haven't already, I encourage you to complete it. The Pounamu Poutama roopu will collate the information and feedback next term. We will be able to report back to you after this time.
Greenacres School Whānau Survey 2022

Cross Country



Well done to our 14 runners who competed in the Interzone Cross Country at MacAlister Park on Thursday 16 June. As you could imagine, the competition was extremely strong with the best runners from across Wellington. We were super proud of all of you and are sure there was heaps of learning and enjoyment amongst all that effort!
Congratulations to Amelia Broadley who qualified to go to Regionals. Tu meke!

Winter Sports

Players of Day 18 June

Netball	Devon Mason
Hockey Yr 3/4 Lightning	Maisie Dillon
Hockey Yr 5/6 Storm	Charlie Redman

A reminder that there will be no netball this Saturday due to the Matariki holiday.

Covid and Illness

Today we have no children away with Covid and 2 isolating as household contacts. While this is obviously good news we still have many children with colds and tummy bugs. Keep up the good hygiene practices and ensuring your tamariki have plenty of warm clothes on for these cold days.

Ma te wa
Mike Thomas
Principal

BOARD UPDATE
Triennial Elections

Triennial school board elections will be held next term. Key dates that you need to know are:

- Call for nominations - 15 July 2022
- Nominations close - Friday 5 August 2022
- Election Day - Wednesday 7 September 2022

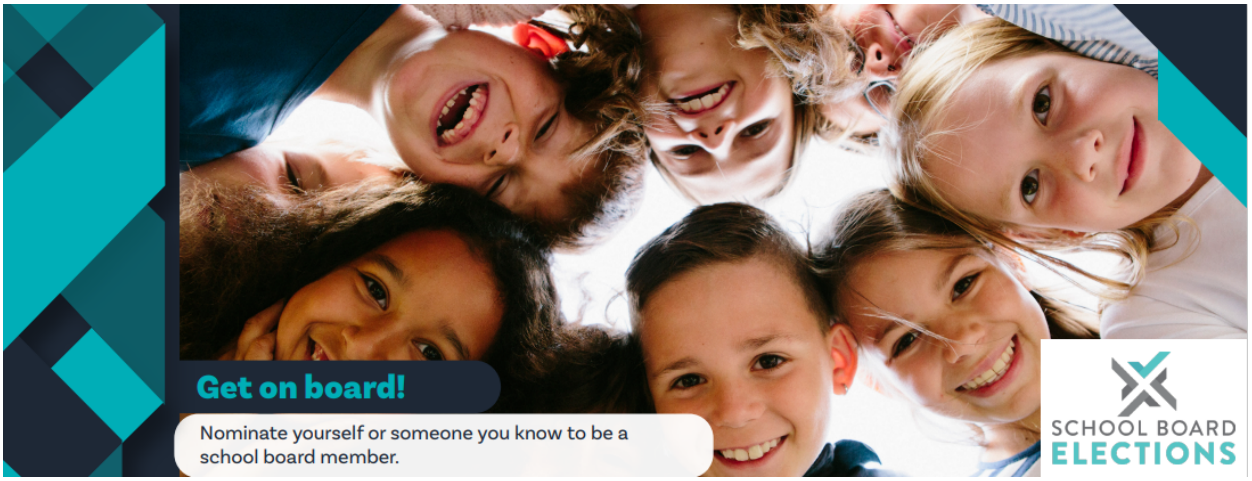
Further information on becoming a board member, including short informative videos, is available here https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/becoming-a-board-member/

Information will also soon be available from the office.

Next Tuesday 28 June at 2:15pm, Garrick Wood, Chairperson of Greenacres board will be available in the staffroom to chat with interested parents and whānau. It's a great opportunity to find out more before picking up your tamariki.

The board will also run an evening online session which will be recorded for those who cannot make it. Date and time to be confirmed.

Finally feel free to ask any board parent representatives you may see around the school.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

If your child loves doing Cartwheels, Handstands & Flips, then they will thrive at Bigair Gym! Bigair Gym classes are excellent for fun, focus and fitness**!** Children learn new skills and develop personal confidence and self-achievement! Strong focus is given to safety and technique, ranging from fundamentals to advanced skills. The structured classes follow a Bigair Badge Programme, which creates focused learning, and allows children to achieve and progress! Classes include **GYMNASTICS, TRAMPOLINING, TUMBLING, FREE RUNNING (that's parkour with flips) & CHEERLEADING!** Inquire about Bigair **BIRTHDAY PARTIES** too!
Its 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

Seeking new volunteers for Tawa Brownies!
We are seeking new leaders to join the team at Tawa Brownies and support 20 girls aged 7 - 9 years. Are you keen to volunteer? Could you help us find someone who might be interested? Being a leader with Guiding is a rewarding way to give back to the local community. You'll see the girls learn new skills and develop their confidence by doing a variety of challenging activities that you plan and lead. You'll have access to free leadership training, including a first aid certificate. And you'll become part of an organisation filled with inspiring leaders.
We are hopeful that we can find a new volunteer with availability to lead Tawa Brownies with the current schedule, on a Thursday from 3.45pm - 5.15pm. Ideally we'll get a new person (or two!) in Term Three, so that they can learn alongside our current leaders. But, if you or someone you know is keen to volunteer but unavailable at that time, please still get in touch.

Go to https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/volunteers/ to find out more, or contact Katrina at ggnz.rangituhi@gmail.com

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Our hugely popular Kelly Sports Holiday Programme is back for the July Holidays for children aged 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:
Battle Royal Day, International Sports Day, Rural Games Day, Hockey Day, Commonwealth Games Day
"A Magical Madness day with Zappo the Magician who is coming to Kelly Sports with his brand new Magical Workshop"
plus great trips to: Laserforce, The Lanes (Ten Pin Bowling), and the movie "Lightyear"
To see the Activity Planner click here: Porirua Activity Planner
For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201

Fun creative **drama workshop** with Rachel Coward, ages 7+, Wednesday 20 July, 10am-2pm. For more information contact rachel@funcreative.co or 027 3221101