

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 4

- 12 Nov Dental Van arrives
- 23 Nov Swimming ends
- 26 Nov Dental van leaves
- 29 Nov Be Bright
Eat Right- tbc
- 14 Dec End of Year
Celebration- tbc
- 15 Dec Term 4 finishes
12.30pm

Assemblies

While we remain in Level 2 there will be no parent assemblies.



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Useful Links

- greenacres.school.nz
- schooldocs.co.nz

Wednesday 10 November 2021

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

We start with sad news that kaumātua Jim Rahi has passed away. Kaumātua Jim's presence at Greenacres was always greatly valued. His wisdom, care and mana was clearly evident whenever he visited. Kaumātua Jim is the father of our Kapa Haka tutor Whaea Liz. Ngā mihi aroha ki a Whaea Liz rātou ko tōna whānaunga i tēnei wā pōuri. Mā te Atua koutou e manaaki, e tiaki.

Swimming

It has been awesome getting into our swimming programme this week. There has been high excitement, plenty of energy expended, some nerves and HEAPS of fun and progress. Thank you so much for your support. Having professional instructors, needing to bus the children to the pools, and entry fees certainly adds to the costs but also means we can be confident that the tamariki are getting a quality programme. We are always cognisant about keeping costs to a minimum. I wanted to reiterate that we would never have anyone miss out because of money. All our curriculum based activities are for ALL our tamariki. Please contact us if money is going to be a barrier to taking part in any school activity and we can work something out.



Writing Posts

As a heads up, keep an eye out on Hero / Seesaw for a writing post next week. This will be a great chance to celebrate progress in writing, as well as identify next steps that are being worked on. In the post there will be a writing sample, a student self reflection (for our older students) and a comment from the teacher. I encourage you all to 'complete the circle' by adding your own comment reinforcing we are all working together to support progress.

Literacy Hui

Thank you to those who could make our writing hui last week. It was a great chance to share progress and to work together. We do hope you found it useful. For those who could not make the zoom meeting, it was recorded with links provided in a Hero post sent out yesterday.

Term Four Events- Pōwhiri

We have been busy looking at all our upcoming events. We will keep feeding through information about changes to each event. At this stage we can inform you that we won't be able to have our second Pōwhiri of the year to welcome our newest tamariki and whānau. We thought about having a smaller event due to Covid restrictions but it just didn't seem right not being able to have everyone together so we will be patient and have one early in the new year.

Kapa Haka Festival

Other news is that our Kapa Haka festival is going online. All schools will present their mahi via video. We continue to prepare for this and look forward to sharing our video with you all; as well as viewing performances from other Kura across the Kahui Ako.

Kahui Ako

Our teachers took part in network meetings on Monday with teachers from other Tawa schools. It was a great chance to share ideas and approaches with the aim to improve practice for everyone.

Te Reo Māori

Rūma Hui - Meeting Room
Please go to the meeting room
Haere koa ki te rūma hui.



Covid-19 and the Vaccine Mandate

As a school we are doing our very best to stay up to date with the new rules and requirements. Staff have been asked to provide information to me about their vaccination status. As you'll be aware, no school staff (nation-wide) are allowed to remain working if they do not comply with the government's mandate, unless the staff member holds an exemption. Greenacres School will comply fully with the mandate rules.

The Ministry of Education has been providing guidance for schools on how to manage the next issue of ensuring volunteers, parent helpers, sub-contractors etc meet the mandatory vaccination requirements as covered under the Public Health Order. As you can imagine, this is a big task. The Ministry has developed a table to help Principals and Boards understand the types of roles in the education sector that will be covered by the Public Health Order requirement to get vaccinated.

The general principles for the application of the Order are:

- *All workers/volunteers who carry out work at or for a school fall under the requirements of the Order if:
 - +They may have contact with students when carrying out their work or
 - +They are present at the school when students are also present
- *The worker has a duty under the Order to ensure they meet the vaccination requirements
- *Where the worker is a staff member of a service contracted to the school, the service provider is responsible for ensuring the worker meets the requirement of the order.

I will update you as more defined information is available to Principals and Boards.

Nga mihi

Mike Thomas

COMMUNITY NOTICES

COVID Vaccination Clinics this weekend



Children LOVE learning how to Cartwheel, Handstand, Round-off, Handspring and Flip at **BIGAIR GYM! BIGAIR's GYMNASTICS, TRAMPOLINE, CHEERLEADING, TUMBLING & FREE RUNNING** classes are excellent for fun and fitness! We focus on safety, technique, fundamental skills, right through to more advanced skills, such as summersaults and twisting. Bigair Gym is a pristine, exciting, kid friendly gym! Our experienced coaches run structured and organised fun gym classes, which follow a badge programme which creates goals and allows children to plan for success! **BOOK NOW** for Term 3 Classes. Full day or half day sessions. Spots are limited so book now on www.bigairgym.co.nz

Bigair Gym Tawa ph. 232 3508 e. office@bigairgym.co.nz @. 10 Surrey Street, Tawa.

The Pop Up Arts and Crafts Market in Tawa held monthly in New World atrium 10am - 2pm, 27 November, 18 December. For more info go to Facebook [thepopupmarketnz](https://www.facebook.com/thepopupmarketnz)

Tawa Tennis Club is having a Love Tennis Open Day on Sunday 21 November from 10am to 4pm. All welcome to come along and play, it's free, and there are prizes, hot shots, competitions and a barbecue. Bring the the family and friends. For more info contact Julie Roberts juliemroberts33@gmail.com

Join North City Cricket Club this Summer! We have teams for Year 0 - Year 8 children. North City Cricket Junior Club is a dedicated and passionate club that provides all children the chance to learn and develop cricket skills, make friends and have fun in a team environment from Spring to Autumn.

Online Registrations are open now, for more information visit

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/northcitycricket> or <https://www.facebook.com/NorthCityCricket/> to keep an eye on up to date information.

Cricket's Back and Junior Club Registrations are open for the 2021 – 2022 season! Local cricket clubs offer a range of opportunities to play cricket this summer for participants aged 4 to 12. The Superstar Cricket Programme is available for participants aged 4 to 7, with Junior Club Cricket available from Year 2 to 8 in dual-pitch, softball, and hardball formats. New to cricket? No worries! You can find your local club by clicking on the link [here](#) or reach out to Cricket Wellington on community@cricketwellington.co.nz We look forward to seeing you on the park this year!

Samuel Marsden Collegiate School – Girls Year 7 entry 2022

Enrolments for entry in 2022 are now due. For questions, to organise a personal tour or day in class for your daughter please contact Enrolment Registrar Leigh McCathie on 476 8707. marsden.school.nz

Elements Rhythmic Gymnastics is a graceful mixture of dance and sport. It teaches body skills such as leaps, jumps, balances and pivots, and also increases hand-eye coordination through the use of apparatus. Email info@rhythmicgym.nz to arrange a free trial class! More info at www.Rhythmicgym.nz