



Newsletter

Important Dates

8 December - Puāwai - Big Day Out (Part 2)
9 December - End of Year Celebration (pp 12 December)
12 December - Year 6 Leavers Dinner
13 December - School Christmas Fun Day
14 December - Final day of school (12.30 finish)
30 January - Meet the Teacher

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Term Dates 2022

Term 4 17 Oct - 14 Dec

Term Dates 2023

Term 1 31 Jan - 6 Apr

Term 2 24 Apr - 06 Jul

Term 3 17 Jul - 08 Oct

Term 4 09 Oct - 15 Dec

Useful Links

greenacres.school.nz

schooldocs.co.nz

www.lunchonline.co.nz

Rāapa te Whitu o Hakihea 2022

Kia ora koutou, Shalom, As-salāmu'alakum, Ayubowan, Kam na Mauri, Guten Tag, Kia ōrana, Kumusta Ka, Mālo, e Lelei, Nī Hāo, Fakaalofa Lahi Atu, Namaste, Sawatdee-krap, Croeso, Goeie dag, Tālofa Lava, Hola, Bon jour and Gidday

Staffing Update

As I mentioned earlier, sadly Ange Lamb is leaving Greenacres School at the end of the year. Ange has been a wonderful member of our school whānau over the last 7 years. She has brought so much experience, wisdom and aroha to every interaction and situation. Ange has forged a fantastic reputation as a Special Needs Coordinator due to hard work, manaakitanga and commitment. As a Deputy Principal, Ange has an incredible ability to hold copious amounts of information in her head and can react quickly to any situation. She is SO organised. Ange has been reflecting and saying she wakes up everyday looking forward to coming to school. We will miss you Ange. Being close to whānau is so important to you so we totally understand and respect your decision to move to Palmerston North..but we are still a bit sad! All the best with Grandparenthood. Nga mihi nui!



Jeremy Coenen joined us at the beginning of term 3 and is also leaving us. He has fitted in beautifully and it feels like he has been with us a lot longer than two terms. He formed excellent relationships with tamariki, whānau and staff quickly. Jeremy is a highly skilled teacher and has a wonderful disposition and sense of humour. We wish you all the best in your new adventures Jeremy.

Next year we will welcome back Nicole Ros from maternity leave. Nicole is super excited about her returning in a part time capacity. We are too! Nicole will be working for two days a week, primarily in Kano and Māhuri.

End of Year Celebration Assembly

This year we will be having our End of Year Celebration Assembly at Greenacres School on Friday (9 December) at 11am. We are keeping a close eye on the weather but if it doesn't come to the party, we will delay till the postponement date of 12 December at 11am. We have made a few changes in an effort to make the celebration a little more interactive and enjoyable for the tamariki. As always, we will give out some special awards. After talking with different groups, we will use the RKMCs and 4Cs as reference points for giving out the cups and trophies. We do hope you are able to join us on the courtyard at 11am.

Ki o Rahi Festival

We had two teams participating in the Tawa Kahui Ako Ki o Rahi Festival last Thursday. It was a fantastic afternoon with tamariki thoroughly enjoying themselves and improving their ability to play this fun and diverse game. There was wonderful whānau support making for a tu meke afternoon.

Kapa Haka Festival

Ngā mihi nui to our Kapa Haka roopu. Their performance was truly amazing on Rāmere at the Kahui Ako Festival at Tawa College. The waiata and haka were emotional, polished and very impressive. It really was a special day and mana enhancing all round. Ka mau te wehi.

Nga mihi to Whaea Vanessa and Whaea Liana who led our group this year. All the hard mahi paid off!

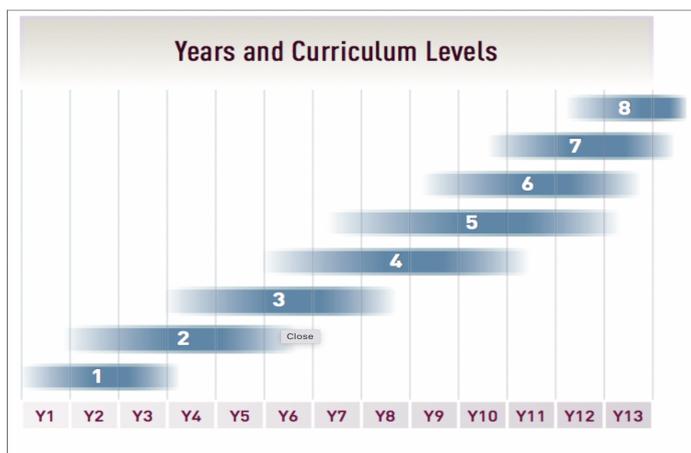
You can watch them on Youtube Check [here](#).



General Comments and Milestone Reporting

Available on Monday 12 December on Hero are your child's end-of-year general comment reports. These will also let you know which team your child will be in for 2023. Consistent with other Learning Teams, Puāwai will not be having home rooms in 2023. This was put in place in 2022 due to the high numbers in this team but this will not be necessary due to lower numbers and just two kaiako.

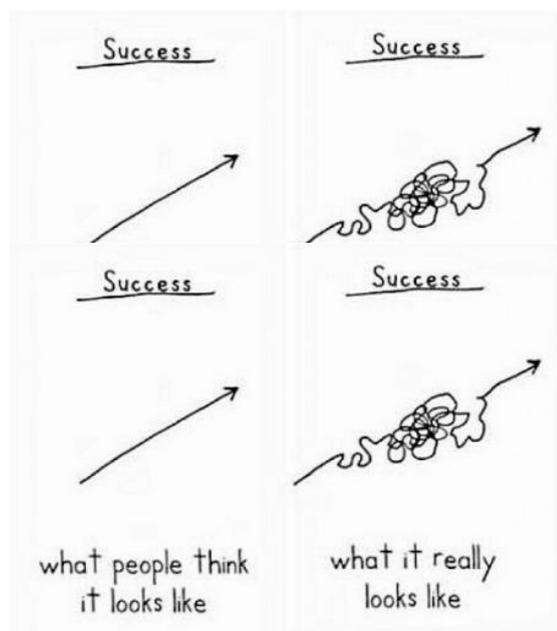
Additionally, on Monday, Milestone Reports will be made available to you. As in July, these will be shown on a graph. The graphs are currently updated twice a year against curriculum levels and sublevels (e.g. 2 Early or 2B) and are an 'overall teacher judgement' (OTJ) based on students' consistent, confident and independent performance in class. Standardised testing is used to help make these professional judgements along with rigorous moderation and teacher discussion.



Due to a curriculum level spanning more than 2 years (as shown above) and the breadth and depth of each level, not all students will move on their graph each reporting period. If a student stays at the same sublevel this does not mean they are not making progress. In many circumstances, they will be working through the content at an expected rate. Additionally, students often need to consolidate a curriculum level before moving to the next. As students move through the curriculum levels, the levels become broader and involve higher levels of critical thinking and application.

You may notice that there are flat points on the graphs as students consolidate their learning, particularly as they jump curriculum levels. The structure of the graph is pretty clear and provides this room for consolidation.

Throughout the year, kaiako and whānau maintain regular contact around individual progress with ideas for support (eg. through weekly team updates, Hero posts, Learning Conversations, newsletters, emails, calls etc.)



Any student who is not making expected progress or is 'working towards' the expected level will have been identified. Information has been shared with their next year's teachers and plans will be put in place to support them as our priority / growth learners in 2023.

The Milestone Reports work in conjunction with the In-Time Posts you have been receiving this year. Reading, writing and maths posts shared with you show specific progress and achievement. Progression can also often be made in motivation, attitude or the confidence gained by the student as they consolidate their skills and knowledge.

Reporting in the Junior School

We are currently working on how to best gather and analyse data from our Year 0 - 1 students. This is an ongoing process that is linked to our work with BSLA and our student management system (HERO). This year for our end-of-year **reading** reports for our Year 0/1 students we are trialling using BSLA goals on HERO (rather than the graphs we are currently utilising in other subject areas). Each child will receive a list of goals/skills that they have mastered/secured. To access these, please click on the tab 'see recently completed'. You will also be provided with three next learning steps or targets that they are working towards. If this trial is successful we hope to explore similar strengths-based reporting in other curriculum areas next year.

We have made the decision that any tamariki who started at Greenacres after 10 February 2022 (or came to our school this year from elsewhere) and who don't currently have graphs **won't** receive their milestone reporting on a graph. Instead, this information will be recorded at the end of their general comment (for writing and maths) like this:

Mathematics progress: [Name] is currently working with support/towards/at/above expectation (20/40 weeks) at Curriculum Level 2 Early = 2b.

Writing progress: [Name] is currently working with support/towards/at/above expectation (20/40 weeks) at Curriculum level 1b = L1 Early

Christmas Fun Day - Water Fun

As per tradition, we will be having a fun Christmas Day on Rātu / Tuesday. This will involve the tamariki taking part in a range of Christmas themed activities in the morning. We will finish the day with some water fun. Of course this is optional for any children who want to take part. If your child would like to take part, they will need to bring togs and a towel. They will also need to bring a water pistol. Once again, fingers crossed for good weather.

Stationery for 2023

The stationery requirements for 2023 are now published. You can order online at myschool.co.nz. Don't forget that in an attempt to prevent the big January rush, OfficeMax is offering incentives to parents who order in December - 5 x \$1000 cash prizes.



Lastly, we have noticed in the media and from other schools that cases of Covid are on the rise again. Thankfully, we only have a couple of tamariki away with Covid here at Greenacres. However, we are certainly conscious of keeping up our defences as we finish up the year. We know you will also be doing the same at home.

Ngā manaakitanga
Mike Thomas
Tumuaki

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Christmas in Tawa - check out the Christmas window displays, stop for a spot of lunch, do some shopping and then vote for your favourite display before heading home.

Wellington City Libraries' poetry journal for children and teens has returned for 2022!

All throughout the month of November, we will be accepting submissions of poetry in **English or Te Reo Māori** from young writers aged **5 – 18** in Wellington. In previous years, we have published more than 200 young poets in Tūhono — so this year we'll again be splitting it into two books, one for kids and one for teens. As long as submission rules are followed, all pieces we receive from individuals, and groups or classes, will be published!

Our theme for Tūhono 2022 is "**Whakangā | Breath.**" Whakangā refers to the taking in of breath, or to the process of breathing. It also calls to mind the idea of inhaling from the world; taking a breath to create calm; taking time to stop, slow down, relax, be.

This is the link to our poetry submission form:

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7081226/Poetry-Submission-2022>

You can find out more over on our Tūhono blogs:

- <https://www.wcl.govt.nz/blogs/kids/index.php/2022/10/05/tuhono-2022-we-want-your-poems/>
- <https://www.wcl.govt.nz/blogs/teens/index.php/2022/10/05/tuhono-2022-we-want-your-poems/>

Arty Farty Kids - Mini Christmas Craft Sessions - With Christmas around the corner why not book your child into one of our Mini Christmas Craft Sessions? Running on 19, 21 and 22 December. Keep your children occupied making gifts & treats whilst you finish the last minute bits n bobs for the big day! Bookings have already opened so contact: office.artyfartykids@gmail.com
Contact: office.artyfartykids@yahoo.com

Capital BMX Club are running "**Have a go**" bike riding sessions. With the support of the Wellington City Council, Capital BMX Club is trying to get more kids riding bikes. Central Wellington doesn't have many safe spaces for riding, Capital BMX Club's facilities in Northland offer the perfect place for kids to get started. Visit www.capitalbmx.co.nz

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

BIGAIR GYMS Drop & Shop December School Holiday Programme is running Mon 19th – Wed 21st December 2022! Full day and half day sessions are available. This is a wonderful opportunity for kids to keep active and to learn something new during the holidays! **BIGAIR GYMS January Holiday Programme will run Mon 9th – 27th Jan 2023.** Bookings will be open on Monday 28th Nov! Book through our online website: www.bigairgym.co.nz



Wellington City Libraries - from 1 December 2022 through to 31 January 2023, we're inviting the tamariki, rangatahi and pākeke of Wellington on a Summer Reading Adventure — an adventure that will take them around the city, into their own backyards, down to their local library, into the pages of more than a few books, and back home again in time for tea.

Along the way, our intrepid young adventurers will be earning all kinds of awesome prizes for their efforts, from collectible badges to ice-cream vouchers, free books, movie tickets, family passes to Zealandia, Wellington Zoo, and the Space Place, and much more.

Children, teens and adults can visit our Summer Reading site at wcl.beanstack.org to find out more and pre-register for the Adventure, or they can download the free Beanstack Tracker app from Google Play or the iTunes Store to participate on the go.

Christmas Funday: 19 December 2022: 10am - 2pm -Tawa Anglicans annual Funday - Christmas crafts, lego, games, stories - for primary school aged children. \$15
Contact hayley.balmer@xtra.co.nz to book.

Staglands Wildlife Reserve & Cafe - We will be rounding off our Golden Anniversary celebrations this summer by giving one lucky visitor the chance to get into The Reserve free of charge, every day, until the end of January! That means that every day, visitor #50, will get into The Reserve, for FREE. This offer will run throughout the school holidays from 17 Dec 2022 until 31 Jan 2023. Terms & Conditions apply, [see website for details](#).

Coding Holiday Activity FREE - Ages 10-15, learn to make games, websites and applications. More info at codingnz.com/freeactivity

CodeCamp Summer Holiday Fun - CodeCamp allows children from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Create games, apps.

Venue: Thorndon School

Weeks: 1: 9 – 12 Jan, 16 – 19 Jan & 24 – 27 Jan

Book Now: @ www.codecamp.co.nz

A Long List of Wellington City Council Events Coming Up!

A Very Welly Christmas, Sat 26 Nov – Sun 27 Nov, from midday, Lambton Quay

Our whānau-friendly entertainment and activities include bands, an ice rink, snowball igloo, face painting, street performances, and a foam pit. Meet your local sports heroes, and of course, Santa, who will arrive at 12 noon each day in a small walking parade from Balance Street to the Old Bank Arcade. Lambton Quay will be pedestrian-access only for the weekend. averywellychristmas.co.nz

Carols in the Park 5pm-7pm, Sat 26 Nov Midland Park

Bring your best singing voice to Carols in Midland Park. Grab a blanket and some kai, and get ready to falalalala. wellington.govt.nz/events

New Year's Eve 8pm-12pm, 31 Dec Whairepo Lagoon

Join us for a fun evening of toe-tapping music. Cover band Zephyr will entertain from 8pm, followed by a special Kids Countdown at 9.30pm. Orchestra Wellington will fill the air with tunes of a 'Royal' theme with its free concert from 10pm, followed by the New Year's countdown, and a blast of fireworks to bring in 2023. wellington.govt.nz/events

Gardens Magic Concert Series, Light Display, Kids Garden trail, 10-29 Jan, Botanic Gardens Ki Paekākā

The iconic Concert Series is back (Tues-Sun evenings), along with a Light Display, and a Kids Garden Trail. Listen to some of Wellington's finest live music under a blanket of stars. As the sun sets see the gardens transform with a magical light display by MJF Lighting, and during the day join our Space Explorer in her journey of discovery of the Botanic Garden's remarkable plants and animals. wellington.govt.nz/events

Whānau Film Night, 6pm, Sun 5 Feb, Waitangi Park

Bring a picnic and join us for a programme of short films followed by the feature film 'Whina'.

Te Rā o Waitangi, 12 noon – 6pm, Mon 6 Feb, Waitangi Park

Enjoy a line-up of award-winning Māori performers, food, and culture. Food trucks will be on-site, and be in quick for the hangi! wellington.govt.nz/events

Wellington Pasifika Festival

12 noon – 6pm, Sat 11 Feb, Waitangi Park

Experience the sights, sounds, and flavours of the Pacific at the Wellington Pasifika Festival on Saturday 11 February, Waitangi Park, 12 noon – 6pm. wellington.govt.nz/events