



Newsletter

Important Dates

8 March - Teacher Only Day
25-28 March - Puāwai Camp
29 March - 2 April Easter Break (back to school on Wed 3rd)
10-11 April - Learning Conversations
12 April - Last day of term

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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
schooldocs.co.nz
www.lunchonline.co.nz

Rāapa, te tuaono o Poutū-te-rangi 2024
Wednesday 6 March 2024

Kia ora e te Whānau

Nau Mai Haere Mai

This week we welcomed Addi to Kano. We wish her and her family all the best on their learning journey with us.

Mathematics

As part of our curriculum focus on Maths this year, we are looking at what makes a good mathematician and what we can do to support our students when learning maths. One important part of this is supporting students to have a positive attitude towards maths.

Maths Anxiety - Advice for Parents, from Professor Jo Boaler

Do you remember how excited your children were about maths when they were young? How they were excited by patterns in nature? How they rearranged a set of objects and found, with delight, that they had the same number? Before children start school they often talk about maths with curiosity and wonder, but soon after they start school many children decide that maths is confusing and scary and they are not a “math person”. This is because maths in some schools is all about procedures, memorisation and deciding which children can and which cannot. Maths has become a performance subject and students of all ages are more likely to tell you that maths is all about answering questions correctly than tell you about the beauty of the subject or the way it piques their interest.

What can parents do to transform maths for their children? Over the next few newsletters we will share some ideas for parents / whānau to do.

Step 1 - Encourage children to play maths puzzles and games. Award-winning mathematician, Sarah Flannery reported that her maths achievement and enthusiasm came not from school but from the puzzles she was given to solve at home. Puzzles and games – anything with a dice really – will help kids enjoy maths, and develop 1 number sense, which is critically important.

Here are some online [apps and games from youcubed](#). NZmaths is another great website that has a [family/whānau section](#).

If you would like to find out more - check out this article from Jo Boaler's youcubed website - [Parents' Beliefs about Math Change Their Children's Achievement](#)

Teacher Only Day

Maths will be the focus for our Teacher Only Day on Friday 8 March. We really do appreciate your support as we work with our facilitator Lee Smith and keep growing our practice.

Kelly Club is open for bookings on Friday where they are planning a 'marvellous adventure' at the **Kelly Club for the Teacher Only Day programme!** The day will be filled with laughter, creativity, and magic as we hop into a world of fun activities.

Kelly Club is here to ensure your kids have a fantastic time with a diverse range of all-inclusive, safe, active, challenging, and relaxed experiences!! Please bring: a lunchbox, your bike or scooter, a sunhat and a bottle of water."



KELLY CLUB

A FUN PROGRAMME THAT KIDS LOVE!



Friday 8th March
TEACHER ONLY DAY PROGRAMME

OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE!
*Conditions apply

GREENACRES SCHOOL

We've got an amazing programme planned including baking, crafts, games and more! Book online now for our fun-filled one day holiday programme. See you there!

Full Day: \$55 7am-6pm	School Day: \$45 8:30am-3pm	Half Day: \$35 7am-12:30pm or 12:30pm-6pm
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Contact: Menandi Pieterse
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Facebook: @KellyClubGreenacres

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz

Paid Union Meetings (PUM)

For your information, the NZEI has called for a PUM. This is to discuss the Mana Taurite - Pay Equity Process designed to ensure that the skills, intellectual and emotional effort of teachers is valued. The meeting is also a chance for teachers to provide feedback to the Union to shape priorities for 2024. To ensure that school can remain open, our teachers / kaiako will be attending two different meetings on 20 March. This will mean an alternative programme at school with larger classes from 11.15 onwards but we are open! We are doing this as we really didn't want to ask you to keep children at home for the day.

Firewood Sales

After many hours of toil, the pine trees that were recently felled are all split up and ready for sale. If you are keen, come to school on Saturday 9th March between 10am and 3pm with a trailer and load up.

You can pre-order by emailing fundraisingcommittee@greenacres.school.nz and paying via our bank account 123254 000419500 or via eftpos in the office during the week, or bring cash on the day. Firewood is wet/unseasoned pine, split into stackable size. High side trailer \$150, low side trailer \$80, car boot \$POA.

We could also do with a few volunteers to direct traffic and help load, so if you can be at school on Saturday to help please email fundraisingcommittee@greenacres.school.nz and let us know.

All the funds raised will be going towards repairs and maintenance for our beloved but slightly tired school hall. As this is a BOT owned building, we do not receive any MoE support and the list of jobs to be completed is significant.

Movin' March

We are right into our first week of Movin' March. It has been great seeing our tamariki / children getting active walking and using wheels to get to school - even if it is just for the last part of their journey. It also takes a lot of pressure off the Road Patrol with far less cars parked around the crossing. The tamariki / children are loving collecting stamps on their passports to earn prizes. Thanks heaps to the Puāwai tamariki for being on the gates to give out the stamps.



From the Movin' March team

Whānau are welcome to share their photos of them enjoying their school journeys with the Movin' March community on [Facebook](#) where there are 15 awesome prizes to give away. Find all the information you need on the Greater Wellington website.

Measles

We recently received information from the Ministry of Health explaining that there were 13 cases of measles in Aotearoa in 2023 and the high risk of further outbreaks. Here is a link to further information on [measles](#) and [immunisation](#) for families.

Mā te wā - see you soon

Mike Thomas

Fundraising Committee

Click this link <https://forms.gle/5866nVkgLvonCjbS7> for more information about 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 for our school.

GREENACRES SCHOOL APPAREL

QUALITY ITEMS | ALL PROFITS GO TO GREENACRES SCHOOL



HOODIES \$50/\$56



HOUSE TEES \$22



BEANIES \$20



SUNHATS \$22

Click the link in the description for more details and to order

COMMUNITY NOTICES

If you haven't booked your child's spot for Term 1 yet, we still have spaces available. Limited spots are still open, so jump online and book now at www.bigairgym.co.nz. Book now so that your child doesn't miss out on the first class of the term where our coaches review fundamentals and provide an induction into the gym. Book online or contact our Bigair Gym office. We would love to hear from you. Bigair Gym Tawa ph. 232 3508
Email office@bigairgym.co.nz

Tawa Junior Rugby Club 2024 Season Registration

Interested in playing Rugby in 2024? Both Tackle and Rippa Grades available for all ages. For more information or to register visit www.tawajuniorrugby.co.nz or jump onto the 'Tawa Junior Rugby Football Club' Facebook page and send us a message, we would love to hear from you.



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 Fee & Finlay St, Tawa, and give it a go! Contact tawawrestling@gmail.com for more info

Samuel Marsden Collegiate School – Girls entering Year 7 in 2025

Marsden warmly invites families of girls entering Year 7 in 2025 to their first Open Morning for 2024 on **Friday 22 March**, 8.45am-12pm. Please register at www.marsden.school.nz/register
Scholarships for entry in 2025 are now open. For more information and to apply, visit www.marsden.school.nz/enrolments/scholarships

Schools BMX Nationals - In October 2024 Capital BMX Club will be hosting BMX NZ's inaugural Schools BMX Nationals. This event is focused on growing the participation of new riders. Now is the time to start preparing your riders, and Capital BMX's coaches are ready to help!
For more details follow this link [School Events Detail & Flyer](#). If your child is interested in sport on bikes, please take a minute to complete an **Expression of Interest [here](#)**.