

Wednesday 16 October 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers, kia ora, malo e lelei, talofa lava, kia orana, namaste, ni hao, sawasdee and welcome to Week 1 of Term 4 2019.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Term Four

18 Oct	GTT R10
25 Oct	Teacher Only Day
28 Oct	Labour Day Holiday
29 Oct	Tawa Zone Athletics
29 Oct	BoT Meeting
30 Oct -5 Nov	Life Education
1 Nov	IF starts
07 Nov	Greenacres vs Hampton Hill tackle rugby
08 Nov	Kākano Assembly
15 Nov	Tōtara Assembly
18 Nov	Swimming Starts
29 Nov	Swimming Ends
26 Nov	Inter zone Athletics
29 Nov	Ngahere Assembly
6 Dec	Te Rito Assembly
16 Dec	End of Year Celebration 1pm
19 Dec	Last day of Term 4

## Term 4 Learning

Our key focus of 'Diversity' continues as a theme this term with students exploring the diversity and unique natural features and resources of **Planet Earth**. The key 4C driver will be Critical Thinking - Question, Evaluate, Reflect! Each learning team has their own unique focus:

Kākano	- Always take the weather with you
Te Rito	- Life on Earth
Tōtara	- Extreme Earth
Ngahere	- Awesome forces

Other learning focuses include:

- Visual Art - Texture
- PE - Striking, Fielding, Swimming, Tawa Zone Athletics
- Te Reo - Nga Hakari (Celebrations)
- Health - Life Education and Puberty Y5/6

## Staff News

At the end of last term both Katherine O'Neil and Donna Miles notified us that they will not be returning in 2020. Katherine has been appointed at Plimmerton School for 2020, which will enable her to be much closer to home and family. Donna is taking time off to spend with her husband, whose job will have him (and now her!) travelling across the Pacific Islands. Katherine and Donna will both be greatly missed and we will farewell them more appropriately in a newsletter at a later date.

As they have both given us considerable notice we have been able to quickly make new appointments and will have an update for you in the next newsletter.

Brittany Symon, who has had a fixed term position with us this year, has now been made permanent - congratulations Brittany!

## Events Committee

**Spring into Tawa** is taking place this Saturday, 19 October. This year our school will be having a cake stall and games stall. On Monday all students were given a plate to bring home. We would like it returned on Friday with either baked goods to sell at Spring into Tawa, or \$5 donation in lieu. We are also asking for helpers for the day to look after the stalls. If you are able to help or have any questions please contact Kat at [eventscommittee@greenacres.school.nz](mailto:eventscommittee@greenacres.school.nz)



**WELCOME  
HAERE MAI**

On Monday we welcomed Natalie Jacobs, Cooper Savill, Hayley Fenton, Keira Edwards and George Blakely to Room 3. Also Thomas Louisson to Room 1 and Jake Louisson to Room 6. We wish them and their families all the best on their learning journey with us.

## Calendars, etc

On Monday students brought home an order form for this year's calendars, etc. All items are the same price (\$15). A sample of each item is on display in the administration area. There is no obligation to order the calendar art but if you do wish to it would be appreciated if all forms could be returned to the office by next Thursday, 24 October.

## Building Project

At the end of term Kākano moved into their temporary teaching spaces in the hall and the front Resource Room. It was huge job and we thank the teachers for all their hard work to make these great learning spaces for Term 4. Thank you also to Natasha Masaga who volunteered her time for two days to help out, we couldn't have done it without you! The Kākano building project is due to start in the next few weeks.

## School Dates 2020

Term 1	Tuesday 4 February - Thursday 9 April
Term 2	Tuesday 28 April - Friday 3 July
Term 3	Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September
Term 4	Monday 12 October - 19 December

## Swimming

A letter is coming home today with your eldest child giving dates and some details of the swimming programme which will commence for all students on 18 November. Please return the permission slip and payment to the office as soon as possible. There is also information in the letter about a visit from Harold and the Life Education mobile classroom which will arrive on 30 October.

## Note: Teacher Only Day - Friday 25 October

In the recent settlement of the Primary Teachers Collective Agreement, an allowance has been made for schools to take more Teacher Only Days to support teachers in managing workload and professional requirements. As notified in last term's newsletters, we have scheduled a Teacher Only Day next Friday 25 October (Monday 28 October is the Labour Day holiday). Our focus is on moderating, sharing, analysing and preparing data for end of year reports.

Kind Regards

**Shirley Porteous**  
Principal

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Bigair Gymsports Tawa** - Is your child wanting to learn how to handstand, cartwheel or flip? Do you want them to feel strong and confident, and learn in a safe and encouraging environment? Come to Bigair! Our experienced coaches run classes such as **Gymnastics, Tumbling, Trampolining, Parkour** and **Cheerleading!** Our classes support children of all skill levels to learn and develop new skills and abilities, improving their fitness and co-ordination, and boosting self-esteem! BOOK NOW for TERM 4!

**Tawa Softball** - That's right, it's (almost) softball season again - Want a great team summer sport for your kids! Season runs from 19 October to mid Mar with a break for holidays. You can register with Tawa Softball Club for the 2019/2020 season now - [please click here](#). Want to Learn more? - open day and final registration Saturday 28 Sep at the Tawa Softball, Redwood Ave, Tawa. Check out the [Facebook Page](#) - The main point of communication and sharing information.

**Football Camp for girls (8-11)** - learn to be a football fern and play pro, technical skills training, games and fun competitions with CJ Bott & Emma Rolston from Football Ferns, who will also share their experiences of playing in FIFA Women's World Cups, Olympic Games and Professional Leagues. Three day camp 22-24 November at Tawa Intermediate School Turf. Email [kickoffcamp@gmail.com](mailto:kickoffcamp@gmail.com) for registrations and more info.

**The Pop Up Market in Tawa** - 19 October, 30 November, 14 December. For more info go to Facebook [thepopupmarketnz](#)

**The Tawa Community Light Party** is a safe alternative to Halloween for children 5-12years - entertainment, food, music, face painting, and talent quest -where it's your time to SHINE! (bring own music or instrument). Thurs 31 October 6pm – 8pm (sausage sizzle, vegetarian option avail) at Tawa New Life Church, 236 Main Road, Tawa. Fancy Dress OK but no halloween costumes please. This is a FREE event but tickets are needed to gain entry. Available from: Take Note/Post shop Main Road Tawa. Or Michele McDonald 2324924

**Learn To Swim – Easyswim Swim School** - Bookings are opening for term four swimming lessons at Khandallah, Tawa, Rewa Rewa, Johnsonville and Plimmerton School pools. Early Childhood through to Adults are welcome in our warm private pools. For more information visit [www.easyswim.co.nz](http://www.easyswim.co.nz) to book call 2347946 or email

**Brendan Foot Supersite Round the Bays** takes place on 16 February 2020. Registrations for the event open on 1 November - go to [wellingtonroundthebays.co.nz](http://wellingtonroundthebays.co.nz) to register.

### **Whitby Collegiate Open Days and Year 7 Scholarship for 2020**

**Open Day** - From the beginning of 2020 Marsden Whitby will become Whitby Collegiate. You are invited to view Whitby Collegiate during our Open Days on Friday 18 October and Friday 15 November. The school will be open for guided tours between 10am and 2pm. There will be staff and students to talk to and our students look forward to showing you around.

**Scholarships**- Whitby Collegiate invites applications for Year 7 Scholarships in 2020. Applications can be submitted online on our website - [whitbycollegiate.school.nz](http://whitbycollegiate.school.nz). If you have any questions or would like a personal tour, please contact Lorraine Rose on 04 234 1070.

**Transport** - There are easy transport links to Whitby Collegiate and school buses bring students from the Hutt Valley, Johnsonville, Churton Park, Tawa and Aotea, and connect with the train for students travelling from the Kapiti Coast.

**Samuel Marsden Collegiate School for girls - Year 7, 2020** - Open Morning (tour the school, ask questions and find out about Marsden's Visible Wellbeing approach and programmes): 25 October 2019, 8.45am-12pm. To organise a personal tour or day in class for your daughter contact Enrolment Registrar Sonia Stinson on 476 8707. Enrolments for 2020 are due now, apply to enrol at [marsden.school.nz](http://marsden.school.nz)