



Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

4 May BoT nominations
8 May Parent Oral Language workshop
10 May School cross country event
11 May Ngahere parent assembly
25 May Te Rito parent assembly
29 May Tawa Zone cross country
1 Jun Teacher Only Day
4 Jun Holiday
8 June Tōtara parent assembly
20 June whānau hui and Matariki event
22 June Kākano parent assembly
19-29 Jun Swimming
28 Jun Quiz night
2 Jul Swimming Sports
6 Jul Reports home and last day of term

Wednesday 2 May 2018

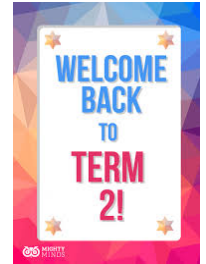
Dear Parents and Caregivers, kia ora, malo e lelei, talofa lava, kia orana, namaste, ni hao and welcome to Week 1 of Term 2 2018.

We hope you all had a fabulous term break - we were certainly lucky with the weather, with lots of sunny days to enjoy. Some progress was made over the holidays with work having been completed on drains and paths of concern. The work has also started on preparing the play area between the admin block and Kākano so that it can be turfed and become a fantastic all weather surface. We are hopeful this will be completed in the next two weeks.

Term 2 Learning

This term our key focus for student inquiry is the big idea of 'Sustainability' and the unit is called 'Is Greenacres Green?'. During this living world science unit, students will explore how we can all contribute to preserving and sustaining our environment for future generations.

- Maths - statistics, number knowledge - multiplication/division
- The Arts - environmental art (visual arts), music - Rad Rhythms (performing arts)
- PE/Health - cross country, swimming, winter games, relating to others (RKMCs), digital citizenship and healthy eating
- Te Reo - Te Huarere (Weather) and Matariki



TALKIT ORAL LANGUAGE WORKSHOP @ GREENACRES Tues 8 May 6-7pm

GROWING THINKERS, TALKERS AND READERS

This year we are focusing on improving the oral language skills of our learners. We know that developing good communication skills supports students in their learning at school and in all aspects of their lives.

Del Costello, founder of the Talkit Oral Language Programme for schools is working with our staff and students and will be running a short workshop for the school community and whānau in Room 7 on 8 May. Staff will be available to supervise children in Room 6 so you can make the most of this opportunity. The letter sent home yesterday included an rsvp, please complete and return to school or email the office, office@greenacres.school.nz

School Cross Country Thursday 10 May 11am

Our school cross country event for all year groups will take place on the bottom field next Thursday 10 May from 11am. You are all warmly invited.

**WELCOME
HAERE MAI**

On Monday, we welcomed Brynn Evans to Kākano 3. We wish him and his family well on their learning journey with us.

"Together we encourage, challenge and inspire while fostering a love of learning"

BoT Election

The call for nominations for an additional parent representative on the Board of Trustees will be made early this term. Please give some thought to standing yourself or nominating a person who you think will be willing to serve on the Board.

Have a great term everyone.

Kind Regards

Shirley Porteous
Principal



The Events Committee is again selling The Entertainment Book. Every membership we sell means \$13 for our school. To order your Book or Digital Membership online visit www.entbook.co.nz/10411b2. If paying with cash or eftpos there are also books available at the school office.

Thanks for your support.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Zealandia Open Weekend On 5 & 6 May you'll be able to visit ZEALANDIA and Wellington Zoo for a \$2 donation per entry. All proceeds from the weekend will go towards ZEALANDIA's ongoing conservation and education efforts and the local and international field conservation projects supported by Wellington Zoo. VISITZEALANDIA.COM

<http://www.visitzealandia.com/.../ArticleID/122/Open-Weekend>



Primary Years Toolbox Course (5-9 years) Mondays 14 May to 18 June, 7.30-9.30pm, Island Bay Community Centre, 137 The Parade, Island Bay. Bookings essential, cost \$75 per person, \$110 per couple (subsidies available). For more details contact Liz Bruce 022 1855357 or email e.a.bruce@outlook.com

The Heart Foundation is hosting FREE information sessions in May to discuss living with heart failure. Your local Clinical Nurse Specialists in heart failure will present on understanding and managing heart failure, medical treatments and how to keep well. You will have the opportunity to share your own experiences or to ask questions about your heart condition. Whānau are also encouraged to come along and share with the group. Light refreshments will be provided. The local area session will be on Tuesday 22 May, 5.30 – 7pm at Kenepuru Hospital, The Education Centre, Ground Floor, Main Entrance, Porirua. Please register on wellheartfailure.eventbrite.co.nz or by contacting Annette on 04 472 2780 or annettes@heartfoundation.org.nz

A Marsden education for your daughter in Year 7, 2019? You are invited to the Samuel Marsden Collegiate School Karori Open Day on Sunday 6 May, between 2pm and 4pm. There will be staff and students to talk to and the girls look forward to showing you around. For more information and to register visit marsden.school.nz/experience Scholarships - Marsden School Year 7 Academic Scholarships for entry in 2019 are open, you can find [more information and apply online](#). Enrolment – Enrolments are open, you can apply to reserve a place at Marsden for 2019 or beyond. If you have any questions or would like a personal tour you can call 04 476 8707.

Solway College Open Day Saturday 12 May 2018 10:00am–2:00pm. Visit www.solwaycollege.school.nz for more information.

The Pop Up Market - contemporary crafts market held in The Atrium at New World, Tawa, from 10am-2pm. Free entry, plenty of parking. Markets dates for the rest of the year are 26 May, 30 June, 28 July, 25 August, 29 September, 27 October, 24 November and 15 December. Find them on facebook @thepopupmarketnz

Rhythmic Gymnastics has spaces available in recreational classes for term two. Come along and try out the new badge programme. Your daughter will work through Levels 1 to 10 over time. Classes in Thornton available from Mon to Sat, min. numbers apply. If your daughter loves to dance and is looking for something a little different, then come along to a class and give it a try! Email info@rhythmicgym.nz to arrange a FREE trial. For more information about Elements and our classes, visit www.rhythmicgym.nz

A couple of messages from the Tawa Community Board:

“We in Tawa have an opportunity every two years to thank the volunteers in our community at the Tawa Community Civic Awards ceremony, at which the Mayor of Wellington will acknowledge each person who is nominated for an award. However we are counting on local people to nominate a volunteer at this school or from some other area of community life in Tawa. Nomination forms are available at the Library or at www.wellington.govt.nz/rd/tawa or by emailing malcolm.sparrow@wcc.govt.nz. Closing date for nominations is Friday 18 May.”

“As in the above request, there is no doubt a volunteer (or more than one) in the life of your school who is worthy of thanks from the wider community. If you would like to nominate them for this award, they will be given a certificate of appreciation by the Mayor of Wellington at the awards ceremony in early June. The identity of any nominator will remain confidential.”