



Newsletter

Wednesday 6 September 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

- 12 September**
Rugby vs Hampton Hill
- 15 September**
Languages Rotation
- 21 September**
Science Roadshow Y5/6
- 22 September**
Te Rito Assembly
Sausage sizzle
- 27 September**
Arts Sharing Y1-2
- 29 September**
Tōtara Assembly
Sausage Sizzle
Term 3 Ends

2018 Term Dates

- Term 1**
01 Feb - 13 April
- Term 2**
30 April - 6 July
- Term 3**
23 July - 28 Sept
- Term 4**
15 Oct - 18 Dec

Reminders

Scholastic Book Club closes this Friday, 8 September

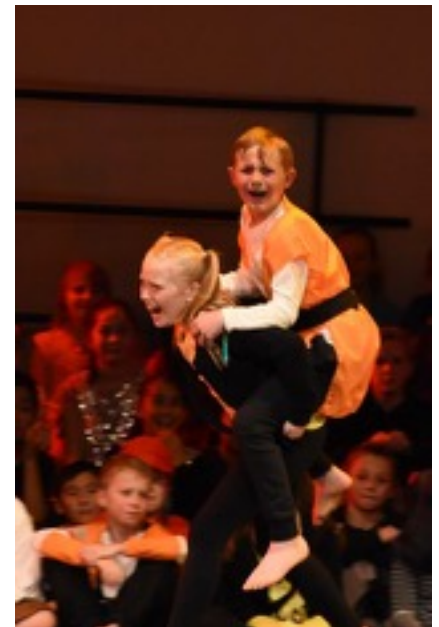
Dear Parents and Caregivers, kia ora, malo e lelei, talofa lava, kia orana, namaste, ni hao and welcome to Week 7 of Term 3 2017.

ANOTHER GREENACRES STUNNER!

Monday night's production 'The Game of our Lives' was an outstanding success. Our Year 3-6 students excelled in sharing their wonderful singing, dancing, music and acting talents. The theme of the show was engaging and entertaining for the students and audience alike and the costuming, digital and student art work, all brought the story to life.

Thank you to all the students for their commitment and enthusiasm in taking part in such a special event. Thank you to our creative writer, Stephen O'Neil, and director, Katherine O'Neil. Every production Katherine and Stephen push our students beyond what anyone thinks primary students are capable of and every time they achieve to great heights. Thank you to our musical expert Jean Hollier, we are so lucky to have you working at Greenacres School. Thank you also to our fabulous staff who have worked tirelessly to give our students this great experience. Thank you to Tawa College, their students and Murray Cameron (and family) for pulling all the lighting and sound together for us and giving it all such a professional look.

Check out the wonderful photos of our show (credit to Gary Hollier) on Facebook!



A few of the many highlights!

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

Language Rotation Day - Can you help?

As part of our diversity unit, on Friday 15 September we are having a Celebration of Languages day between 11 and 2:30pm. During this time students will be grouped in their whānau house groups to try a taster of different languages. We would love it if community members who speak a language other than English would like to help. All we need you to do is share basic greetings, counting, colours... with a small group for 20-30 minutes.



Contact me, principal@greenacres.school.nz, if you are able to help.

Cohort Entry - Education Act Change

The Education Act has been amended to enable schools, after consultation with their community, to fully adopt cohort entry. For schools which introduce cohort entry, new entrants can start school as part of a cohort at the beginning of the term closest to their fifth birthday rather than on their fifth birthday or soon afterwards.

Greenacres School Board of Trustees will be implementing a consultation process before making a final decision on whether we will adopt cohort entry. Attached to the newsletter you will find a fact sheet on cohort entry so that you can begin to familiarise yourself with the details of this policy.

Please note: this will affect current families and prospective families when enrolling five year olds.

Y1-2 Arts Sharing Showcase

Now that the production is over, it is time to plan an opportunity for our Year 1 and 2 students to shine. Kākano and Te Rito Year 1 and 2 students look forward to showcasing their art work on Wednesday, 27 September (last week of term) from 5-6 pm. We will begin in the hall with a performance by our junior Kapa Haka group, share some songs and follow this with a mini art exhibition in Kākano and Te Rito. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Winter Sport - Thank You!!!

Thank you to all the wonderful, coaches, managers, umpires and parent supporters on the sideline during winter sport this year. We had a record number of Greenacres teams in netball and hockey and our students couldn't have done it without you. Well done everyone for a great season of sport and enjoy a few sleep ins before summer sport starts!

Kind Regards

Shirley Porteous
Principal

Saturday Sport - 2 September

Netball

Players of the Day	Greenferns 1	Kaiyah Edmonds-Tupaea
	Greenferns 2	Sophie Legge
	Greenferns 3	Sophia Hodgson and Sanuli Senaviratne



Greenferns 2

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Tawa Mural - join your local councillors Jill Day, Malcolm Sparrow and Peter Gilbert and the Tawa Community Board to have a sneak peek at the new mural in the Tawa Plaza and paint a rock, Friday 8 September 3-4.30pm or Tuesday 12 September 3-4.30pm. For more info have a look at the Tawa Community Board Facebook page or contact Jill Day jill.day@wcc.govt.nz

Tawa-Lyndhurst Tennis Club Love Tennis Open Day - Saturday 9 September (pp date 10 September) from 1-4pm. Coaches, games, registration, afternoon tea. For more information on junior coaching contact Sinziana Ciubotaru sinziciu@yahoo.co.nz For junior interclub, Julie Roberts julieroberts33@gmail.com

Chess Power, The Sarupa Cup, a fun, social chess tournament one to all players aged 4-18, suits all player levels and perfect for beginners. Venue is Wellington Bridge Club, 17 Tinakori Road, Thorndon, Sunday 10 September from 1pm to 5.30pm, \$20 entry fee per player. Enter online www.chesspower.co.nz -

New Zealand Red Cross urgently needs more volunteers to make a difference as a Red Cross Refugee Support Volunteer - be the friendly face and supportive guide for new Kiwis as they settle into New Zealand. For more information contact wellington@redcross.org.nz

Carterton Daffodil Festival, Sunday 10 September, visit <http://cdc.govt.nz/daffodil-festival/> or Carterton Daffodil Festival Facebook Page. The Daffodil Express Steam Train will travel from Wellington and will arrive at 10.40am at the Carterton Railway Station. To book a Wellington return trip visit <http://www.steaminc.org.nz/>

Bellevue School (Newlands) Golden Jubilee, Saturday 16 September, 11am to 3pm, Bancroft Terrace, Newlands for the celebration event! It kicks off with an opening ceremony (blessing, speech from the Mayor, Powhiri and placement of a time capsule). There will be performances by the school, decade photos, entertainment, fun activities and games. For more information, follow them on Facebook or email them at: bellevuejubilee@bellevue-newlands.school.nz. Gold Coin Entry.

Tawa Pools Under the Sea Carnival, Saturday 23 September 6.00-8.00pm, 8-12 years (younger children welcome with parent supervision) \$5 entry. For more info phone Tawa Pool on 803 5853.

The Pop Up Market (contemporary craft market) 30 September from 10am - 2pm in the New World, Atrium, 35 Oxford Street, Tawa. Free admission. The Pop Up Market showcases a variety of stallholders selling beautiful handmade crafts and quality sourced products. Check out what the vendors have on offer and support this new venture in Tawa. Future dates 28 Oct, 25 Nov and 16 Dec.

Springboard & Platform Diving at Kilbirnie Pool - Wellington Diving Club has a range of diving classes for kids aged 5 years and up (plus separate Adult training sessions). Visit the website and come along for a free Trial Lesson! There are several after-school sessions and cater for kids of any level from beginners to competitive, also fun casual sessions on Sunday afternoons. For more information, please visit the website www.wellingtondiving.org.nz or call/text Barbara on 027 485 8888

Science New Zealand celebrations, Friday 10 November to Saturday 11 November, 10am to 4pm at Te Papa - Soundings Theatre and Oceania Room. For more information, please follow this link: <http://sciencenewzealand.eventbrite.co.nz>

Holiday Programmes and Activities

Champions Holiday Programme: 2 - 6/10 - Tawa Anglican Church's holiday programme for primary school aged children. Every morning from 9.30a.m. - 12.30p.m. there will be games, crafts, puppets and lots of fun. \$9 per day or \$35 for the week. E-mail admin@tac.org.nz to book.

Little Dog Barking Children's Theatre presents "Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge" based on the book by Mem Fox - 4 October at Expressions in Upper Hutt - 5 October at Kapiti Playhouse in Paraparaumu - 10 October at The Little Theatre in Lower Hutt, and 12 October at St Peter's Hall in Paekakariki. The delightful production of "Guji Guji" is showing at Te Papa, Soundings Theatre on 7 October (no bookings required for Te Papa). Both shows Suitable for ages 2 - 10 years old. For ticketing and further information: info@littledogbarking.co.nz or 021 042 1851. www.littledogbarking.co.nz

Weta Workshops' School Holiday Programme is Back! October 10-12 2017. In the upcoming school holidays, Weta Workshop is opening its doors to give kids a chance to make movie magic! From drawing to prosthetics and chainmaille, our workshops for ages 7 - 12 years old will excite and delight! Don't miss out. Book online now at www.wetaworkshop.com/school-holiday-programme

Twigland Garden Centre Holiday Programme, 3-6 October, for children aged 5-12. Visit Facebook or www.twigland.co.nz or phone 4774090 (Vicky) for more information.