

Wednesday 6 December 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

7 December
Year 6 Evening
8 December
Ngahere Assembly
School Disco
13 December
End of Year
Celebration 1pm
Reports go home
15 December
Final Day of Year
12.30pm Finish

2018

1 February
Start of Term 1
6 February
Waitangi Day
22 February
Waikanae Pool

Reminders

Return all sports uniforms please!
Permission forms for class picnics.
Year 6 Tramp Park permission forms and payment.
Return all school library books.

Dear Parents and Caregivers, kia ora, malo e lelei, talofa lava, kia orana, namaste, ni hao and welcome to Week 8 of Term 4 2017.

Each year the Tawa Community Board honour a student from each primary school with a citizenship award. This year our worthy winner was Hermione Rose, both for consistently demonstrating the RKMCs and in recognition of her school wide contributions as a leader. The positive and caring way she interacts with students across all ages provides a great role model for others. Congratulations Hermione!

On another note it was fantastic to see two ex-Greenacres students receiving the citizenship awards for Tawa Intermediate - well done Hunter and Zoe!



Reports and Classes for 2018

End of year reports will be coming home next Wednesday 13 December and will include your child's class for 2018. Class lists are based on the preferred number of students in each class and then predominantly by the age of the students. The fantastic news is that on day one next year, all classes will be around 25 students maximum and Kācano will begin with a one to fifteen or lower ratio.

Please remember that although each student is designated a specific class number for organisation, pastoral care and reporting purposes, students have regular opportunities to work collaboratively across classes and with a range of teachers.

Information on online ordering of stationery for 2018 will be provided in next week's newsletter.

Thank You Afternoon tea

A reminder to all family and whānau who have helped the students and staff in so many ways this year, you are invited to afternoon tea in Room 7 today from 2.30pm.

End of Year Celebration

Next Wednesday, 13 December at 1.00pm, we will be holding our End of Year Celebration at Tawa College Hall. The students are being bused to the event which is expected to conclude by 2pm when all students will return to Greenacres by bus.

Please be aware that Tawa College students and staff are still in attendance. There will be **no parking** in the college grounds for any Greenacres friends and family attending the celebration. As some senior students have finished for the year there will be ample parking on the street and in marked carparks below the college.

Board of Trustees Update

At the last board meeting of the year on 28 November, Lorraine Rose tendered her resignation. Lorraine has been on the board for the last seven years, initially as a trustee and in 2015 and 2016 as Chairperson. Lorraine was also a pivotal member in the appointment of a new principal in 2013 and the subsequent fresh strategic direction that followed. Thank you Lorraine for your immense contribution to our school.

House Event

Our termly house event was held on Monday. The students were involved in a school wide scavenger hunt and worked together beautifully across the ages. The winning house this term was Pohutakawa.

Library Books

There will be no more library books issued this year. Can parents please ensure all books are returned to school before the end of the week. Thank you.

Year 6 Evening

Year 6 students will be celebrating their time at Greenacres with their teachers, tomorrow Thursday 7 December in the school hall from 5.00-7.00pm.

Lost Property

There is a large amount of **really good quality lost property** at school. We will be putting the clothing out this Friday and next for students and parents to check. Named items are returned to the students, but anything not named and not claimed will be given to charity at the end of the term.

Disco

The End of Year disco, which will be outside the hall, is on this Friday - a reminder that permission slips and payment needs to be made by 3pm tomorrow, Thursday 7 December. Tickets will be distributed to students on Friday.

Kind Regards

Shirley Porteous
Principal



Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB Home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

\$500

ASB lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply. To be eligible for this donation your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a fact by agreement, along with the completion of a self declaration booklet, between 1 January 2017 and 31 June 2017. A maximum of 20% equity borrowed in the security property provided to ASB. This home loan offer is only available on loans secured by an own-occupied residential property. Only one donation will be given per customer. Donations will be made by ASB on behalf of the receiver to the chosen school upon full draw down of the new home loan. This offer excludes loans for business purposes and bridging.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Brian Webb Kindergarten 50th Anniversary, Wednesday 13 December from 5-7pm. Please join them to celebrate this auspicious occasion at 28 Victory Crescent, Tawa. Please RSVP to 2325305 or brianwebb@wmkindergartens.org.nz

Wellington Phoenix - We are reaching out to schools in Wellington to find a representative who would become a junior capo. The student would be a keen footballer, who can encourage friends to get along to games? You can find out more information about the programme below

<https://www.wellingtonphoenix.com/news/wellington-phoenix-announce-junior-capo-campaign-201718>

The Pop Up Market, (contemporary craft market) on 16 December 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.

Kula Kids' Yoga offers ongoing weekly classes in Eastbourne, Lower Hutt and Johnsonville and NEW! in March and April 2018 Family Yoga Retreats to practice yoga and mindfulness, rest and play by the beautiful Otaki River. Email Jeanne at kulakidsyoga@yahoo.com for a no-obligation information package.

Summer's End Retreat for ages 5 - 102, 2-4 March 2018

Autumn Mum and Daughter Retreat for Tweens and Teens 13-15 April 2018

Sustainability Trust Pre-Xmas Kids' Workshops: Dec 18, 19, 20, 8.45am to 12noon - Sustainability-themed workshops for kids aged 5 to 12 while you get Xmas errands done. Build a garden out of wooden pallets, upcycle found materials for Xmas decorations and cards, and take a walking tour of green Wellington. \$28 per session, bookings essential: sustaintrust.org.nz/our-events

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

Kelly Club Greenacres - Come and join us in the Redwood and St Francis Xavier School Holiday Programmes. We offer exciting sessions focused around sports, cooking, art and craft activities, as well as structured 'free-time'. Our programmes are Ministry of Social Development approved, with Work & Income subsidies available. For more information or to book, please visit our website www.kellyclub.co.nz or contact Michaela Tamati (Saint Francis Xavier) on 021572919 or sfx@kellyclub.co.nz or Naomi Poludore (Redwood) on 021 572 919 or redwood@kellyclub.co.nz.



Tawa Recreation Centre Dec 17/Jan 18 School Holiday Programme provides a full week programme in December; numbers are limited so get in quick. Go to <https://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/stuff-for-kids/school-holidays> and book now or call us on 232 2260. OSCAR approved.

BigAir Gym Drop & Shop & January Holiday Programme

Send the kids to BIGAIR GYM Drop & Shop! Get your Christmas shopping done while your children have some active fun at BIGAIR! From Monday 18 to Thursday 21 of December, Bigair Gym will be running their popular Pre-Christmas Drop & Shop Holiday Programme!



BigAir January Holiday Programme runs from Monday 8 to Friday 26 Jan 2018. Children will enjoy fun and active sessions full of gymnastics circuits, gym challenges, competitions, free play, structured games, and talent quests. Children who love gym and parkour will love practicing and extending their skills during these sessions.

BigAir Gym offers classes in trampoline, parkour, cheerleading, and tumbling. There are gymnastics classes for toddlers, pre-schoolers, and school aged children. We also host kids Birthday Parties! Term 1 2018 bookings open from Monday 27 Nov 2017. Book into the Holiday Programme or for Term 1 2018 classes online www.bigairgym.co.nz or contact BIGAIR TAWA on 232 3508, email office@bigairgym.co.nz

Sustainability Trust Wilderkids: Jan 15 to 26, 8.30am to 3.30pm - A school holiday programme which gets kids exploring nature in Wellington Town Belt. Build a hut, make weed pesto, forage for food and bugs – and plenty more fun! \$56 per day, bookings essential. \$10 places available for Community Services Card holders, please see sustaintrust.org.nz/our-events for more.

Weta Workshops Return For 2018 24-26 January - In the new year, Weta Workshop is opening its doors once again to give kids a chance to make movie magic! We warmly invite the children of Greenacres School to come along. From rocket building to sculpting, our workshops for ages 6 – 12 years old will excite and delight! For 2018, we're hosting separate workshops for children aged 6-9 years and 10-12 years. Spaces are limited! Book online at www.wetaworkshop.com/school-holidays