

IMPORTANT DATES

- 31 Jul English ICAS
- 3 Aug GTT - Rm 10 start
- 3 Aug IF starts
- 6 Aug Science Show
- 6 Aug Learning Conversations
- 7 Aug BoT Meeting
- 8 Aug Learning Conversations
- 10 Aug School Photos
- 10 Aug Ngahere Parent Assembly
- 13 Aug Keeping Ourselves Safe Information Evening
- 14 Aug Maths ICAS
- 24 Aug Kākano Assembly
- 28 Aug Mathswell
- 06 Sep Dance Extravaganza Year 1-3
- 07 Sep Orange Day Parade
- 11 Sep BoT Meeting
- 14 Sep Tōtara Assembly
- 23 Sep Sunday TGTT Rehearsal
- 25 Sep TGTT
- 28 Sep Term 3 Ends

Wednesday 25 July 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers, kia ora, malo e lelei, talofa lava, kia orana, namaste, ni hao and welcome to Week 1 of Term 3 2018.

We want to wish you a very warm welcome back for Term 3 and hope you have all been able to rest and recharge the batteries for the term ahead. It is going to be an exciting term with lots planned.

I am excited to be at the helm for the term and it is a privilege to be able to undertake this role while Shirley is away. If you need to get in touch with me, please call the office or use my email address:

bmcdowell@greenacres.school.nz



Proposed Strike Action

As you may be aware, NZEI members are currently in negotiations with the Ministry of Education around teaching conditions. There is a strong sentiment within the primary education sector that a crisis looms with a significant drop in teacher trainees and schools struggling to find staff. At this stage, a strike has been planned for **Wednesday 15 August**. There are two possible scenarios being proposed; a 3 hour strike that will start at 1:30pm or alternatively a full day strike. We will let you know what is happening once the union has finalised the decision.

Tawa Zone Swimming

Greenacres students proudly represented the school at the Tawa Zone Swimming Sports last term. There were several fantastic performances and many students will be representing Greenacres at the Inter Zone event on Thursday 13 September. Congratulations to all participants and a letter will be sent home in due course to those who have qualified. Results of students who placed in their respective races have been added to the end of this newsletter.

Learning Conversations

We will be holding our Term 3 Learning Conversations on Monday 6 and Wednesday 8 August, starting at 3:20pm. Students need to be in attendance as they lead the meeting. The meetings will be 20 minutes for each student, please book your appointment at: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz Event code: 8hy98, or ring the office if you need assistance. The appointments will be available to book from tomorrow.

Sharon Benson

Thank you to Sharon Benson who has been working with us over the year in all areas of the school. Sharon and her husband are heading to Whakatāne shortly and we wish them all the best.

**WELCOME
HAERE MAI**

This week we welcomed Holly Khoo and Gideon du Preez to Kākano 3. We wish them and their families all the best on their learning journey with us.

Term 3 Learning Programmes

This term our key focus for student inquiry is the big idea of 'Change' and the unit is called 'That's AMAZING!'. Students will be exploring the concept of change through a range of learning activities including experiments. A letter will be sent home tomorrow about a science show "The Magical World of Crazy Science" happening at School on Monday 6 August.



Maths - Proportions and Ratios - Algebra
The Arts - Responding and Appreciating Art, Dance
P.E./Health - Jump Rope for Heart, Te Ao Kori,
Fundamental Skills - Are We Kind Enough?
Te Reo - Hauora

Garden to Table

This term Room 10 will be participating in Garden to Table. At the end of Term 2 a letter was sent home from Mrs Seebeck requesting helpers. Please email rseebeck@greenacres.school.nz if you can help on one or more Friday mornings this term.



Kind Regards

Brent McDowell
Acting Principal

Hockey - 7 July

Green Sticks Toru Player of the Day Maddison Mills

Tawa Zone Swimming Results

50m Freestyle

Year 4 Boys - Championship Jayden M - 1st
Year 5 Boys - Championship Joshua D - 1st Serge K - 2nd
Year 6 Boys - Championship Lucas D - 1st
Year 6 Boys - Non-Championship Jonny P - 3rd

25m Backstroke

Year 4 Girls - Championship Lily-Ann A - 3rd
Year 4 Boys - Championship Nathan E - 3rd
Year 5 Girls - Championship Maddison M - 1st
Year 6 Girls - Championship Holly M - 1st
Year 6 Boys - Championship Seth B - 2nd
Year 6 Boys - Non-Championship Seth P - 2nd

25m Breaststroke

Year 4 Girls - Championship Lily-Ann A - 3rd
Year 5 Girls - Championship Maddison M - 2nd
Year 5 Boys - Championship Leon G - 1st
Year 6 Boys - Championship Lucas D - 1st
Year 5 Girls - Championship Isla C - 2nd
Year 5 Boys - Championship Joshua D - 1st
Year 6 Girls - Championship Holly M - 1st
Year 6 Boys - Championship Lucas D - 1st

25m Freestyle

Year 4 Boys Championship Jayden M - 1st
Year 5 girls Championship Maddison M - 3rd
Year 5 Boys Championship Joshua D - 1st Serge K - 3rd
Year 6 Girls Non-championship Shweta K - 3rd
Year 6 Boys Championship Lucas D - 1st Harrison W - 3rd

Relays

Year 5 Boys - 1st

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Tawa Intermediate School Open Evening Tuesday 31 July 6.00-8.00pm, presentations at 6.00 and 6.45pm. Open Morning Tuesday 7 August 9.00-10.20am. All welcome, limited places available in 2019 for out of zone Year 7 students. Enrolments close 30 August. Prospectus available at the school office, telephone 2325201, website www.tawaint.school.nz

Kelly Sports Term 3 2018: "Play Like a Sports Hero!" (Yrs 1-4) – Tuesday's 3:05-4:05pm. Kelly Sports will be back in Term 3 with their fun and exciting classes. Come and try Football, Netball, Rippa Rugby and Handball. Try 2 weeks each of these sports. Learn the fundamental skills for all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more – all while having a great time! For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellysports.co.nz, call 04 972 7201, or email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz

Please note – "Kelly Sports Porirua is now under new ownership!" - Come and see the difference!

Breathe Better September is a national campaign to raise awareness of respiratory conditions in New Zealand. The campaign encourages all Kiwis to show their support for better breathing and healthy lungs and to start thinking about how they can improve their respiratory health. For more information visit the website <http://www.breathebetterseptember.co.nz/>

Pippins & Brownies have places available! Pippins is the beginning of an exciting adventure in Guiding. Girls aged 5 - 6 years make new friends, tackle challenges, enjoy activities, earn badges and learn to appreciate and respect the environment and the community. Brownies is about learning, developing self-confidence, making new friends and, of course, having lots of fun outside school! The programme for girls aged 7 - 9 ½ years includes outdoor adventures, conservation activities, cooking, crafts, games and community action projects – all challenging the girls to achieve and grow. Pippins & Brownies meet on Monday 4pm - 5.30pm in central Tawa. To arrange a visit contact Katrina at katrinaclokie@gmail.com or 0220 963 973

Parenting Children and Teenagers courses starting 6 August 6 at 7pm Parenting children and teenagers is harder than ever for most parents today. The Salvation Army Johnsonville is offering two courses over five weeks for any parents, step-parents, or carers of children aged 0-10 or teenagers aged 11-18. For more information please visit the website www.sajchurch.com, and click on the programmes tab. You'll be able to register online. The courses are presented by industry professionals and practitioners in DVD format, and is followed by discussion in facilitated groups where you can draw on the experience of other parents also. The course costs \$25 per person and includes a course manual. Dessert and a copy of The Parenting book which are graciously provided free of charge through a grant from the Tindall Foundation. Spaces are limited so please book early.

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 28 July, 25 August, 29 September, 27 October, 24 November and 15 December. Find them on facebook [@thepopupmarketnz](https://www.facebook.com/thepopupmarketnz)

Chilton Saint James School is celebrating its Centenary on 26-28 October this year - three days of celebrations to honour the unique legacy of Chilton Saint James School. It will be a chance to share memories, re-establish connections, showcase the present and celebrate the future. Registrations are now open on the [Chilton Saint James School website](http://www.chiltonschool.nz), or contact them at centenary@chilton.school.nz