

Tuesday 5 February 2019

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Term One

08 Feb Powhiri 2pm  
15 Feb Scholastic Book Club orders close  
19 Feb BoT Meeting  
20 Feb Meet the Teacher  
22 Feb Ngahere Assembly  
25 Feb EOTC Week  
26 Feb Wainuiomata Pool  
04 Mar New Entrant Parent Afternoon Tea  
05 Mar Prospective New Entrant Parent Mtg  
08 Mar Tōtara Assembly  
15 Mar Kākano Assembly  
23 Mar GALA  
26 Mar BoT Meeting  
02 Apr School Athletics

**WELCOME  
HAERE MAI**

Yesterday we welcomed Georgia Alderson, Ella Burrage, Harrison Natta and Mila-Rose Whitehead to Kākano 3. We also welcomed Arav Narayan, Zach Stefanidis and Rhys White to Tōtara, and Lincoln Toga to Ngahere. Welcome back to Serge Kahu who has returned to Ngahere. We wish all of these students and their families all the best on their learning journey with us.

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

Happy 2019! It is fabulous to be back at school with all our wonderful students and, in particular, we welcome the new families who have joined us. We begin the year with 8 classrooms and 189 students! Everyone has settled in really well and we look forward to a great year ahead. On Friday afternoon at 2pm we will hold a powhiri to welcome new and returning families. Students and families new to Greenacres please meet at Room 3 and everyone else please make your way direct to the hall.

### Staff 2019

**Kākano 3** Rayleen Seebeck (Yr 1) **Kākano 1** Kim Paver (Yr 1/2)

**Te Rito 4** Brittany Symon (Yr 2/3) **Te Rito 5** Donna Miles (Yr 3)

**Tōtara 6** Dave Conway (Yr 3/4) **Tōtara 7** Kristina Fisentzidis (Yr 4)

**Ngahere 9** Rob Calder (Yr 5/6), **Ngahere 10** Katherine O'Neil (Yr 5/6)

**Part Time Teachers:** Nancy Burdan (Reading Recovery), Alan Bilton, Naomi Geldard, Andrea Bengé

**Teacher Aides:** Carol Ruha, Hilary Jones and Lindy Fenton

**Music:** Jean Hollier

**Office:** Sharon Dunstan

**Finances:** Marj Bennett



**Mr Conway with some Tōtara students.**



**Miss Symon with some Te Rito students.**

**Meet our teachers and information evening** - this evening will be held on Wednesday 20 February from 6pm - more information to follow.

### Parking and Road Patrol

Please remember to use the road patrol before and after school and follow the students' instructions. They do a great job of ensuring everyone crosses safely.

**A friendly reminder:** Please refrain from driving into or parking in the car park for drop offs and pick ups or parking on yellow lines. We appreciate your support in keeping our students safe.

## Wainuiomata Pool School Trip and EOTC Week

Please note in your diaries that we will be having a school trip to Wainuiomata Pool on Tuesday 26 February as part of our Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) week. A letter will be coming home early next week with all the details and associated costs. As this year is a non-camp year for Y5/6 we hold an EOTC week instead. This involves all our students getting out and about with lots of fun activities in and around our school, community and beyond.

## Money to office

Throughout the year there will be a need to send forms and money to school. It will be very helpful when returning these that they are both delivered to the office together (if paying by cash or cheque) and are secure in an envelope with your child's name, class, and what the payment relates to written on the front. If you are paying by eftpos or direct credit, a note on the form indicating that would be appreciated - but please note that you will still need to send a signed form to school.

## Sun Protection Policy

During Term 1 and Term 4 all students are required to wear a sunhat that covers their ears and back of the neck. Please ensure that your child has a sunhat every day and that it is named. For more information on our school Sun Protection Policy please visit <http://greenacres.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>, enter the username (greenacres), then password (school) and search for Sun Protection policy.

## Keyboard Lessons 🎵

Group Keyboard lessons will be held on Tuesday mornings, during school time. The cost is \$10 per lesson, charged at the beginning of each term. In addition to this is the cost of books, usually once a year. Students will need to have a keyboard or piano at home for practice. Lessons are available for students in Year 2 and above. For registration and enquiries, please contact Jean Hollier.

E-Mail: [jholliermusic@gmail.com](mailto:jholliermusic@gmail.com) or Ph: 021 1187227

## GTT (Garden To Table)

Our GTT starts next week (Friday 9-10:30) and we are always on the lookout for keen volunteers. If you have an interest in healthy food or gardening and have any free time on a Friday mornings please let us know. Even if you can't come every week, a 'one off' morning of help for GTT is great too! Please contact Mrs Seebeck, [rseebeck@greenacres.school.nz](mailto:rseebeck@greenacres.school.nz) if you can help!

## IF - Inspiration Friday

Our IF programmes also start next Friday Our students love the variety of things offered during IF, it can be anything - chess, first aid, science, craft, dance, languages - anything!! Let us know if you would be keen to work with a small group of students on Friday mornings from 9 - 10:30.

It was lovely to have a visit in my office yesterday from some of our youngest students, as they went on their tour of the school. It is always inspiring to see the enthusiasm and wonder with which our five year olds arrive at school to start the year. It is great reminder of what a privilege it is to work with your kids each day!

Kind Regards

**Shirley Porteous**  
Principal



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **“Back to School Sports!” (Yrs 1-4) – Term 1 Tuesdays 3:05-4:05pm**

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 1 with their fun and exciting classes.

Come and try **Circus Skills, Cricket, Football, Dodgeball**. Try 2 weeks each of these sports. It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability.

We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. 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](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz) or call 04 972 7201



### **For Asthma and Allergy News**

<https://mailchi.mp/asthmafoundation/june-news-1087689?e=d98c81a91d>

**Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon:** Thursday 14 March, Hutt Recreation Ground, Sunday 17 March, Kilbirnie Park

Online entries close 14 March - <https://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/wellington/>

**Bigair Gymsports Tawa** - If you have a child who loves doing handstands, cartwheels, walkovers, flips, or cheerleading, then they will love Bigair Gym! To book for Term 1 go to [ENROL FOR TERM 1 ONLINE](#) or please call Bigair Gym Tawa on 2323508 or email [office@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:office@bigairgym.co.nz)

**Easyswim Swim School Term One Lessons** have started, however it's not too late to book. Early Childhood from 3 months – 3 years, Pre School and School age lessons are all go. We have waiting lists on some levels, times and days but also the odd space here and there. Easyswim's Splash Attack - a fun, non-contact water polo programme which involves learning and developing game sense plus passing & catching skills. Splash Attack is starting soon at the Plimmerton School pool on 14 February and Johnsonville School pool on 9 February. To book call on 2347946 email [book@easyswim.co.nz](mailto:book@easyswim.co.nz) or visit [www.easyswim.co.nz](http://www.easyswim.co.nz) for more information.

**Irish Dancing Classes** - beginner classes available in Tawa on Saturdays, phone 022 3960238, or email [reeljigirishdancers@gmail.com](mailto:reeljigirishdancers@gmail.com)

**Tawa Junior Football Club** invites you to pre-season football fun, for children aged 4-14, at St Francis School, Main Road, Tawa, Sunday afternoons 2-4pm from 10 Feb - 10 March. All gear is provided, just bring water, sunblock and a smile - a good coin kohl is appreciated. For more info go to Tawa Junior Football Club facebook page. Registrations for winter season open on 1 February at [tawafootball.org.nz](http://tawafootball.org.nz)

**Hayley Johnson Academy of Dancing** Dancing recommences Saturday 9 February. "Shooting Stars" for 3 & 4 year olds... Beginners Ballet, Jazz, Tap & Hip Hop from 5 years & upwards  
Adult Tap & National, boys very welcome. Try out a class for free.  
Email [hayleyjohnsonacademyofdancing@gmail.com](mailto:hayleyjohnsonacademyofdancing@gmail.com) [www.hayleyjohnson.com](http://www.hayleyjohnson.com)

**Wellington North Badminton, Taylor Park, Tawa**, Term 1 programmes start 4 February. For further information on the programmes or to book you can visit our website and find this information under Junior Programmes / Clubs at: <https://wnba.org.nz/programmes-events/junior-badminton/>

**Arts a Go Go! Performing Arts School for Kids Tawa** has limited places available on Saturdays in othe popular drama, dance and singing combo classes for students aged 6 – teenagers. For more details, please see [www.artsagogo.co.nz](http://www.artsagogo.co.nz) , contact [rachel@artsagogo.co.nz](mailto:rachel@artsagogo.co.nz) or ph 0211441641

**Leaping Lizards School of Dance** - Fun, friendly classes for girls and boys aged 2 years and up. Jazz, Hip-Hop, Ballet, Contemporary, Tap and Pre-School Dance. Amesbury Hall, Churton Park and Johnsonville Scout Hall. Email [leapinglizardsdance@outlook.com](mailto:leapinglizardsdance@outlook.com), visit [www.leaping-lizards.co.nz](http://www.leaping-lizards.co.nz) or call Lorna on 021 1770685.