

Wednesday 6 March 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers, kia ora, malo e lelei, talofa lava, kia orana, namaste, ni hao, sawasdee and welcome to Week 5 of Term 1 2019.

IMPORTANT DATES

Term One

- 08 Mar Tōtara Assembly
- 15 Mar Kākano Assembly
- 19 Mar Prospective New Entrant Parent Meeting
- 19 Mar Yr 5/6 Sports Day
- 21 Feb-18 Mar Dental Van visits
- 23 Mar GALA
- 26 Mar Year 3/4 Sports Day
- 26 Mar BoT Meeting
- 27 Mar Learning Conversations
- 28 Mar Learning Conversations
- 02 Apr School Athletics
- 05 Apr Te Rito Assembly
- 12 Apr Last day of term

Greenacres Gala 2019 - Urgent! We need your help!

Gala day is about everyone working together for our students and community. **We urgently need someone from every family to sign up to help on the day of our gala.** An **orange** volunteer form is coming home today, so please check bags. You can still complete the online version of [this form](#) if you prefer. If you have any questions or have problems accessing the online form, please email greenacresgalahelp@gmail.com Thanks!



This week we are collecting Books and more Mystery Bottles. The winning class last week was Room 6!



4-8 March: Books and mystery bottles

Adults' and kids' books are all great. No old magazines or videos please.

Movin' March

It has been great this week to see students being dropped off further away to walk and more students scooting to school - keep it up everyone! The knock on effect is that Raroa Terrace has become a safer and less congested road. Students can have their Movin' March passport signed each morning they walk, scoot or bike to school and later in the month there will be giveaways and prizes for those participating, so let's get "Movin in March"!

Teacher NZEI Mtgs

You may be aware that negotiations continue for both primary principals and teachers. We really appreciated all your support in 2018 so we could collectively attend our paid union meetings. Another round of paid union meetings will be held between 18-22 March. This time, staff will be attending different meetings each day, with remaining staff sharing responsibility for our students. This eliminates the need for any students to be picked up early.

Greenacres/Linden Mural Project

Yesterday, local artists, members of the Tawa Community Board and some from Wellington City Council visited the school. They came to get input from students on a mural to be painted on the water storage tank at the Linden Community Centre. Our students provided them with a great deal of inspiration!

**WELCOME
HAERE MAI**

This week we welcomed Daniel Ewen and Anvi Narayan to Kākano 3. We wish them and their families all the best on their learning journey with us.

Kāhui Ako Board Meeting

The Tawa Kāhui Ako is a collaborative community of learning which is dedicated to the support of student success and wellbeing. Students within the Kāhui Ako have opportunities offered to them as a result of the schools' collaborations that wouldn't be possible as individual schools. Katherine O'Neil is Greenacres School's Within School Teacher. There is an event planned by the CoL, for 10 April, with one of the goals of the meeting to inform parents about the role of Boards of Trustees-further details to follow nearer the time.

Enrolment Zone

For Term 1 and 2 we had a small number of new entrant spaces available and have advertised locally to fill these. In May we will again be notifying the community of a small number of new entrant places we are likely to have available in Term 3 and 4. This is a good time to remind you, if you have not already done so, to advise the school office of any siblings due to start school in 2019. If you are aware of any relatives, neighbours or friends who have children turning 5 this year, please ask them to also contact the school office (2326445) if they are interested in sending their children to Greenacres School.

Tomorrow's Schools Review - Consultation Update

Consultation meetings are being held now on the [report](#) written by the Tomorrow's Schools Independent Taskforce. These meetings are an opportunity to ask us questions, understand more about the proposals the Taskforce have made, and for people to give their feedback. The public consultation meetings are open to all members of the public, including principals, other school staff, boards of trustees, parents, students and the wider community. The local Porirua meeting is at Mana College 22 Awarua St, Elsdon, Wellington 5022 <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/porirua-tomorrows-schools-review-consultation-meetings-tickets-56855548476>

Year 1/2 Sports Day

This was held yesterday at St Francis Xavier school. Our students had a great time - thank you to the parents and caregivers who came along to help.



We had a wonderful end to our fantastic EOTC week with the launch of our Challenge Tree last Friday. The 4Cs (collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking) of our challenge tree will guide our curriculum learning. In recognition of the day we planted a native puriri tree to symbolise our Challenge Tree. We look forward to watching it thrive and grow as our students grow as learners this year!



Kind Regards

Shirley Porteous
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Greenacres School is a Community Emergency Hub. Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) is about to launch a marketing campaign that promotes Community Emergency Hubs. The campaign will be promoted digitally through a number of websites, including, stuff.co.nz, facebook, Instagram, twitter, etc. So keep an eye out for the video!

GWRC is a significant sponsor of WREMO's work programme, and wishes to support and raise awareness of the Community Emergency Hub concept being rolled out across the region. This marks the beginning of a significant and ongoing public awareness campaign around Community Emergency Hubs. For more information go to

getprepared.nz | fb.com/WREMONz | twitter.com/WREMOinfo

Receive emergency alerts with the Red Cross Hazard App - www.getprepared.org.nz/alerts <<http://www.getprepared.org.nz/alerts>>

Subscribe <<http://eepurl.com/de0Vxr>> to GWRC quarterly newsletter!

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/>

Tawa Junior Rugby Club 'Give it a Go' Day and Registration 2019

Date: 10 March 2019 – Rain, Hail or Shine

Time: 10:30am - 1:30pm

Where: Tawa Rugby Club, 23a Lyndhurst Road, Tawa

The Tawa Junior Rugby Club are hosting a fun filled day for kids and adults to showcase rugby in our community. There's no obligation to register but a chance to have a great family day out with giveaways, games, guest appearances and lots of food and fun.

For more information check out the Tawa Junior Rugby Football Club Facebook page.



Kotuku and the Moon Child, a story of loss, longing and unlikely friendships. Family Puppet and Mask Theatre, Saturday 16 March at the Space Place, Carter Observatory. Each session is 50 mins in length and are at 11am, 2pm, and 4.30pm. For more info txt/ph 027 4477846 or go to www.birdlifeproductions.co.nz

Parenting personality Yvonne Godfrey presents "Raising Resilient Kids". As a regular radio and TV guest - parenting guru Yvonne Godfrey's practical approach and witty presentation will have you laughing, while equipping and challenging you to build a stronger family. At the Salvation Army Johnsonville, 15 April from 7pm. More information available by visiting sajchurch.com. Tickets \$15 from Eventfinda.

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2019/yvonne-godfrey/wellington>

Wellington Hockey Pre-Season Year 5 & 6 Development & Festival Day - All welcome, Beginners to more experienced Players

WHEN: Sunday 31 March

WHERE: National Hockey Stadium, Mount Albert Road, Newtown

TIME: 12-4pm

EXPECT: Quality Coaching, Fun Hockey Games, Competitions & Prizes

REGISTER: Head to www.wellingtonhockey.org.nz and click "HAVE A GO" under the "DEVELOPMENT" tab

CONTACT: Jenni Cronin, Development Manager, Capital Hockey, jenni@capitalhockey.org.nz, 0212098483

Parents of Year 6 Girls - A Marsden education for your daughter in Year 7, 2020

Open Morning, Scholarship and enrolment information

You are invited to the [Samuel Marsden Collegiate School](http://samuelmarsden.collegiate.school.nz) Karori Open Morning on Wednesday 20 March, any time between 8.48am and 12pm. The Principal's address is 9am-9.15am. 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 2020 are open, applications close 16 May. You can find more [information and apply online](#).

Enrolments -Marsden applications for [enrolment in 2020 are now open](#).

If you have any questions or would like a personal tour please call Marsden's Enrolment Registrar Sonia Stinson 04 476 8707.