

IMPORTANT DATES

Term Two

21 May BoT Meeting
 22 May NYLD for student council
 24 May Te Rito Assembly
 28 May Tawa X Country
 29 May Strike Day
 30 May Tawa X Country pp
 31 May Teacher Only Day
 03 Jun Queen's Birthday
 07 Jun Tōtara Assembly
 21 Jun Kākano Assembly
 25 Jun BoT Mtg
 26 Jun Matariki Event
 05 Jul Mid year Reports
 Last day of term

Term Three

22 Jul Term 3 starts

**WELCOME
HAERE MAI**

On Monday we welcomed Samrat Lamichhane to Kākano 3. We wish him and his family all the best on their learning journey with us.

Wednesday 22 May 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers, kia ora, malo e lelei, talofa lava, kia orana, namaste, ni hao, sawasdee and welcome to Week 4 of Term 2 2019.

Board Elections - we need you!

Nominations for the Greenacres Board of Trustees close this Friday 24 May.

We will have three vacant positions (currently only two nominations have been received), so I urge you to consider putting forward your nomination to support our school and community. It is strongly recommended you make nominations via the portal www.boardelections.nz or email office@greenacres.school.nz - posted nominations will not be received in time.

This is a great opportunity to help our kids and if you would like to talk to someone about being on the board, please contact me for more information. I can also put you in touch with previous board members for a chat. We will be officially farewelling our current board members at a later date.

For your information the first meeting of the new board will be at 6pm on Tuesday 25 June.

Assembly text message test on Monday 13 May

A reminder to contact us office@greenacres.school.nz if you are a primary or secondary caregiver and **did not** receive the test text message that was sent out on Monday 13 May. This may mean your contact details are out of date - it is critical that we have current contact details for all students.

Sausage Sizzle

The Student Council will be holding another sausage sizzle (\$2) on Friday 24 May. Pre orders will be taken the day before with a show of hands.

Congratulations!

Our warmest congratulations to Dave Conway (Room 6) and Brittany Symon (Room 4) who attended their graduation ceremony in Wellington last week. We are thrilled to have them at Greenacres and are confident they will be an asset to the teaching profession for many years.



Matariki Evening 26 June 5-6:30pm

After a highly successful Matariki evening last year we will be holding this event again later this term. More information will follow. In the meantime we are trying to source some telescopes to use that night to explore the star constellations. If you have a telescope you would be willing to bring and stay to supervise at our celebration event, can you please email Rob Calder rcalder@greenacres.school.nz

Teacher Only Day Friday 31 May

Planning for this day has been underway for some time and it is unfortunate that it now falls the same week as the national strike. We are sharing the day with St Francis Xavier staff and the focus for the day is on the Digital Curriculum which all schools are required to implement by 2020. Rob Calder along with our facilitator and local expert, Merridy Marshall, have been hard at work planning an exceptional day of learning for us all.

National Teacher Strike Wednesday 29 May

The Greenacres School Board of Trustees has confirmed that the school will be closed for instruction on this day - thank you for your understanding and support. Kelly Club will also not be open on this day.

Dances for Schools - many payments outstanding!

This was a wonderful experience for our students and I am sure the parents who were able to come along and watch the performances were very impressed with the children's dancing. However, at the time of writing this newsletter there are still many students who have not paid for the lessons.

If you have not paid for dance yet please do asap - you are welcome to make part payments spread over the year. If paying this causes genuine hardship for your family please don't hesitate to contact the office or me to discuss options.

Wellington Region Emergency Management - Community Emergency Hubs

A marketing campaign to raise awareness of Community Emergency Hubs in the Wellington Region launched on 14 May and will run until 30 June 2019. It will include online, radio and outdoor advertising. A flyer will be distributed as an insert in many of the region's newspapers, starting with the Dominion Post on Saturday 18 May. Please keep an eye out for posts on their Facebook<<https://www.facebook.com/WREMONz/>> and Twitter<<https://twitter.com/WREMOinfo>> pages. The campaign encourages people to be more prepared for an emergency by finding their nearest Community Emergency Hub by visiting WREMO's Get Prepared website which has recently been updated [www.GetPrepared.nz/hubs](http://www.getprepared.nz/hubs)<<http://www.getprepared.nz/hubs>>.

Kind Regards

Shirley Porteous
Principal

Netball 18 May

Greenferns 1 Player of the day - Edee Leota
Greenferns 2 Player of the day - Natalie Raven

Hockey 18 May

Tōtara Year 3/4 - Holly Perris
Ngahere Year 5/6 - Natalie Raven



The Entertainment Book, \$65, available at the school office with cash, cheque or eftpos, or to order your Book or Digital Membership online visit www.entbook.co.nz/10411b2. Every membership we sell means \$13 for our school! Thanks for your support.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Home Stay Families Required

Tawa Intermediate School hope to host 20 students from China in July. If your family is interested in providing accommodation and becoming a home stay, please let us know. We are happy to take your requests for information and expressions of interest. A fee of \$40 is paid to each family per night/per student hosted. If you would like to know more, please contact Coralee Grantham at Tawa Intermediate – coralee.grantham@tawaint.school.nz or 2325201.

Te Māhuri - Whānau learning te reo Māori together - Te Māhuri is a FREE after school group for tamariki and their whānau to learn and practise te reo Māori in a relaxed and fun environment, learning through games, waiata and other activities. Everyone is welcome, from complete beginners to fluent speakers, and we'd love to see you there! When: Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm at Newlands Community Centre; or Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm at Linden Social Centre (during school term time only.)

For more information or to join, please email meganmvant@gmail.com.

The Pop Up Market in Tawa 25 May, 29 June, 27 July, 31 August, 28 September, 19 October, 30 November, 14 December. For more info go to Facebook thepopupmarketnz

Wellington North Badminton Term 2 - Programmes

Shuttle Time Bronze Programme - (for those who are new to the sport of badminton)

Tuesdays 4pm - 5pm and Thursdays 5pm - 6pm 30 April 2019 – 4 July 2019 - \$80/Term

Shuttle Time Silver Programme - (for those who have any racket experience)

Tuesdays 5pm - 6pm and Thursdays 4pm - 5pm 30 April 2019 – 4 July 2019 - \$80/Term

FUN-minton Fridays

Fridays 1 hour intervals running from 4pm - 7:30pm starting 3 May 2019 – 5 July 2019 - \$50/Term.

For further information on the programmes or to book visit website and find this information under Junior Programmes / Clubs at: <https://wnba.org.nz/programmes-events/junior-badminton/>

GKR Karate, Tawa RSA, Oxford Street - Learn karate with Go-Kan-Ryu Karate at the Tawa dojo. Karate is a great way to gain skills in self defence, as well as confidence, coordination and concentration. Classes are held on Wednesday evening (Fundamentals from 6:15 to 7:15, Advanced from 7:15 to 8:15), and are available to everyone from 5 and up. Call 021 979 999 or email region21nz@gkrkarate.com for more information, or book a free introductory class at: <https://gkrkarate.com/locations/listing/gkr-karate-tawa/>



Topp Twins 'Go Country' at Staglands Wildlife Reserve - Monday 3 June, Queen's Birthday Weekend will see NZ icons, The Topp Twins, Go Country at Staglands Wildlife Reserve as part of an Expressions Exhibition that Staglands are proudly supporting! Come to The Barn from 12-2pm for a meet & greet, fabulous photo opportunity and some general shenanigans! Normal admission charges to The Reserve apply.

A Marsden education for your daughter in Year 7, 2020 - Year 7 Information evening, Experience Day and enrolment. For students considering a Year 9 Marsden education, please note the following key dates:

Year 7 Information Evening – 10 June, 7pm, Marsden School Karori

Experience Marsden Day – 12 June, Marsden Karori

To register for the above events please visit: marsden.school.nz/experience

Tours – please call 476 8707 to organise a personal tour.

Enrolments – It is recommended you come for a tour and that your daughter spends a day in class during Term 2. Apply to [enrol](#) for entry in 2020 by the end of Term 2.