

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Term Three

- 21 Aug Tawa Swimming Sports
- 23 Aug Kākano Assembly
- 06 Sep Tōtara Assembly
- 10 Sep Y3-4 Rippa Rugby
- 10 Sep BoT Meeting
- 12 Sep Production Full Dess Rehearsal
- 13 Sep Orange Day Parade
- 18 Sep School Production
- 19 Sep Y5-6 Rippa Rugby
- 20 Sep Te Rito Assembly
- 27 Sep Term 3 ends

### Term Four

- 14 Oct Term 4 begins
- 25 Oct Teacher Only Day
- 28 Oct Labour Day
- 19 Dec Last day of Term 4

**Wednesday 21 August 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 3 2019.**

### Sad News

Sadly, John Starkey (our part time caretaker until last year) died on Monday, after a courageous battle with cancer. John joined us in 2016, while also continuing to work at Hampton Hill School. He quickly became an integral part of our team, making sure our property and maintenance requirements were kept to a high standard.

He was also a real character who brought great humour and fun to his role, keeping us all on our toes and making sure there was never a dull moment.

John planned and organised our new kitchen installation in the hall. It was very special that he managed to visit, only a fortnight ago, and see our GTT students in action.



John's wider family and friends have many connections to Greenacres, including both his daughters, Bec and Emma having been students here. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family and close friends and personally feel the loss of our colleague, friend and mate!

### Swimming Sports

A large number of Greenacres' qualifying students set off today to compete in the Tawa Zone swimming sports. We look forward to hearing the results next week. Attached to this week's email you will find the results from our Greenacres swimming sports held last week.

**WELCOME  
HAERE MAI**

This week we welcomed Ema Ariama and Alyssa Dechapunya, both to Kākano 3. We wish them and their families all the best on their learning journey with us.



## Mathswell

Our Greenacres Mathswell team consisting of Paige, Jasper, Archita, Leon, Elijah and Joshua had a great night at the annual Mathswell competition at Paremata school last week.

Mr Calder had spent time with this group helping them prepare and he was very pleased with their positive attitudes and energy to get stuck in. Problem solving at speed certainly stretched their maths brains, great job everyone!



## Production Costumes

During the next week or two, look out for notices coming home which will outline any costume requirements your child/children may need for their part in the production.

## Community Consultation - Online Survey

As mentioned in previous newsletters and emails, we are currently requesting feedback from our school community on a number of aspects of teaching and learning at Greenacres School. If you haven't already completed the survey I urge you to click on the link below and do it **NOW** - today is the last day that you will be able to access the survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VC89MLB>

Once the responses have been collated, we look forward to sharing these with you.

Kind Regards

**Shirley Porteous**  
Principal

## Weekend Sport 17 August

**Netball was cancelled.**

### Hockey

Tōtara Year 3/4    Player of the Day - Lilly Currey  
Ngahere Year 5/6    Player of the Day - Jacob Fenton

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**The Pop Up Market in Tawa** - 31 August, 28 September, 19 October, 30 November, 14 December. For more info go to Facebook [thepopupmarketnz](https://www.facebook.com/thepopupmarketnz)

**Blended Family Success** - Discover how to help children in your step family adjust and create a united, supportive home life. Overcome common challenges and learn practical strategies that really work. Live happily ever after in your stepfamily! ONE NIGHT ONLY. You must register to secure your place.

When: Tuesday 17 September, 7pm – 9pm. Venue: 21 Hania Street, Wellington Central

For more information go to: [www.blendedfamilysuccess.nz/events](http://www.blendedfamilysuccess.nz/events) email: [adele@stepfamilyhelp.info](mailto:adele@stepfamilyhelp.info)

**Elements Rhythmic Gymnastics** - Free trial classes available. Classes available in Thorndon from Mon to Sat. Rhythmic Gymnastics is a mix of dance and gymnastics. It develops hand-eye co-ordination through the use of apparatus – rope, hoop, ball, clubs and ribbon. Email [info@rhythmicgym.nz](mailto:info@rhythmicgym.nz) to arrange a FREE trial.

**Notice from Metlink** - Just over a year ago we made some big changes to the Metlink bus network. We are now checking in with our customers to find out what is working well, and what still needs to be fine-tuned. Come to the local neighbourhood drop-in workshop detailed below

Friday 6 September, Johnsonville Community Centre (Trust Room), 3 Frankmoore Ave, Johnsonville, 11am to 6.30pm <https://www.facebook.com/events/869581243441874/>

If you can't make this local session, then you can give feedback through an online survey, just go to [Metlink.org.nz/busreview](http://Metlink.org.nz/busreview) from Friday 23 August onwards.

To get more information and to sign up for project updates go to: [Metlink.org.nz/busreview](http://Metlink.org.nz/busreview)

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

**Wilderkids** is an outdoor, adventure-based programme for kids aged 5 to 12. It is centred on care, connection, curiosity and respect for each other and for the environment. Because it is run by Sustainability Trust educators, every part of the programme has been carefully crafted with Mother Nature in mind.

Key info:

Dates: 8.30am to 3.15pm, Monday to Friday, from 30 September to 11 October

Cost: \$56 per child, per day and there's a 10% discount on full week bookings (We also run a ballot system where any parent with a Community Services Card can go in the draw to score a \$10 spot)

Where: Based at Innermost Gardens, 31 Lawson Place, Mount Victoria, Wellington (but kids go walkabouts every day)