

**Wednesday 24 July 2019**

**Dear Parents and Caregivers, kia ora, malo e lelei, talofa lava, kia orana, namaste, ni hao, sawasdee and welcome to Week 1 of Term 3 2019.**

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Term Three

- 29 Jul Ned's Mindset Mission
- 31 Jul Learning Conversations
- 1 Aug GTT R5
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- 1 Aug School Photos
- 2 Aug IF, GTT R9 begin
- 8 Aug GTT R5
- 14 Aug Swimming Sports
- 16 Aug Ngahere Assembly
- 21 Aug Tawa Swimming Sports
- 18 Sep School Production

### Term 3 Learning

Our key focus of 'Diversity' continues as a theme this term, with students exploring the arts, the diversity of human artistic endeavours and the ability we all have to waihangā, create! Each learning team has their own catchy title:

- Kākano - I can create, you can create, we can create!
- Te Rito - Putting the heart into art!
- Tōtara - See me speak!
- Ngahere - Lights, Camera, Action!

This learning is also linked to our upcoming school production.

Other learning focuses include:

- Visual Art - Cultural art and art appreciation
- Dance - creating class dances for our production
- PE - target sports (kicking, throwing, hitting)
- Te Reo - Hauora/Wellbeing
- Y4-6 Swimming Sports

### 'Te Taiao Nature' at Te Papa

What an incredible experience our students from Ngahere and Tōtara had at Te Papa yesterday. They came back bursting with news about what they had learned and were able to make strong connections to their living world learning from last term. Te Rito and Kākano are having their turn today.

**WELCOME  
HAERE MAI**

This week we welcomed Zaydaan Dalwai, James Williams and Oscar Zhang to Kākano 3, Archie Precious to Te Rito 4, and Oscar Precious to Tōtara 6. We also welcomed back Piper Barnes to Tōtara 7. We wish them and their families all the best on their learning journey with us.



## Learning Conversations

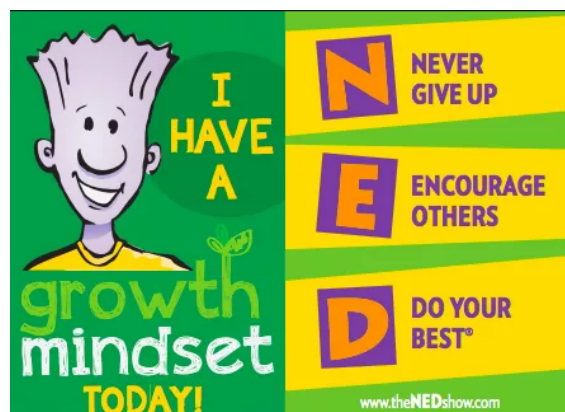
Further to the email sent last week, if you have not already done so, please book a learning conversation with your child's teacher. For Rooms 1,4,5,6,7,9,10 they will be taking place next week on Wed 31 July and Thurs 1 August. The booking site is now live - <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?code=mwex6>. Room 3 student learning conversations (including those students who have just moved to Room 1/2) will be held tomorrow, Thursday 25 July. Please contact Mrs Seebeck by email or see her if you haven't yet made an appointment.

## Driving and Parking on Raroa Terrace - Please take care!

Please take care parking and driving on Raroa Terrace. Firstly, have consideration for where you legally park in terms of our neighbours and the yellow lines. Secondly, please be very aware of other parked cars. Unfortunately one of our families scraped another parked vehicle on Monday but didn't take the time to stop and exchange numbers etc. Please contact the school if you need to rectify this situation. It disappoints me that I have to 'lecture' in the newsletter about this, but unfortunately it is an ongoing issue which cannot be allowed to continue. For the safety of our students and our whole community please ensure your driving behaviour is responsible and keeps everyone safe!

## Ned's Mindset Mission

Next Monday 29 July the Ned's Mindset Mission is coming to Greenacres School. This is a performance group who use the fun concept of learning how to use a yo-yo as a tool for developing a growth mindset. This fits in really well with our school wide focus this year. A letter will come home today with more information. If Ned's message inspires your child they will have the opportunity to buy a yo-yo next week and we will be setting up designated areas to use yo-yos at morning tea and lunch.



## Student Council Green Day

Despite the awful weather on the last day of term the student council raised \$625 to go towards subsidising our arts programmes. Thank you to everyone who supported this event and for families helping with cupcakes at home.

## School Photos

Envelopes for school photos, which will be taken next Thursday 1 August, are coming home today with each child. Please read the instructions carefully, noting particularly that you do not need to return the envelope to school if you order online. If you wish, you can choose to have a family photograph - you will need to request the specific envelope for these from the office. These must be ordered in advance. On photo day all students will be given an internet access key to enable whanau online viewing of photographs and to allow online ordering after photo day.

## Root to Tip Competition Finalists

During the holidays we found out that two of our students have made the finals of the Root to Tip cooking competition. Charlotte Templeton and Natalie Raven supported by Lindy Fenton, our amazing GTT kitchen specialist, entered a three course meal in the competition. Next Friday they will attend the Wellington competition. Good luck! I am sure you will make Greenacres and your families proud.



Kind Regards

**Shirley Porteous**  
Principal

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Tawa Intermediate School** is holding an open evening on Thursday 1 August from 6.00-8.00pm (presentations at 6pm and 6.45pm), also an open morning on Tuesday 6 August from 9-10.20am. Limited spaces available for out of zone Year 7 and 8 students in 2020. Enrolments close 15 August 2019, prospectuses available at their school office, telephone 2325201, website [www.tawaint.school.nz](http://www.tawaint.school.nz)

**Te Māhuri - Whānau learning te reo Māori together** - Te Māhuri is an 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](mailto:meganmvant@gmail.com)

**Hayley Johnson Academy of Dancing, 205 Main Road, Tawa** - Enrol now for Term 2, boys welcome. For more information visit [www.hayleyjohnson.com](http://www.hayleyjohnson.com) or email [hayleyjohnsonacademofdancing@gmail.com](mailto:hayleyjohnsonacademofdancing@gmail.com)

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

**Tawa Squash Club Friday Junior Club Night**, 67 Main Road, Tawa (next to St Francis Xavier School). Have fun, learn new skills, meet new friends. Small Nix 5-8 year olds 5pm-5:30pm free. Others 5pm - 7pm \$5 (first week free, members free) [info@tawasquash.co.nz](mailto:info@tawasquash.co.nz) Tel 04 2328200

**Midweek Ladies Squash**, Thursdays 9:30am – 11:00am, rackets and balls provided, safe area for kiddies, warm and friendly environment, \$5/session (first week free). Weekly Draw for Coffee for Two at The Borough. Contact Peter: [info@tawasquash.co.nz](mailto:info@tawasquash.co.nz) Tel 232 8200 or 027 677 8274 [www.tawasquash.co.nz](http://www.tawasquash.co.nz)

**Play Like a Sports Hero - Term 3 2019 (Yrs 1-4) – Tuesdays 3:05-4:05pm**

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 3 with their fun and exciting classes. Come and try Football, Basketball, Hockey and Turbo Touch. Try 2 weeks each of these sports. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. For full details and to enrol visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwgn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgn@kellysports.co.nz) or call 04 972 7201.



**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)

**Tawa Swords Fencing Club** - Tawa-based fencing for ages 6-25, focused mainly on beginners and intermediate skilled students for foil lessons. Two classes are offered, casual based and more competitive. For more information, email [israelilight@gmail.com](mailto:israelilight@gmail.com) or call 021 1053965.

**NILS No Interest Loan Scheme** - available to people on limited incomes through Vaka Tautua's Community Finance Service. Loans are not for cash or bills, but essential goods and services such as fridges, washing machines, car repairs, etc. Call 0800825282 or visit [www.vakatautua.co.nz/communityfinance](http://www.vakatautua.co.nz/communityfinance)