

Wednesday 1 May 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 2 2019.

IMPORTANT DATES

Term Two

03 May GTT Room 10
10 May Ngahere Assembly
14 May Cross Country
17 May IF starts
21 May BoT Meeting
24 May Te Rito Assembly
31 May Teacher Only Day
03 Jun Queen's Birthday
07 Jun Tōtara Assembly
21 Jun Kākano Assembly
25 Jun BoT Mtg
05 Jul Mid year Reports
Last day of term

Welcome back everyone we hope you had a restful break and we look forward to a fun term ahead.

Term 2 Curriculum

The key focus for our 'challenge' learning this year is the concept of 'Diversity'. Last term students explored the concept of diversity through the context of people and identity, this term the focus shifts to look at the diversity of animals and our role when interacting with living things as 'kaitiaki - guardians'.

Ngahere - in the context of prehistoric life, working towards understanding the reciprocal relationship between animals (past and present), their environments and humans.

Tōtara - in the context of the ocean, working towards an understanding of the interdependence of creatures of the deep and how humans rely and impact upon the ocean.

Te Rito - in the context of mini beasts - yucky bugs are not so yucky and we need them in our environment. What can they do for us, and what can we do for them?

Kākano - in the context of mini beasts - what insects live in our local environment? What can they do for us, and what can we do for them?

Other learning focuses this term include:

- Mathematics - problem-solving, strand-based maths linked to inquiry, eg, measurement, time
- The Arts - colour (visual arts), dance
- PE/Health - invasion games, cross country, growth mindset and wellbeing (RKMCs), digital citizenship, puberty (Ngahere)
- Te Ao Māori - nga huarere (the weather), kaitiakitanga (guardianship)

Special Message to our Sri Lankan families

Our hearts go out to our Sri Lankan families and their communities after the terrible events in Sri Lanka last week. We are thinking of you all and the people affected at this sad time.

Bee Healthy Eat Breakfast this Friday 8:15am

A letter came home on Monday with details of our Bee Healthy Eat Breakfast this Friday morning. Students are welcome to come to school in their PJs/Onesies and for a gold coin can have breakfast. Also if they would like a sample of our school honey, they can bring a small container and a coin. At morning tea and lunchtime the student council will be selling honey from our beehives.



NZEI - Paid Union Meetings

Teaching staff will be attending paid union meeting over a range of days next week - we have organised it in such a way that ensures there will be no disruption to usual classroom programmes.

**WELCOME
HAERE MAI**

On Monday we welcomed Finn Pickett to Kākano 3, and the return of Onila Liyanage to Tōtara 6 - great to have you back Onila! We wish them and their families all the best on their learning journey with us.

BOT 2019 Elections

Canterbury Education Services (CES) is providing BoT election services for our school in the forthcoming BoT elections. In May nominations will be called to become members of Greenacres School Board of Trustees. Key dates are as follows:

By Friday 10 May - nomination forms will be posted to all persons on the school's caregiver roll.

Friday 24 May - Nominations close 24 May at 12 noon. An election will then be held if the number of nominations exceeds vacancies. For our school the number of parent vacancies is 5.

Wednesday 29 May - voting papers will be sent by post to all on the school caregiver roll.

Friday 7 June - voting closes at 12 noon.

Thursday 13 June - votes are counted and we are advised of the results.

Friday 14 June - new BoT takes office.

If you are considering putting yourself forward for the board, you would be very welcome at the next meeting which is at 6pm on Tuesday 21 May. Please contact the office on 2326445 or email office@greenacres.school.nz if you intend to come along. For your information the first meeting of the new board will be at 6pm on Tuesday 25 June.

Dances for Schools

Our fantastic dance lessons are now underway. Please make payment as soon as possible, this can be by cash, cheque, eftpos or credit card at the school office, or direct credit to the school bank account 123254 0004195 00 (please ensure you include child's name and 'dance' as the reference). You can also pay by instalments if you wish.

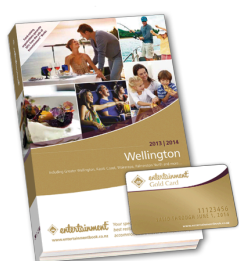
Movin' March

Greater Wellington City Council is requesting parent feedback on Movin'March. To help them improve the programme, you're invited to complete Greater Wellington's [parentsurvey](#) before it closes on Monday 20 May. Respondents can go in the draw to win a \$100 Prezzy card! Feedback will help encourage more students to walk and wheel to school.

Our hall kitchen has nearly completed its exciting transformation with new units and a fully functioning oven. Now all we have left to do now is get some quotes for flooring, tidy up the paint work and we'll have a new kitchen that will last us another 30 years (thanks to Gala Committee and you all). We look forward to having our big breakfast this Friday and putting it to the test!

Kind Regards

Shirley Porteous
Principal



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

WICKED WINTER SPORTS TERM 2 2019 - (Yrs 1-4) – Tuesdays 3:05-4:05pm

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 2 with their fun and exciting classes. Come and try **Football, Netball, Handball and Rippa Rugby**. 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 in programmes visit www.kellysports.co.nz
email adminwgn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201



Bookings are now open for Term 2 - Great for kids to get active and learn something new! To find out more, please call Bigair Gym Tawa on 04 232 3508 or email office@bigairgym.co.nz.



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 – 5th 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/>

Mary Potter Hospice Annual Street Appeal - If anyone can volunteer to help with this year's collection on 17 and 18 May, you can show your support by registering on the website <https://marypotter.org.nz/events/streetappealvolunteer/> and a representative will get back to you with more details.

Parenting Children and Teenagers Courses starting 13 May at 7pm - The Salvation Army Johnsonville is offering the popular Parenting Children course over five weeks for any parents, step-parents, or carers of children aged 0-10. For more information and to register visit the website www.saichurch.com and click on the programmes tab. The course cost is \$25 pp which includes course manual, dessert and a copy of The Parenting Book (provided free through a grant from the Tindall Foundation). Spaces are limited so book early.

A Marsden Whitby education for your son/daughter in Year 7, 2020. You are invited to the Samuel Marsden Collegiate School Whitby Open Day, Sunday 5 May, 11am-1pm. This is a great opportunity to see the Marsden Whitby campus and find out about Marsden's Visible Wellbeing™ approach. There will be staff and students to talk to and students look forward to showing you around. For more information and to register visit marsden.school.nz/experience

Scholarships - Marsden Whitby Year 7 Academic Scholarships for entry in 2020 are open, applications close 16 May. Find [more information and apply online](#).

Enrolments – Apply to [enrol](#) for entry in 2020 by the end of Term 2.

For a personal tour or time in class for your son or daughter please call Lorraine Rose on 04 234 1070.