

Wednesday 13 February 2019

IMPORTANT DATES

Term One

- 15 Feb Scholastic Book Club orders close
- 19 Feb BoT Meeting
- 20 Feb Meet the Teacher
- 22 Feb Ngahere Assembly
- 25 Feb EOTC Week
- 26 Feb Wainuiomata Pool
- 04 Mar New Entrant Parent Afternoon Tea
- 05 Mar Prospective New Entrant Parent Mtg
- 08 Mar Tōtara Assembly
- 15 Mar Kākano Assembly
- 23 Mar GALA
- 26 Mar BoT Meeting
- 27 Mar Learning Conversations
- 28 Mar Learning Conversations
- 02 Apr School Athletics
- 05 Apr Te Rito Assembly

Dear Parents and Caregivers, kia ora, malo e lelei, talofa lava, kia orana, namaste, ni hao and welcome to Week 2 of Term 1 2019.

What a fantastic start we had last week, it has been a real joy to see all our students settling back into school and playing and learning together so positively. Next Wednesday 20 February will be our annual Meet Our Teachers evening that begins in our school hall. This year we have a number of new things we would like to share with you including:



- The Challenge Tree - Our Greenacres 4 Cs (our revised curriculum)
- The 5 steps - Our student problem solving model (social skills)
- Challenge Home Learning - Our new homework model

We have been working away for the last few years reimagining and revising our curriculum to keep growing Greenacres as a place of rich learning for our students, we look forward to sharing this information with you.

The format for the evening is:

6pm - presentation in the hall

6:30 - move to classes for first round of teacher presentations

6:45 - second round of teacher presentations

Greenacres Gala 2019

The first notice with regard to our annual Greenacres Gala will be emailed home today. This is our 'once a year' huge effort to fundraise for our students and our wonderful committee is still looking for any new members to join them in the planning phase.

This week we are collecting **grocery items** to create raffle prizes, please take donations straight to classes as there is a prize for the class that collects the most by Friday. Sorry for the short notice!

Gala Collection Week 1

Grocery Items please!

Term 1 Curriculum

Our key focus for students this year is the concept of 'Diversity'. Students will explore what this concept means in a wide range of contexts. Currently everyone is exploring 'diversity' through the context of Ko wai au? Ko wai koe? Nō wai au? Nō wai koe? (Who am I? Who are you? Where am I from? Where are you from?) Learning teams will share other unique contexts as the year progresses. Other learning focuses include:

- The Arts - self portraits and mixed media (visual arts)
- PE/Health - net and wall games, athletics, relating to others (RKMCs) and digital citizenship
- Te Reo - Ko Au (I, me, myself) and Taku Akomanga (My classroom)
- EOTC Week 4

**WELCOME
HAERE MAI**

There were no new students to welcome this week.

Hawkins Property Services

This year we have contracted Hawkins Property Services to take care of our grounds, caretaking and cleaning needs. Lockie Hawkins and his team began working in our school in January and we look forward to a continuation of the high standards we have come to expect re the care of our school grounds and classrooms. You will be pleased to know Kale, our long-standing, and invaluable cleaner, has been taken on by them so we have not lost her from our team!



Bee Healthy Mobile Van Visiting

The van will be visiting our school from 21 February to 18 March. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Wainuiomata Pool School Trip and EOTC Week

Yesterday and today all students have been given a hard copy of the letter providing the details in respect of EOTC week. We are thrilled to be able to offer our students an amazing array of activities in and around our school, community and beyond. We need to know numbers for each activity, so it is very important that every child's form is returned by **Monday 18 February**.

Library

We are very excited that we are able to have a dedicated library again this year (in Room 8). Mrs Ruha has been working hard making it ready for students to visit and borrow books again.

Keyboard Lessons 🎵

Group Keyboard lessons will be held on Tuesday mornings, during school time. The cost is \$10 per lesson, charged at the beginning of each term. In addition to this is the cost of books, usually once a year. Students will need to have a keyboard or piano at home for practice. Lessons are available for students in Year 2 and above. For registration and enquiries, please contact Jean Hollier.

E-Mail: jholliermusic@gmail.com or Ph: 021 1187227

GTT (Garden To Table)

Our GTT starts this week (Friday 9-10:30) and we are always on the lookout for keen volunteers. If you have an interest in healthy food or gardening and have any free time on Friday mornings please let us know. Even if you can't come every week, a 'one off' morning of help for GTT is great too! Please contact Mrs Seebeck, rseebeck@greenacres.school.nz if you can help!

IF - Inspiration Friday

Our IF programmes also start this Friday. Our students love the variety of things offered during IF, it can be anything - chess, first aid, science, craft, dance, languages - anything!! Let us know if you would be keen to work with a small group of students on Friday mornings from 9 - 10:30.

Kind Regards

Shirley Porteous
Principal



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

“Back to School Sports!” (Yrs 1-4) – Term 1 Tuesdays 3:05-4:05pm

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 1 with their fun and exciting classes.

Come and try **Circus Skills, Cricket, Football, Dodgeball**. 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!

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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/>

Bigair Gymsports Tawa - If you have a child who loves doing handstands, cartwheels, walkovers, flips, or cheerleading, then they will love Bigair Gym! To book for Term 1 go to [ENROL FOR TERM 1 ONLINE](#) or please call Bigair Gym Tawa on 2323508 or email office@bigairgym.co.nz