

IMPORTANT DATES

Term One

- 05 Apr Te Rito Assembly
- 09 Apr Prospective New Entrant Parent Meeting
- 09 Apr School Athletics
- 10 Apr NZSTA Kāhui Ako Kōrari Programme
- 12 Apr Last day of term

Term Two

- 29 Apr Term 2 begins
- 29 Apr Dances for School starts
- 03 May GTT Room 10
- 10 May Ngahere Assembly
- 14 May Cross Country
- 21 May BoT Meeting
- 24 May Te Rito Assembly
- 31 May Teacher Only Day
- 03 Jun Queen's Birthday
- 18 Jun BoT meeting
- 19 Jun Whānau Hui
- 21 Jun Kākano Assembly

Wednesday 3 April 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers, kia ora, malo e lelei, talofa lava, kia orana, namaste, ni hao, sawasdee and welcome to Week 9 of Term 1 2019.

Student Council - Gumboot Day Fundraiser

Our student council is planning an event to support the Kiwi Bank 'I am hope' Gumboot Day this Friday 5 April. This event is a fun way to show support for mental health awareness and raise money towards providing free and timely counselling for kiwi kids. The student council is encouraging students to wear gumboots to school this Friday and donate a gold coin (or more) for this worthy cause!



Kāhui Ako Whānau Hui - last night

Last night Māori students and whanau from across Tawa met for a hui held at Tawa Intermediate. It was an evening of great korero, connections and kai. Renee Downes, one of our Across School Lead Teachers, has been instrumental in getting this inaugural event off the ground and we thank her for all her hard work. There was an amazing response from our Greenacres whanau. Thanks also to our Greenacres staff involved in the planning and attending with our community last night!

Room 7 Learning Conversations

Room 7 learning conversations will take place next week before and after school on 10/11 April. To book an appointment go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz> and use the code: c6d4e.

Athletics Day 9 April

Our school athletics day is next Tuesday 9 April. Events begin for all students from 9:30am, with only Year 3-6 continuing in the afternoon. You are all welcome to come along!

Yr 3/4 Sports Day

Last Thursday our Year 3 and 4 students had their chance to attend a Tawa Sports Day at Redwood School. The students had a great time mixing with students from across Tawa.



**WELCOME
HAERE MAI**

Today we welcomed Morris Lee to Kākano 3. We wish him and his family all the best on their learning journey with us.

Lock Down/Reverse Evacuation

The Ministry of Education and all schools are in the process of reviewing 'lockdown' procedures. As we use SchoolDocs for our policies we will also be guided by any updates they make to current generic policies on lockdowns. As a board we discussed this last week and wanted to share the following information with you:

For safety reasons, schools do not publish online or to their community the specifics of their lockdown procedures. The implementation details are printed and available for staff with other printed emergency procedures.

While SchoolDocs is in the process of review they have already added the following wording to the Reverse Evacuation/Lockdown topic on our Greenacres site.

“As appropriate to the situation, the school contacts parents and caregivers when it can, using the available communication options.

Parents must follow any instructions issued by the school, including not coming to the school to see or collect their children. This is particularly important when the school is in lockdown under Police instruction.”

Internet Health and Wellbeing Presentation

A reminder that John Parsons, New Zealand's leading authority on safeguarding children online, will be presenting a free seminar on cyber safety tomorrow, Thursday 4 April 2019 from 6.30pm to 8.00pm in the Tawa College Hall. His presentation will also cover cyberbullying, sexting, learning to repel and report, reputation management, online grooming and future proofing for employment.

If you would like to attend, please **RSVP today to office@greenacres.school.nz** indicating the number of people attending. This is just to ensure there is sufficient seating and tea/coffee.

Paid Union Meetings

Our paid union meetings were postponed due to the tragic events in Christchurch. The meetings have now been moved to week 2 of next term 6-10 May. We will keep the school open during this time and teachers will attend on different days to ensure they are able to participate in these important meetings.

Gala Raffle

1st prize of the Weber Baby Q was won by Debra Gainey, 2nd prize WOW tickets were won by Jean Hollier and the 3rd prize food hamper was won by Lauren Keen. Congratulations to the winners and a big thank you to all those of you who sold (and bought!) tickets to the raffle.

Kind Regards

Shirley Porteous
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

WICKED WINTER SPORTS TERM 2 2019 - (Yrs 1-4) – Tuesday's 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.



Tawa Pool Party Saturday 27 April 6-8pm, ages 5-12years (under 8 needs adult supervision) \$3.70. Free food, games, prizes, DJ and inflatables

The Pop Up Market in Tawa 27 April, 25 May, 29 June, 27 July, 31 August, 28 September, 19 October, 30 November, 14 December. For more info go to Facebook [thepopupmarketnz](https://www.facebook.com/thepopupmarketnz)

Cricket Wellington is running a **free girls cricket programme at Mana Indoor Cricket Centre** on 1 and 8 April from 4-5pm. It is aimed at girls of all abilities aged 10-14 years. They are aiming to get girls active, have fun and try out a new sport in a social, safe environment. For more info go to www.yeahgirls.nz or contact Bridget Marston on 027 848 6655 or wellington@yeahgirls.nz

So you're tough, but can you take on the 1-day Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge?!

Wellington Event Dates Wednesday 22 May – 10am start, Thursday 23 May – 10am start. For more information on the Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge and your chosen venue please [click here](#) to find out more or email aimee@eventpromotions.co.nz.

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.

Barnardos Early Learning has dedicated home-based educators who provide high quality education and care for children from 6 weeks - 5 years. They offer **free** Level 4 training and many other resources. If you would like to become part of their dynamic team, and work from home as an educator, please text or call Claire Pavitt, Early Learning Consultant, on 027 2014165 or email claire.pavitt@barnardos.org.nz for more information. Barnardos is looking for education now so please contact Claire.

Bellyful Porirua Scavenger Hunt April 2019 - complete 10 free activities around Porirua and Tawa and go into the draw to win one of three kids' prize packs. For more information check their Facebook page 'Bellyful Porirua Scavenger Hunt April 2019'. For more info on Bellyful, which provides meals for families with newborn babies and those who are struggling with illness, check the website www.bellyful.org.nz

FEMME NATALE "2" is a fresh, entertaining take on parenting, particularly motherhood, coming to BATS theatre from 26 April to 4 May (+Babes in Arms on the last day). It's a fantastic laugh and a great night out with a partner or friends. Group bookings from just \$14. Don't miss out! www.bats.co.nz/whats-on/femme-natale-2/ or phone [04 8024175](tel:048024175) PLUS join our facebook page and go in the draw for two tickets to opening night! [facebook.com/femmenataletheatre](https://www.facebook.com/femmenataletheatre).

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Kelly Club School Holiday Programme - April school holidays are approaching already!

Kelly Club is offering an exciting holiday programme, including numerous field trips and fun-themed days on offer including a theme in honour of ANZAC Day, wonderful Easter activities, creative science experiments and more! The kids can also look forward to sports sessions along with heaps of fun crafts, cooking and games galore to keep them busy all holidays. The link below will take you through to the Kelly Club website, where you can learn more or book your children into the programme- <http://www.kellyclub.co.nz/greenacres>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Iriana (Izzy) Flavell, Kelly Club's programme coordinator on 0272414295 or email greenacres@kellyclub.co.nz



Children in Tawa are learning how to Cartwheel, Round-off, Handspring and Flip at BIGAIR Gymnastics classes! Children develop strength, flexibility, balance, proprioception, plus pride and self-confidence as they achieve new skills. BIGAIR's GYMNASTICS, TUMBLING, FREE RUNNING & TRAMPOLINE classes are great for fun and fitness! We focus on safety, technique, basic skills, through to more advanced skills such as summersaults and twisting. **Book now for our April School Holiday Programme!** Full day and half day sessions available. 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.



First Aid for Kids ASB St John in Schools free holiday activity at Tawa Community Centre on Tuesday 23 April. Session 1 (age 5-8) 9.30-10.30am, session 2 (age 9+) 10.45am-12 noon. Bookings essential - for more info contact the centre on 2321682 or email tawacc@wcc.govt.nz Children must have an adult present with them.

NZ Police Museum have holiday workshops. All workshops have limited spaces and must be booked in advance. Contact (04) 238 3141 or museum@police.govt.nz Events are on the website www.police.govt.nz/museumevents

Drama Remedy holiday programme will be 3 days of activities on 15th, 16th & 17th of April. Learn the fundamentals of Drama & Speech – voice, body, movement and use of space through fun group activities. Experience a workshop on Rhythmic Gymnastics and Yoga for children. To enrol or for more details contact (04) 478 5962 or 022 027 3316 dramaremedy@gmail.com or visit our website www.dramaremedy.co.nz

Artrageous Kids Programme: 15 – 26 April 2019 BOOK ARTRAGEOUS APRIL Venue: Ponake Dojo, Prince of Wales Park, Salisbury Tce, Mt Cook, Wellington 8.30am–3:00pm \$69 and after care 3:00pm-5.15pm \$15. Aimed at children aged 5-12 years. Our classes provide a space for all children to explore at their own pace; chaotic or careful, gingerly or with gusto, tiptoeing or tromping. Our aim is to draw out their creativity, not stuff things in! Bookings essential.

» [View the programme.](#) [BOOK NOW!](#)

Tawa Recreation Centre April Holiday Programmes are open now - Looking for things to do over the school holidays? Check out the [programmes and activities](#) available. School holidays are just around the corner and spaces fill up quickly. [Book now](#) Call us 232 2260 or email tawa.rec@wcc.govt.nz for more information.

Kāpiti Island for Kids school holiday programme for ages 9-12 from 22 - 24 April 2019

3 days/2 nights - Includes: nighttime kiwi spotting, nature adventures, fishing, swimming, games, wildlife discovery, harakeke weaving, cabin accommodation (quad share), delicious food, ferry and DOC permits. \$395pp. Limited to 14 spaces. Email: bookings@kapitiisland.com